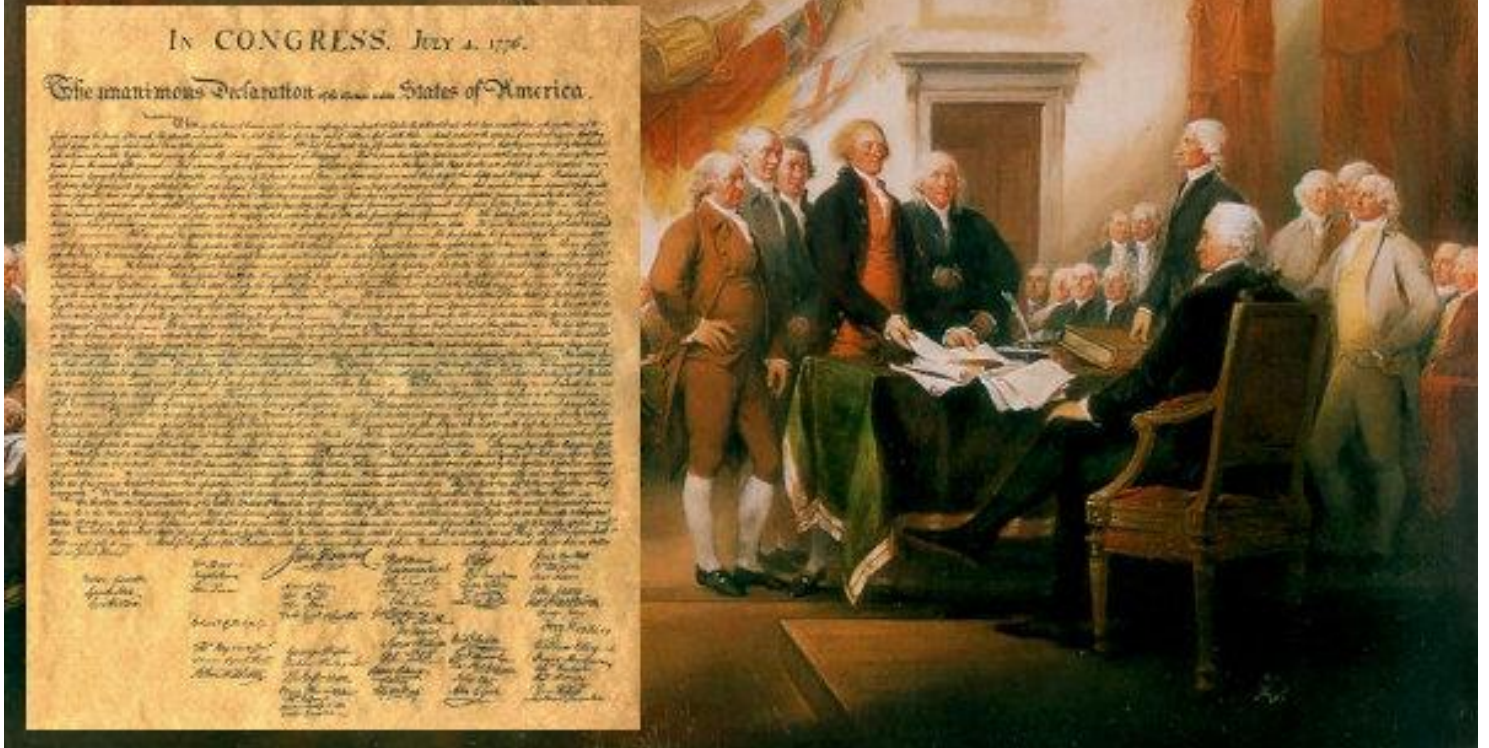


Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776



The Ragchewer

June 7, 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.**

Radio Night

2nd, 3rd, 4th Thursday of the month for Radio Contacts, Building workshop, CW practice group, etc. All Ham related things. Red Cross Building.

Nets:

MONDAY

ARES NET at 8:30 pm
146.700 MHz (6) 94.8 tone

CLUB NET at 9:00pm
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 Pm

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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June 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes

At 7:30 p.m., Jeff, KE8AME called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff asked for guests – Guy Ingram, W8AGI, Allan Colgan, KE8HXA and Martina Cradlebaugh

There was one application for first review, John Fick, KD8EEK.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes of the June meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Brooks, KD8XJ made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Jedidiah, KE8GEB All in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: members in attendance 19 with **three guests.**

Beverly	KE8JUR	John	W8OF
Brooks	KD8XJ	Kenny	KE8HBN
Greg	KD8SSJ	Mary	KD8EEI
Dennis	KB8WR	Paul	W8PDK
Diane	KE8HLD	Ralph	W8BVH
Geoff	KD8GRN	Ray	W8FLX
Jack	AE8P	Robb	KE8AMC
Jedidiah	KE8GEB	Samuel	KT8TX
Jeff	KE8AME	Ted	N8ASH
Jim	KE8IID		

Treasurer's Report: Paul Kidwell, W8PDK

Paul gave the Treasurer's report. Ray, W8FLX made motion to approve treasurers report, seconded by Ralph, W8BVH. All in favor.

VP Report: Greg Desarkisian, KD8SSJ

Greg thanked all who monitored the GOBA event and advised the club we had received a check for \$300 for our participation. All set with volunteers for Tour de Cause.

Greg reported we are working on the three crossband repeaters.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

Committee Reports:

Webmaster: Jon Larabee, KC8RUI

Mary advised that Jon had put the last two Ragchewer's on the website. She also stated that things per Jon were starting to slow down some at his work. The club thanks Jon for all he has done for our website.

Volunteer Examiner & Instruction Coordinator: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Mary reported for Robert they had 8 people for testing: 7 passed Technician and 1 General upgrade.

Next testing session is Tuesday, July 10th at 7 p.m. at Red Cross. He already has 4 people who want to test. This will be the new technician question pool.

Monday Night Net

July 9th Diane Warner, KE8HLD
July 16th Paul Kidwell, W8PDK
July 23rd Jeff Payne, KE8AME
July 30th Diane Warner, KE8HLD

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

Ralph submitted a letter of resignation effective with the July Ragchewer. The club thanked Ralph for his dedication for the number of years he has done the Ragchewer.

We now need a member to come forward and volunteer to do the Ragchewer. If no one steps up, we will no longer have a Ragchewer. Ralph is willing to train anyone who is interested in doing the Ragchewer. We all wish the best for Ralph in his new future endeavors.

Emergency Coordinator: Greg Desarkisian, KD8SSJ

Greg reported the next ARES meeting Tuesday, July 17th at 6:30 p.m. at EMA building.

Greg reported that thanks to Jeff, KD8GRN we have a crossband repeater at Stoutsville. Eventually we will have them at Sugar Grove, Richland County (Rushville) and Baltimore.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported the second of the DMR repeaters is working and on air with UHF or 6 meter.

Activities Manager: Diane Warner, KD8HLD

July 12th Radio night at Red Cross 7 p.m.

July 21st is club breakfast at 9 a.m. at American Legion

July 26th Radio night – demonstration by Bob, KI8JM on how a single conversion receiver works

ARISS – all cables have been run for all antennas at Talmadge School for our ISS contact

Diane thanked all who helped with the float for July 4th parade and also the volunteers who did communications for the parade.

Diane stated Field Day was great and we had a visitor from Texas, W5MAA. We thank the Edmonds for letting us have field day at their place.

Old Business:

New Business:

Club decided to participate in the Bridges on the Air – Saturday, August 18th after club breakfast.

There was a discussion on Facebook and why we have two and did the club ever approve having a Facebook account. Jack, AE8P made a motion to eliminate Facebook and seconded by Ray, W8FLX. All in favor. Mary to advise Jon, KC8RUI to delete our Facebook account. The original Facebook set up by Dave, KD8MOY Greg will advise him to delete the club account.

Jack, AE8P made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ray, W8FLX. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Secretary



ARISS

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station

ARISS lets students worldwide experience the excitement of talking directly with crew members of the International Space Station, inspiring them to pursue interests in careers in science, technology, engineering and math, and engaging them with radio science technology through amateur radio.

The ARISS program was created and is managed by an international consortium of amateur radio organizations and space agencies including National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the USA, Rosaviakosmos in Russia, Canadian Space Agency (CSA) in Canada, Japan Aeronautics Exploration Space Agency (JAXA) in Japan and European Space Agency (ESA) in Europe.\



Each year, ARISS provides tens of thousands of students with learning opportunities about space technologies and communications and more through the exploration of Amateur Radio. The program connects students to astronauts aboard the ISS through a partnership between NASA, the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation, the American Radio Relay League, and other Amateur Radio organizations and worldwide space agencies. The program's goal is to inspire students to pursue interests and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and Amateur Radio.

Educators overwhelmingly report that student participation in the ARISS program stimulates interest in STEM subjects and in STEM careers. One educator wrote, "It exceeded our expectations--it created a great interest in both amateur radio and in space exploration. Our kids are completely inspired!" Ninety-two percent of educators who have participated in the program have indicated that ARISS provided ideas for encouraging student exploration and participation. A teacher wrote: "Our school's ARISS events have only fueled the students' thirst for more science and communications activities. Exciting stuff!"

ARISS is looking for organizations that will draw large numbers of participants and integrate the contact into a well-developed, exciting education plan. Students can learn about satellite communications, wireless technology, science research conducted on the ISS, radio science, and any related STEM subject. Students learn to use Amateur Radio to talk directly to an astronaut and ask their STEM-related questions. ARISS will help educational organizations locate Amateur Radio groups who can assist with equipment for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students.

The Lancaster-Fairfield County ARC has been working hard and finally got approved to be one of the sites for this program. With the cooperation of the Lancaster City Schools, The Lancaster After School Program, Talmadge Elementary School and the Lancaster-Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club the ARISS program will happen here at Talmadge School in Lancaster. This is a great opportunity for everyone involved; Lancaster, the elementary children, your ham club and the program itself. The date has not been set as of this writing but stay tuned and get involved. The club has all of the cables completed and the antenna's built. The date for this contact will not be until almost time for the contact to take place. This should be a fun time. More information will follow as time goes on. You may contact Diane, KE8HLD our Activities Manager at: activities@k8gik.org for further information and to see how you can get involved.



Here is a photo of the Lancaster After School Program float with astronauts sitting on the float. Pulling the float was a truck driven by one of the Lancaster-Fairfield County ARC members with a simulated space ship on top. (photo by Robb, KE8AMC)

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"All great change in America begins at the dinner table." -[Ronald Reagan](#)

*According to HamVention officials the 2018 attendance at Xenia was 28,417. This is a slight decrease from the 29,296 attendance in 2017. *

Lancaster High School Student Lets His Patriotism Show in a Big Way

Some of you may remember Bob from LHS.

For an American history project during his junior year of high school in 1958, Bob Heft created a 50-star flag. The only problem was that at the time there were only 48 states. Bob had a hunch that two more states would be added and in 1959, Alaska and Hawaii became our 49th and 50th states.

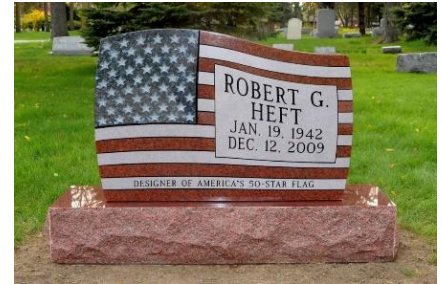
Bob created the 50-star flag by cutting up a 48-star flag his parents had received as a wedding present. "I'd watch my mom sew, but I had never sewn...and since making the flag of our country, I've never sewn again." Bob's teacher was unimpressed and gave him a B- asking if he even knew how many states we had, and telling him, "If you don't like the grade, get it accepted in Washington then come back and see me."



Robert G. Heft

Two years later his perseverance paid off when he received a call from President Dwight D. Eisenhower who invited him to Washington, D.C., for a ceremony adopting his 50-star flag. Bob's teacher also went back and changed his grade to an A.

Bob later became a high school teacher, college professor, and served as mayor of Napoleon, Ohio, before he died in December 2009 at the age of 68.



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Action of Second Continental Congress,

July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America

WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

WE hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to

abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly, all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

***He** has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good.*

***He** has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.*

***He** has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only.*

***He** has called together Legislative Bodies at Places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their public Records, for the sole Purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures.*

***He** has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People.*

***He** has refused for a long Time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the meantime exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within.*

***He** has endeavored to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose, obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.*

***He** has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.*

***He** has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their Offices, and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries.*

***He** has erected a Multitude of new Offices and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People and eat out their Substance.*

***He** has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the consent of our Legislatures.*

***He** has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.*

***He** has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:*

***For** quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us:*

***For** protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:*

For cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pre-tended Offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People.

He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the Works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy of the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us and has endeavored to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction, of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People.

Nor have we been wanting in Attentions to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of Attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our fortunes, and our sacred Honor

NEWS FROM YOUR ARRL



Need Letter “N” Card Sorter for 8th District QSL Bureau

We need a dedicated person to be the sorter the letter “N” for the incoming QSL Bureau. What is a card sorter?

Here’s a link to fill you in on all the details. http://arrl-greatlakes.org/8th_bureau.htm

If after you read the description you feel that you’d be a good fit for the job, and you call sign suffix begins with the letter “N”, then you need to contact: Bureau Manager - Jack Shirley, N8DX E-Mail: n8dx@arrl.net

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IT’S BACK—

John Myers, KD8MQ, informs the MMM that Lake White is now back on the list of approved Ohio State Parks for contacting during the September 8 Ohio State Parks on the Air contest. You may recall the park was closed because of major repairs to the dam. To date no posting of a planned activation has appeared on the event’s planned operation page. The park is a part of the Rocky Fork park cluster including Rocky Fork, Paint Creek and Pike Lake. Myers also tells that a new park honoring Jesse Owens will be developed in Eastern Ohio. However, it is not expected to be a part of this years’ OSPOTA event. So far 31 parks have been spoken for.

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Thanks to the recent mention in the *Ohio Section Journal of the Highland ARA’s* August 18 Lynchburg Covered Bridge special event operation, interest is growing in the activation of other bridges during the day. Recently several clubs and individuals have contacted HARA for more details. Organizers hope more clubs participate by putting their local bridges on the air. There are no set rules or guidelines. Each can set their own frequencies, time of operation, QSL policy and such things. Operations do not have to be from a bridge proper. As long as it is in nearby sight is the only requirement. The only other request is to have fun and use it as an opportunity to introduce new or inactive hams to the fun of operating on the HF bands and portable operating. Contact highlandara@yahoo.com for more information. Also you can contact Jeff, KE8AME, your president and/or Greg, KD8SSJ, your Vice President and see what the club is going to do in order to participate in the Covered Bridge fun. Their e-mail address’s are on the 2nd page of this newsletter.

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Neat Special Event Station

-On September 15 the *Cambridge ARA* and *Belle Valley ARC* will team up to activate three special event stations to commemorate the September 3, 1925 crash of the airship USS Shenadoah in the hills of Noble County. The airship was hit by violent weather, broke up and fell in three separate pieces in locations near Caldwell. Three special event 1x1 call signs have been assigned to the project and one station will operate from each of the three sites involved in the crash. The Shenadoah was the first rigid airship to use helium and was also the first airship to cross the United States.

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Folks interested in HF DX might have an interest in the *Southwestern Ohio DX Association's* website www.swodxa.org. It's a jam-packed website about one of the best-known DX clubs in the nation. They have monthly meetings the second Thursday of each month except July and August. Meetings are at 6:30 pm at the Marion's Pizza location in either Dayton or Mason. You are urged to check the website for which location the current meeting is to be held at. The June 14 meeting is at the Dayton location.

FOR SALE—

John Sebert, N9LBW, has a good Kenwood TS-120 for sale that would make a new ham wanting to get on HF a good starter rig. He is asking \$250 for it. John has an excellent reputation about the equipment he sells. He can be contacted at 937-382-3909 or n9lbw@arrl.net.



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, Hillsdale Michigan Amateur Radio Club and the Lancaster After School Program.

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