



The Ragchewer

January 5, 2012

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

Club Meetings :

1st Thursday of every month at
7:30 PM at the clubhouse.

Clubhouse Location:

Near Lancaster on State Route 37
North (Granville Pike) next to
Beavers Field.
Across from campus Ohio
University-Lancaster

Nets:

Mondays at 9:00 p.m. 147.03
MHz (+.6)
146.70 MHz (-.6) Alt. Freq.
443.875 MHz (+5)

Sunday at 8:00 p.m.
443.875 MHz (+5)
UHF linked system

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

Weather Spotter Net:

146.76 Repeater with 123Hz tone
Tuesday at 7:30 PM
Alt frequency 147.24 MHz

Thursday Night Radio Night

Radio night is every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. (except the first Thursday which is the club monthly meeting). Work a little HF, maybe build something? How about a hot cup of coffee. We'll have them all waiting for you.

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:

The next test has not been scheduled. Call Allen KB8JLG (740) 654 – 8167 for details.

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

01/15/2012.... SCARF Hamfest, Nelsonville, OH

01/29/2012 ... Tusco ARC Hamfest, Strasburg, OH
<http://www.tuscoarc.org>

02/05/2012 ... Winter Hamfest, Lorain, OH
<http://www.noars.net>

Special Event Stations

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

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January 5, 2011 Meeting Minutes

At 7:30 p.m. the monthly meeting was called to order by Vice President, George Lambert, KB8USP, who lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 13 members present.

We had one application for membership from Stanley Boch, KD8QVS that was passed around for second review.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes for the December meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept minutes was made by Don, WD8PCF and seconded by John, W8AGS. Motion carried.

Roll call taken tonight:

George	KB8USP
Don	WD8PCF
Mary	KD8EEI
Charlie	N8KZN
Sandy	KD8FTX
Gary	W8GTS
Mark	KD8IMT
Dave	WB9PXH
Jack	AE8P
John	KD8EEK
Connie	N8LPC
Ed	WD8PGO
John	W8AGS

Treasurer's Report: Ed Campbell, Sr., WD8PGO

Ed gave the treasurer's report and John, KD8EEK made motion to approve, seconded by Don, WD8PCF. All in favor.

VP Report: George Lambert, KB8USP

No report

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

No report.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Mark, KD8IMT reported that there will be a test held at Happy Penquin on Saturday for two people who Ray, W8FLX got started with amateur radio from Olivedale Sr. Center.

Monday Night Net

Jan 9th John Rader KD8PAF
Jan 16th John Lawson, W8AGS
Jan 23rd John Dolske, K9ULO
Jan 30th Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

No report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

ARES group will meet at EMA on January 17th at 7 p.m.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

Activities Co-Managers: Sandy Snider, KD8FTX and Connie Snoke, N8LPC

Sandy reported that the Christmas party went very well at Golden Corral and she had not received any negative comments. She had several people who sent email's stating they would be interested in going back to Golden Corral this year. Don, WD8PCF made motion that we reserve the Golden Corral for the 2012 Christmas Party, seconded by Charlie, N8KZN. All in favor.

Don, WD8PCF made motion to give the Activities Co-Managers the first Kroger check we receive in 2012 to use for the 2012 Christmas party, seconded by Jack, AE8P. All in favor. Once check is received, Ed will write a check to Sandy for that amount and she will have the money to use to purchase items on sale, etc.

Old Business:

Two Technician study guides will be taken to Lancaster library by Mary Travis so they are available for distribution to interested parties.

George reported that Robert, KC8PSW will work on completion of the ramp to the porch when spring weather is good enough to complete the project.

New Business:

Charlie, N8KZN reported that food will be available starting Jan. 12th at 6 p.m. on radio nights.

George reported that neither phone has a dial tone at the clubhouse. Don, WD8PCF will check after the meeting and see if we have a dial tone on the outside of building. If so, Ed WD8PGO will contact AT&T to check out why there is no service.

Charlie, N8KZN will contact the Hocking Township firemen (since they now have a new fire truck and fire dept.) to see if we could install an amateur radio antenna on their building as we have on the other fire companies for use in emergencies or a disaster.

John, KD8EEK asked if he could program frequencies on the new radios that were purchased for use by club members. John will copy frequencies from EMA radios and program the new radios sometime in February. John will sign out the radios when he takes them home to program while recovering from surgery.

There was a lot of discussion on the application for Stanley Boch and it was decided since there were not 3 members recommending and no membership fees had been paid, we would table until such time as we have three members who can recommend this person and the membership dues have been paid. We need to insure that new members know the proper procedures and protocol to use while utilizing the club repeater.

Mary, KD8EEI read thank you from Ray, W8FLX for fruit basket for his birthday.

Mary read the email from Ray, W8FLX regarding the establishment of a bereavement committee consisting of Ralph, W8BVH, Jack, AE8P, Allen, KB8JLG and Mary, KD8EEI. The scope of the committee should be established by the committee getting together and making up their own rules. The idea would be for this committee to volunteer their assistance to any club member or family regarding equipment disposition. Mary will take care of sending get well cards to members and family members. Mary has asked all members to let her know if someone is ill. Mary will also take care of remembering members that pass away either with flowers or contribution in their memory.

Mary also read the email from Ray, W8FLX regarding the DVD's he has purchased for club use after they are shown at the February and March meetings, we will have three which will be kept in the locked closet upstairs in the old timers room. Anyone wishing to borrow one of them will sign it out the same as any other equipment.

Mary read the competition that Ray, W8FLX has agreed to pay a cash prize of \$100. A competition to design and build a 12 VOLT DC power source that will not use any commercial fuel as a means of generation. Think of it as the power to operate a 100 watt transceiver without electricity, natural or propane gas or gasoline being available. No pumps for water, no compressed air, that we are accustomed to using. It is suggested that you consider solar, wind or human energy to power your source. Your idea must be submitted to the judging committee by June 1, 2012 and you must demonstrate your working model at the 2012 Field Day in June. Your entry must power an operating position at the Club Field Day location. Entries will be judged by originality, simplicity, effectiveness and cost. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$100. Results will be submitted to the ARRL for possible publication in QST.

Mary will ask Ralph to make a separate entry in Ragchewer regarding Ray's competition.

The Executive Committee held a meeting on December 15th to discuss the donation of a 1999 Silver Chevy Express 1500 Heavy Duty Leisure van with a clean title, 130,000 miles from Davia Bennett, wife of Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ. Davia needed an answer by Dec. 31st for her tax people. It was discussed and decided that the club was not in a position at the present time to take on the expenses that would be associated with owning the van. Davia wanted first chance to buy the vehicle back if we took the van and found we could not afford the expenses and we did not have the option of selling the vehicle to make money for the club. The group decided Rob would contact Davia and explain we could not accept the vehicle at this time. Anyone wishing to see the minutes of that meeting can contact Mary, KD8EEI.

There was discussion again on why John Hilliard, Station Engineer has to approve equipment that the club purchases or has given to us. Mary related that it goes back a couple of years when an item was purchased for the club without any review by John, W8OF. Problems were encountered and there was an Executive Committee meeting and it was decided that from that time forward the Station Engineer would approve any purchases or donations of equipment since he is the person who has to maintain the equipment and keep in working order.

Ed, WD8PGO had received a communication from Ray, W8FLX regarding QSL Bureau and he has donated 80 6 x 9 envelopes which can be purchased from the club (4 envelopes for \$1 to be used for the QSL Bureau). Anyone interested in purchasing these envelopes, please contact Ed.

Don, WD8PCF made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Charlie, N8KZN. Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

CHALLENGE

Announcing a competition for all Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club members.

A competition to design and build a 12 volt DC power source (that is self sustaining) will not use any commercial fuel/power as a means of generation. Think of it as the power to operate a 100 watt transceiver without commercial electricity, natural or propane gas, gasoline etc. being available. No pumps for water, no compressed air, nothing that we are accustomed to using.

It is suggested that you consider solar, wind or human energy to power your source. Your idea must be submitted to the judging committee (your fellow club members) by June 7, 2012 meeting and you must demonstrate your working model at the Field Day in June. Your entry must power an operating position at the Club Field Day location.

Entries will be judged by originality, simplicity, effectiveness and cost.

The winner will be awarded a cash prize of **\$100.00**. Results will be submitted to ARRL for possible publication in QST.

Ray, W8FLX

The Extra license class is a little more than half way through the course. We took two weeks off during the holidays and recently added a ham from Circleville who catching up very well. We are still meeting at the Happy Penguin, Saturdays 9AM to 11AM.



We recently had a testing session for two Olivedale Seasoned Citizens. They both studied by themselves and passed the Technician with "plenty-to-spare". Thanks to Ray Hurlbut and Mark White for their efforts to set this up. There will be two more candidates for the Technician license Saturday 1-14-2012. These people called within a day of the previous test so we get to do it again.

- Allen Sellers KB8JLG

Last minute note from Sandy, KD8FTX: Just let everyone know that the Christmas party date is December 8, 2012, more to follow later in the year.



Lancaster & Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club had their Christmas party at Golden Corral. Everyone there had a very nice time. Thanks to Connie and Sandy. We had a separate room just for us. We missed those of you who could not attend and hope you can come next year. A few photos of the party are being sent to the Webmaster. Below are the 4 major prizewinners. A big thank-you to Mike, WD8EBS, and all the volunteers for their help in getting prizes for the evening.



Rita Leiendecker KD8MNU



Candy Wright, KC8NOG



Dave Kennedy, WA8EUT



Tom Moore, KB8USK