

The Ragchewer

February 1, 2018





The monthly newsletter of the Lancaster & Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club

Club Meetings:

1st Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the **Fairfield County Job & Family Services** on corner of W. Main St. and Memorial Dr., Lancaster, OH. Go to the **EMA room until further notice.**

Radio Night

See the Club calendar at www.k8qik.org

Clubhouse Location:

P. O. Box 3
1611 Grandville Pike,
LANCASTER, OH 43130

Nets:

Mondays at 9:00 p.m.
147.03 MHz (+.6)
146.70 MHz (-.6) Alt. Freq.

Packet:

BBS 145.53MHz
K8QIK-1 BBS
K8QIK-2: Ohio53

Weather Spotter Net:

146.700 Repeater with 94.8 Hz tone Monday at 8:30 P

www.k8qik.org

ARRL Membership

When you join the ARRL, or renew your membership through the club, we retain \$15 for each new membership OR lapsed membership (of two years or more), and we retain \$2 for each renewal. Please support our club, it doesn't cost any more. Send or give all paperwork to Treasurer with your money.

VE Test

VE test sessions on 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Red Cross building on W. Mulberry St. just off of Broad St. Call Robert Northrup, KC8PSW (614-323-1901). For more details go to www.k8qik.org -----

Free Swap and Sell

If you have anything ham radio related, you can swap it or sell it here. List your items for free. Give a price and how to contact you. Send the list to Webmaster@K8QIK.ORG or Ragchewer Editor at ragchewer@sbcglobal.net

HAMFESTS

To find a convention or hamfest near you, click [here](#)

Special Event Stations

<http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>

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February 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes

At 7:30 p.m., Jeff, KE8AME called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff asked for guests and Steve Gordon, KE8IQD and Amber Fisher were present.

There were two applications for second review - Devon Marshall, KE8CVP, Tech and Kenneth Edmonds, KE8HZZ, Tech.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes of the January meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. John, W8OF made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Jon, KC8RUI. All were in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: 23 members in attendance with two guests and one pending.

Brooks	KD8XJ	Kenny	KE8HBN
Carolyn	KE8AFM	Mary	KD8EEI
David	WB9PXH	Paul	W8PDK
Diane	KE8HLD	Robert	KC8PSW
Greg	KD8SSJ	Rod	K1RQS
Jack	AE8P	Russell	KD8RW
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Jeff	KE8AME	Scott	WD9IXO
Jim	KE8IID	Stephen	KT8SW
John	W8OF	Timothy	KE8EGE
Jon	KC8RUI	Wayne	KD8MGO
Ken	KE8HZZ	Chuck	pending

Treasurer's Report: Paul Kidwell, W8PDK

Paul gave the treasurer's report. Brooks, KD8XJ made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Jed, KD8GEB. All were in favor.

VP Report: Greg Desarkisian, KD8SSJ

Greg stated he had been asked by EMA if we would be interested in monitoring the tornado sirens in Fairfield County. There was some discussion and Greg will check with EMA and see how many locations there are and what they wanted us to do. We would be okay with monitoring but we would not be able to maintain or repair them.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John discussed the interference we have been having. He asked members to not reply but just let him know if they hear anything which could give us a clue as to what area they are transmitting from.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Jon Larabee, KC8RUI

Jon reported he is working on the website so that it will be compatible with smartphones and iPhones.

Volunteer Examiner: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Robert reported they administered 2 technicians and 3 general exams and they all passed. No testing will be held in February since Red Cross gave up our spot.

Monday Night Net

02/05/18 Rod Leger, K1RQS
02/12/18 Rod Leger, K1RQS
02/19/18 Diane, KE8HLD
02/26/18 Jeff Payne, KE8AME

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

No report.

Emergency Coordinator: Greg Desarkisian, KD8SSJ

Next ARES meeting is February 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Red Cross. Greg stated he is still working on the GoBox and hopes to have it completed soon.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

Scott is looking for members who would like to do a 5-10 minute presentation at meetings regarding safety items. It would be nice if radio related but it could be household or car safety, etc. Please let Scott know if you could do one at a meeting.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that since Kevin Numbers left we have not had a fusion system wires node. Steve, KD8JLA has purchased the C4FM System Fusion HR200 wires node for adding to the equipment at the hospital site. John recommended 2 duplexes to run to 6 meter transmitter and filters it out in piggyback for UHF and VHF at a cost of \$74.95 each and some cable. Robert, KC8PSW made motion to spend up to \$175 for 2 duplexes and Jon, KC8RUI seconded. All were in favor.

Activities Manager: Rod Ledger, K1RQS

Rod reported several members had attended the ARISS webinar on how the ISS contact is made from beginning to end. Paul, W8PDK gave a review of what the webinar consisted of. It was very informative and Diane, KD8HLD had the media, IT and Tallmadge Community Learning Center attend the webinar as well as many LFCARC members.

Rod reminded people there would be a breakfast at American Legion on February 10th.

Old Business:

John, W8OF asked if we wanted to have one more run at members coming to get items at the clubhouse. It was agreed we would have one on February 11th from noon to 3 p.m. Mary will send out email. (Note: Mary was busy working on Grant for ISS contact and did not get email out so date is being changed to February 18th from noon to 3 p.m.)

Paul, W8PDK made a motion to vacate clubhouse and Russell, KD8RW seconded. All were in favor. It was agreed if the new owner would ask us if we wanted to use the clubhouse if they paid the utilities, it was agreed we would continue to do that. However, it was decided to clean out the clubhouse of all radio related equipment and misc. items that had been previously left at clubhouse.

New Business:

Jeff asked for a show of hands to approve Kenneth Edmonds as a member of the club. All were in favor.

Jeff asked for a show of hands to approve Devon Marshall as a member of the club. All were in favor.

Stephen, KT8SW made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim, KE8EGE. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary



OK, we know you are all wanting to know!!!

Here are the rough numbers from Winter Field Day!

Phone Mode:

80m meters 57 QSO's

40 meters 54 QSO's

20 meters 4 QSO's Band propagation literally non-existent

15m meters 0

10 meters 0

CW Mode: KF8DA to the rescue!

40 meters 29 QSO's

40 meters winner in total count of 83 QSO's per Band

80 Meters winner in SSB QSO's per Band.

40 meters was the place to be during daylight.

80 meters (as to be expected) night owl.

Inside at the Old Clubhouse.

Generator and batteries to power Radios.

The Ladies made some great food!

They both also logged QSO's

Lori till the wee hours of the morning.,

Diane during evening Hours.

We covered over 600 miles in some of the QSO's

Reached New York State, Pennsylvania, Long Island, Connecticut, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Georgia, Wyoming, Florida. Oregon, Canada (Ontario), to mention some of them.

Special thanks to Mary Travis (Secretary), Greg (Vice President), Paul Kidwell (Treasurer) for attending the Winter Field Day event.

In attendance were:

KE8AME (President)

K1RQS (Activities Coordinator)

KE8HLD (ARISS Project Leader)
KE8HBN (Kenny)
HE8HZZ (Ken)
KE8IQF (Lori)
KF8DA (Roger, CW)

Special Visit from Amber Fisher. She wants to get her license. K1RQS introduced her to everyone. Had her listen on a couple of Winter Field Day QSO's. Amber is attending Monday Night Net Training tomorrow at Red Cross. K1RQS to give her some Training Books to get her License. He also invited her to attend Radio Nights and such.

Diane spent time with her explaining antennas and such, repeaters, club activities.

Much appreciated Thanks to the attendees who committed themselves to make this Event Happen. Great to see the Comradeship and everyone working together to make this happen.

Last Full weekend in June (ARRL Field Day) Next Major Event.

Rod, K1RQS

Activities Manager
Field Day Coordinator

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**** PLEASE NOTE ****

It has come to our attention that the '*Job & Family Services Building*' term that most of have been using is incorrect. The real name is '*Fairfield County Government Services Center*'. A couple of reasons for bringing this to our attention is first of all why not use the correct name. Secondly, and maybe more importantly is that by using our improper name could cause confusion when talking to people who work at Fairfield County Government Services Center. Just one more little way to improve our communications with other agencies.

A Review of DC Power Connectors

The purpose of this article is to review the functionality and unreliability of the Anderson Power Pole connectors and to offer a more viable option.

Ham operators often use power pole connections and they have become the standard for many operators even though they can be unreliable. The connectors are not weather/moisture resistant and can easily unplug and separate causing communication failure. Its availability is at special locations; its compatibility is almost nonexistent.

The flat 2 Pin Quick Disconnect Wire Harness SAE Connector Bullet Lead Cable is widely utilized in DC devices. They provide a good secure weather tight connection when utilized in the elements. The flat pin 4 and 2 pin plugs have molded manufactured pig tails in multiple wire sizes and current capacities. Additionally, 12VDC manufactured remote control configurations are available for custom power controls. The installation on radios, power supplies, batteries, tuners, lighting, and test equipment allow for temporary and permanent installation and standardization. Some industry standard applications include battery chargers, power supplies, charge controllers, solar panels, Ham radios, power ports, panel hookups, electric toys, cars, trucks, motorcycles, RV's, boats, marine radios, fish finders, installations of stereos, antenna analyzers, relays, antenna tuners, GPS, battery charger connections, power winches, solar chargers, trickle chargers, and power inverters.

Some examples include: electric powered toy batteries 25-50 Ah 6//12VDC provide power utilizing the flat 2 Pin Quick Disconnect Wire Harness which have been and can be used to charge and operate equipment during an incident, thus making them, in some cases, plug and play for 5,10 and 15 Watt solar panels.

Various conductor sizes are available to include 16, 12, 10, and 8 AWG Polarized Molded SAE Connectors Red and Black Wire. Multiple reliable connections can be made and/or incorporated with ease with little to no disruption of operations.

The flat 2 Pin Quick Disconnect Wire Harness system has been tried, tested, and proven to be a reliable standard for DC power connections by many original equipment manufacturers. Motorola Corporation first introduced this power plug on the MAX TRAC M100, M120, GM300, GM950ESM50 radios in the 1980s as a power head socket connection. It is also utilized across the electronics industry by manufacturers to include, but not limited to, Motorola, Stanley, Sun force, and Schumacher. The flat 2 Pin Quick Disconnect Wire Harness is readily available at most local auto parts stores, marine supplies, and farm supply stores making availability, installation, additions, changes, and repairs much more accessible and streamline.

GM/Ford Trucks offer this plug configuration on some of their vehicles as a part of their tow packages. The (2 or 4 wire) flat 2/4 Pin Quick Disconnect Wire Harness is used as a method of powering trailer lighting and electric brake systems. Vehicles often provide a continuous positive hot wire or can be upgraded with the installation of a fuse or a plug at or near the vehicles power panel. This connector configuration can make a quick portable tailgate station setup and radio operation simplistic utilizing the vehicle battery/power source.

The standardization achieved by use of this plug/connector makes it capable of multiple applications, locations, and installations. The flat 2 pin quick disconnect bullet lead cable is capable of quick, and secure interchangeability of radios, power supplies, from mobile to base operation to portable or event specific locations, go box systems and emergency support facilities. The use of multiple plugs or an octopus allows for plug and play battery charging without adapters and is polarity specific. The availability, cost, reliability and multi-faceted use enhance the standardization capabilities of radios, batteries, and support equipment.

Anderson Power Pole Connectors are not fit polarized and under poor or no light conditions can inadvertently be incorrectly connected which may result in equipment damage/failure.

In my opinion, the Anderson Power Pole Connector is unreliable and a bad choice as a standard for Amateur Radio Operators and ARES/RACES should revisit and reconsider their use as a standard common power connection.

Best regards,

Greg Desarkisian, KD8SSJ

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MORE HAMVENTION NEWS—According to a press release from HamVention and the Greene County Commissioners, it's disappointing to learn the new exhibition building to be built at the Greene County Fairgrounds will not be completed for this year's show. However, the building used by a furniture company during last year's show has been vacated and will be available for use this year. Plans are progressing to address the infield mud and soccer field parking issues of last year.

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NEWS FROM YOUR ARRL

22nd Annual Severe Weather Symposium

(from Ohio District 3 ARES)

Well, it's mid-Winter again, which means it's time for me to hype the 22nd Annual Severe Weather Symposium. Sponsored by the Meteorology Club at The Ohio State University, this annual event is free and open to all ages. Presenters cover a wide variety of severe weather topics. Some are quite general and easy to follow, while others are highly technical scientific research. This year's symposium is scheduled for Friday, March 9, 2018 from 9AM to 5 PM. The location is the US Bank Conference Theater, Ohio Union, 1739 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio. Parking can be an issue, so the recommended option is the South Garage.

Located just north of the Ohio Union. Attendees may pack a lunch, dine within the Union or eat at one of several nearby restaurants. In addition to these expenses, there are usually a few symposium related goodies available for purchase. To learn more about speakers or to register for the symposium, visit: <http://u.osu.edu/metclub/2018-symposium>

SPOTTER TRAINING—The Wilmington National Weather Service Office has announced Weather Spotter Training will take place in Lancaster and Washington CH. According to Ralph Howes, W8BVH, the Lancaster presentation will be in the Board of Election Conference Room at the Liberty Center on March 21. It starts at 6 pm. Pre-registration is required at www.fairfieldema.com. The *Fayette ARA*'s John Lombardo, KD8EMV, states the Washington CH training will be at the Center for Economic Opportunity, 101 E. East Street on March 22. It gets underway at 6 pm.

OHIO NVIS ANTENNA DAY—The *Ohio Section Journal* also advises that the annual NVIS Antenna Day will be Saturday, April 28 from 10 am until 4 pm.

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IN 2014 the ARRL had a popular year-long W1AW centennial celebration event with operations from each state during the year. In 2016 they sponsored the popular National Parks on the Air operating event celebrating the anniversary of our national park system. This year the ARRL has again risen to the occasion with a year-long International Grid Square Chase. This will be great fun for all operators, casual or serious. Those of you not already familiar with chasing grid squares, unlike many VHF/UHF and satellite operators, will have the opportunity to learn about Maidenhead Grids and have fun keeping track of your contacts based on grids. Check out www.arrl.org for more information about how to get involved.

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ARE YOU DONATING TO YOUR ELECTRIC COMPANY ?—The January 29 *Ohio Section Journal* has an interesting article by Section Director Scott Yonally, N8SY, about wall warts and the amount of power they consume—even when nothing is plugged into them. Scott discovered 25 of them in his home connected to various gadgets and gizmos. After doing the calculations he discovered that over a year they used approximately two months of his total electric usage! Want to do calculations for your own home? Go to <http://arrl-ohio.org/news/2018/ps-01-29-18.pdf> to see how. Neat article. By the way, you do not have to be an ARRL member to receive or read the *Ohio Section Journal*. It is open to any ham. Even those of you in Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. And like the *Monday Morning Memo*, there is an edition each week. Give it a look. You might even win a Handbook in one of Scott's monthly drawings!

Ohio EMA Now Accepting Safe Room Applications (from Ohio ema)

COLUMBUS — The Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program is once again accepting applications. The program provides a rebate for the purchase and construction / installation of tornado safe rooms for Ohio homeowners selected for the program. “The entire state of Ohio is at risk of an EF5 tornado, which produces 250 miles per hour winds capable of destroying most structures,” said Steve Ferryman, Ohio EMA mitigation branch chief. “A safe room is built to withstand these winds and resulting airborne debris and provides near absolute protection for occupants.”

A safe room is an extreme-wind shelter or space that provides protection to people during a tornado. It can be constructed/installed in one of several places in the home: in the basement, beneath a concrete slab-on-grade foundation or garage floor, or in an interior room on the first floor. A safe room may also be buried in the yard or be a stand-alone structure near your home. Residents selected for the program are eligible for a rebate up to 75 percent of the cost to install or construct a safe room – up to a maximum of \$4,875. To apply for the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program, homeowners have until 5 p.m. March 19, to register on the Ohio EMA website:

<https://sharpp.dps.ohio.gov/SafeRoom2016/AnnualSafeRoomPages/AnnualHomePage.aspx>

02/18/2018 | InterCity ARC Hamfest
Location: Mansfield, OH
Sponsor: InterCity Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.w8we.org>

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FCC Enforcement: A Call to Action

In recent months on 40M and 80M, there has been a concern by many Amateur Radio operators regarding certain individual's operating behavior, specifically on 7.200 MHz and 3.822 MHz. Constant vulgar and indecent language, music being played, transmitting without a call sign, hate language, threats, and the use of the "N" word, have been normal operating habits by a few.

In the spirit of "self-policing," when confronted by other Ham Radio operators concerned about the behavior, the result is a confrontation that does not resolve the situation but makes it worse.

For the reasons noted in the paragraph above, the FCC Enforcement Bureau has been contacted and notified of the behavior, which includes the Enforcement Bureau Chief and the FCC Chairman. The FCC has responded and is committed to eliminate the issues and will engage FCC resources to resolve this matter.

The FCC is requesting the Amateur community participate and assist in this effort:

"One of the ways that you, as amateur licensees, can assist the agency is to focus on long term patterned bad behavior yourselves. Begin a log of this behavior, noting days of the week, times of the day, and call signs of those stations that consistently and intentionally violate the Commission's rules. Track this behavior over an extended period of time – say 30 days – and then send me your logs. Once we establish a consistent "pattern" of behavior, I can then request that a field agent from one of our local offices be sent to that location. By working together and establishing the "pattern" of behavior, we can ensure that our agent is in the right place at the most appropriate time to monitor the behavior and confirm the possible violation of the Commission's rules. This helps to maximize use of our very limited and very valuable resource . . . our field agents".

Amateur Radio is an extraordinary service to our communities and a wonderful ambassador to the world. We should not allow this type of behavior on the Amateur Radio bands. It is an absolute shame this type of abhorrent behavior is being conducted on Amateur Radio frequencies.

This is a Call-To-Action for all Ham Radio operators to assist the FCC as is being requested to ensure this type of behavior is curtailed and eliminated.

Ron Lowrance, K4SX, is a special contributor to AmateurRadio.com and writes from Missouri, USA.

The below lists are your ARRL representatives for our area. Stay in touch with them and be aware of issues that involve Amateur Radio. There has been some indication that there are plans to change several things within the ARRL structure. Check your news sources and voice your opinion to your representatives.

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The AM-SSB-FM CX will run from 1400 UTC February 18 to 0800 UTC February 19, 2018 (9 AM Eastern Time on Sunday to 3 AM Eastern Time Monday) AND from 1400 UTC February 20 to 0800 UTC February 21, 2018 (9 AM Eastern Time on Tuesday to 3 AM Eastern Time Wednesday) Suggested Frequencies -- plus/minus QRM

Listen up and down 5 to 10 Kc for crystal-controlled stations:

AM	1.890 mc.	3.860 mc.	7.270 mc.	14.280 mc.	21.400 mc.	29.000 mc.	50.300mc.	144.300 mc.
SSB	1.920 mc.	3.840 mc.	7.250 mc.	14.260 mc.	21.380 mc.	28.600 mc.	50.125 mc.	144.200 mc.

The CX is a no-pressure contest celebrating the older commercial and homebrew equipment that was the pride and joy of ham shacks many decades ago. The object is to encourage restoration, operation and enjoyment of this older Classic equipment.

However, you need not operate a Classic rig to participate in the CX. YOU MAY USE ANY RIG in the contest although new gear is a distinct scoring disadvantage. You can still work the "great ones" with modern equipment.

BONUSES

Up to 2,000 point bonus will be awarded to every CX participant who operates the same model rig as their Novice station.

Three QSOs are required.

One receiver and one transmitter may be counted and are worth 1,000 points each. Multiple version of the same piece of gear will not increase the bonus.

Up to 2,000 point bonus will be awarded to every CX participant who operates a transmitter with 4 tubes and/or less or a receiver with 6 tubes or less. Three QSOs (each) are required.

Awards will be given in two classes: 1. Three or fewer receiver-transmitter pairs 2. Four or more receiver-transmitter pairs.

Send logs, comments, anecdotes, pictures, etc. to: e-mail: Ron K2RP k2rp@arrl.net<<mailto:k2rp@arrl.net>>
E-MAIL IS (REALLY) PREFERRED BUT NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

Or by mail to:
K2RP

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Full details at: <http://classicexchange.org/sep17/sep17ann.html>

Questions? email me! CU on the air for CX!

73, Howie WB2AWQ/7

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SPEAKING OF UHF/VHF—Are you one of those hams that believes the VHF/UHF bands exist only for repeater contacts or an occasional simplex one of perhaps 50 miles? Would you believe there are hams using these frequencies that daily have contacts anywhere from 300 to 700 miles? And how about those contact counts achieved during contests? Check out <http://www.qsl.net/oz1rh/troposcatter99.htm> for some really interesting reading.

JANUARY VHF CONTEST—Bob Mathews, K8TQK, reminds all of the January 20-22 annual ARRL VHF Sweepstakes. This contest is a time for newbies and old timers to get on the VHF and UHF bands and make some contacts. It is an excellent time to find other operators on and perhaps try out the digital modes. There is even a category for FM only operation. It starts at 19:00 UTC on the 20th and runs until 03:59 UTC on the 22nd. More information can be found in the December QST or at www.arrl.org.

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HAMVENTION NEWS—On-line and mail orders for HamVention© tickets are now being accepted. Tickets are \$22 in advance and are good for all three days of the show. Tickets will also be available at R & L, Universal and other retail establishments in the coming weeks.

<< NETS >>

DAYTON VA RADIO STATION—The Dayton, Ohio Veterans Hospital now has an amateur radio station for the use and enjoyment of our veterans who hold ham licenses during their stay or visit to the facility. W8DVA took to the air January 3. It will operate each weekday between 8 and 4 and will try to be found on 7.26 or 14.26. Why not give a listen for them and thank the operator for his service?

NET TO CHANGE TIME—Because of a conflict with a net in a neighboring county, the *Scioto Valley ARC* Sunday evening net is going to change its start time effective, December 17. The new starting time for the 146.925 net will be 8 PM. According to Net Manager David Thorpe, W8WMM, there will be no net on Christmas Eve.

TWO METER SSB NET—On Monday evenings at 8:30, Bob Mathews, K8TQK, calls a weak signal activity net on 144.252 SSB. It's not unusual for him to have check-ins from stations hundreds of miles away from his Ross County QTH overlooking the Paint Creek Valley.

SOUNDS INTERESTING—Kentucky Six Shooters Net. Wednesday evenings at 8 pm on 52.525. There is also a daily ragchew gathering on the same frequency starting at 7 and running until 9.

75 METER ROUNDTABLE—John Sebert, N9LBW, invites all amateurs to join in the fun found on a daily roundtable on 3.952. He and Red Frashier, N8ZZZ, start the fun and games at 3 PM each afternoon.

ANOTHER NEW NET- Northwest Ohio Regional Communications. The NORC NET is a voice net operating on 75 and 40 meters. The net will start on 3.915 +/- . Then, when the 75 meter net is completed it will go to 7.215 +/- and see how it goes there.

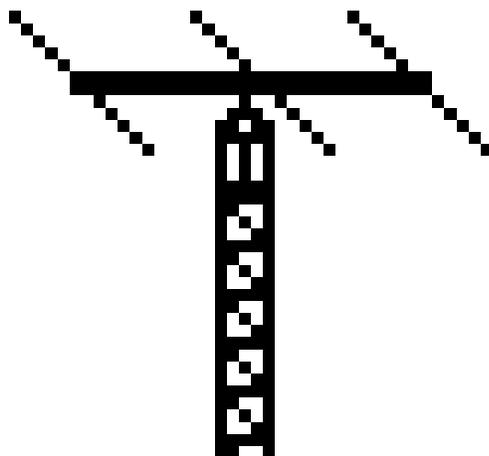
The first Saturday of the month, Amateur Radio Operators are needed. Tune in TIME: 11:00 am (Tune up or down from 3.915 MHz to find the net) NORC Net is the backup communications system for all of the Northwest Ohio County Emergency Operation Centers. (EOC)

2 METER SSB ACTIVITY NETS—With the coming down turn in HF propagation perhaps it's the time to look at VHF/UHF activity to keep our interest up. Because most new HF radios have six and often two meters and even the 440 band, it's easier than ever to get on these bands. It's been a while since some activity net information has appeared in the Monday Morning Memo, so here goes.....Monday, 8:30 PM, 144.252 the K8TQK net from Bainbridge; Wednesday, 9 PM, 144.24 the WB9LYH net from Wisconsin and Thursday it's the N9JBW net at 9 PM on 144.22 from Chicago. Thanks to Gary Poland, W8PU, and Bob Mathews, K8TQK, for providing this information.

NEWS FROM ROSS COUNTY—*Scioto Valley ARC* President Jesse Stanley, states the Club has recently returned their 52.230 MHz six-meter repeater to the air. It has a 1 MHz offset. Jess remembers the days when six-meters was the place to be in the Chillicothe area. With many newer rigs bearing the six-meter band, the Club would like to see the repeater have a reasonable amount of activity. Dave is the net control for the new Sunday Evening 146.925 Net. A big improvement has been noticed when he is on the Hillsboro 147.21 machine. Great going!



As always, we want to thank the ARRL, QST, ARRL Ohio Section Manager and their contributors and also the Monday Morning Memo from Hillsboro, OH as well as the Scioto Valley ARC and Time Magazine for sharing their input into our world of AMATEUR RADIO.



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