



The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

September 2014

Members All...

THANK YOU, KB1JDX Vinny for chairing the last 3 major events Deary Road Race, VJ Parade, and Brooklyn Fair. I know it took a lot out of you. And a thank you to all the members who took time and assisted in showing the community what ECARA is. To Northeast CT and the two hams from Norwich and Colchester who assisted us at the VJ Day Parade...we could not have done it without you both. Thanks Again!

Members, when I took office I said, "this is YOUR CLUB". I know we are all volunteers, we all have things to do in our daily lives, and cannot be at each and every ECARA event...present company included as I work Saturdays now. But it seems to me that it is always the same dedicated members stepping up to work at these events. We have new members and members we have not seen in a while. **The Club REALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP.** Most of these events require just a few hours of your time, and minimal experience (we will provide OJT and radios if necessary).

Come show your support to your club!

Thompson Community Day is Sept 28, 12noon to 4 pm. Come show your support for your club!

And REMEMBER club picnic and monthly meeting is Monday Sept 8, 6PM at Mashamoquet Brook State Park, Rt44 in Pomfret (not at Day Kimball Hosp). Burgers and Pizza, BYODrinks. Family & friends welcome.

Catch you on the air!

73's

Al, K1AGL

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NEXT MEETING

Mashamoquet Brook State Park

147 Wolf Den Drive

Pomfret Center, CT 06259

Monday, September 8, 6PM

[Get Directions](#)

ECARA Monthly Meeting 8/11/14 at DKH

Meeting called to order at 1905hrs.

Attending Members:

K1AGL, Al
K1NLX, Peter
K1ZE, Ed
KA1KAC, Bill
KB1DNO, Frankie
KB1JDX, Vinny
KB1LYF, Jana
KB1ZOW, Brittany
KC1BLH, Tiffany
N7BEO, Christy
W1EQ, Bob

Visitors, Guests & Past Members:

KA1WZA, Rich

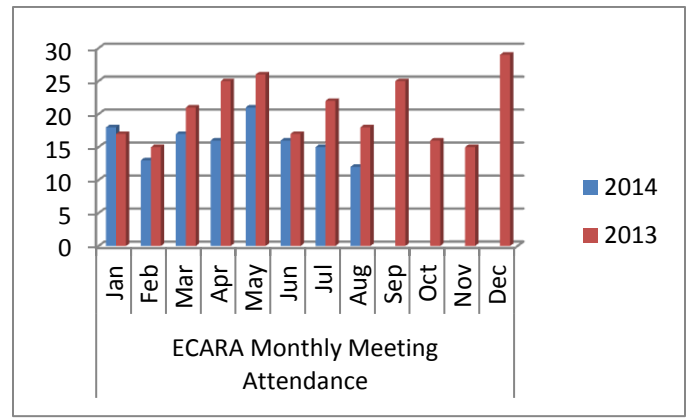
K1AGL presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

Secretary's Report – Motion made, seconded and carried to accept July club minutes as posted in this month's SinePost.

Treasure's Report – Beginning balance: \$9443.15; Deposits: \$75 donation for Woodstock Road Race, \$40 dues; Expenses: \$126.56 FD porta-potty, \$320 insurance, \$106.35 FD pins, \$101.58 awards, \$48 PO box; Ending Balance: \$8855.66. Motion to accept the report as posted was seconded, and carried.

Old Business:

- Facebook promotion to start 1 Dec. Ctc: KB1JDX
- "Easy-Up" purchase – additional research by KB1JDX & K1AGL revealed that it may be possible to purchase a commercial grade tent for about \$250. Ctc: KB1JDX
- Club website still in process of development by K1JSH. Club members invited to view progress and provide comments, suggestions, etc. K1NLX to work with KB1DNO to open a PayPal account for use on the website. Cts: committee (WB1CCL, Lynn; KB1JDX, Vinny; K1JSH, Jamie).



- K1AGL reported that only 7 ops showed to assist in the VJ Day parade. Two of the seven were not affiliated with the ECARA. K1AGL to write letter to membership encouraging better participation in these important events which promote both the hobby and the club.

New Business:

- Official clarification of ECARA website committee members requested. K1AGL & KB1JBX advised:
KB1JDX – chairperson
KA1MPG – webmaster
K1JSH – site host
W1UJ – ECARA.net domain holder
K1NLX & KB1DNO – PayPal advisors
- The pending annual club picnic was discussed. Motion made to have the picnic on the 8 Sep meeting date at Mashomouquet State Park at 6PM, and club to buy 1 party platter pizza to supplement hot dogs and hamburgers with total cost NTE \$50. Motion accepted and carried.
- N1MD advised that 444.100 is no longer an analog channel, rather, digital (D-Star). Discussion followed. K1ZE & KB1JDX to do a presentation on digital communications at one of the next meetings. Ctc: K1ZE & KB1JDX

Good of the order: none

Meeting adjourned at 2018hrs.

A special “thank you” to KB1DNO for the homemade brownies, and KB1ZOW for the homemade apple cobbler served after the meeting.

Brooklyn Fair Synopsis:

By: KB1JDX

As many of you know, ECARA had a exhibit at the Brooklyn Fair last week. And can I tell you, it is quite a job putting this together and running it for 4 days. Luckily, I had some great people helping. For me, the fair started on Monday evening when Jana KB1LYF and I pulled the trailer into our spot. From then until Thursday at 4 pm I



worked on setup. Setup wasn't hard, just time consuming. I had requests to help set up but I had plenty of time and a lot of it could be done best with just one person. The exception was putting up and tearing down the antennas with which I got help from John KB1YZG and Al K1AGL respectively. The rest was just "operating time."

I would like to thank the following people that helped out: Al K1AGL, Jon KB1YZG, Bernie KB1DGY, Brittany KB1ZOW, Jana KB1LYF, Tiffany KC1BLH, Margaret N1NNP, Ron KA1MPI, Jon KA1MPG, Peter K1NLX, and Christy N7BEO. Special thanks to KB1JQA for the use of the trailer. While we could have used more help, everyone listed gave 110% and I am very happy to have

had such a great team to work with.

I put "operating time" in quotes before because we really put in a lot of time talking to the public and trying to scare up some interest. However, we did make 42 contacts consisting of 25 phone contacts and 17 digital contacts. Of those contacts, 27 were



stations in the US and the remaining 15 were different countries spread out throughout the globe.

Also for the first time there, ECARA was able to share the trailer with Brooklyn Emergency Management. We provided a



crucial hub for the fair by sharing our WiFi (and air conditioning) which enabled the town EOC to be activated at the fair right from out trailer!! The best part of the fair for me was when Mark KB1SBA stopped into the booth. Mark is our contact at the fair and a

big supporter of Ham Radio. Mark informed me that we are officially slated at the fair for years to come. This made my day. When my dad and I set out last year to promote the club and the hobby to the fair we had high hopes of being able to bring the excitement of Ham Radio to NE Connecticut. The goal or course being to get people licensed and on the air. With the help of a lot of club members who put in their time and money to support this, we had an exhibit at the Brooklyn Fair and Thompson Day which, when followed up with a license class, has done just that!

Thank you all! 73, Vinny KB1JDX



Brooklyn Fair 2014

ECARA Calendar of special events 2014:

Club meetings held every second Monday of each month.

| Event | Date | Purpose | Contact/Net Control | Attendance |
|---|----------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Executive Meeting | 1/20 | define direction for year | K1AGL | 9 attended |
| ECARA Breakfast | 3/8 | Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900 | K1AGL | ~20 attended |
| O'Putnam Road Race | 3/9 | Safety & communications | KB1JDX | 11 attended |
| ECARA Flea Market table set-up | 3/14 | 8PM, St Joseph's church hall, Dayville | K1NLX | ~12 attended |
| ECARA Flea Market | 3/15 | Club fund raiser | K1NLX | 19 vendors 184 entrants |
| VE Session | 3/15 | Examination for those needing ham license | KB1JDX | 12 examinees |
| HT Battery Project Part 1 | 3/28 | Refurbish battery packs of older HTs for distribution to new members if needed, BYOB | KE1LI | ~10 attended |
| HT Battery Project Part 2 | 4/11 | Complete project, BYOB, 6:30PM | KE1LI | ~10 attended |
| Jog with Judy | 5/3 | Safety & communications | K1JSH | 5 attended |
| Sky Warn Class | 5/20 | NDDH 69 South Main Bklyn: 7-10PM | KB1DGY | several dozen |
| Woodstock Road Race | 5/26 | Safety & communications | KE1LI | 6 attended |
| Ham Station Open House | 6/22 | Demo of State of the Art Ham Station | KB1JDX | >doz attendees |
| ECARA Field Day | 6/27-29 | Contesting & emergency readiness | KA1MPG | couple dozen attendees |
| Deary Road Race | 8/9 | Safety & communications | KB1JDX | 5 attended |
| VJ Day Parade | 8/10 | Safety & communications | KB1JDX | 10 attended |
| Brooklyn Fair | 8/21-24 | Promote Ham Radio to public | KB1JDX | 11 attended |
| Annual ECARA Picnic | 9/8 | Socialization, and business related activities (if any), BYOB & soft drinks | K1AGL | Members, family & friends |
| Thompson Community Day | 9/28 | Promote Ham Radio to public | KB1JDX | ~6 needed |
| ECARA Breakfast | 9/TBD | Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900 | TBD | Members, family & friends |
| Ashford 300th Anniversary Parade and Family Day | 10/11 | Safety & communications | KB1JDX | 6-8 ops needed |
| Monthly meeting at QVEC | 10/13 | Monthly business agenda at 911 facility | K1AGL | Members, guests & visitors |
| JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) | 10/17-19 | Event promoting Ham Radio for Boy Scouts | KB1JDX | 8 base stations & operators |
| ECARA Election of Officers & Xmas Party | 12/8 | Social & administrative event | K1NLX | Members, family & friends |

Membership Application Form:

| Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association Membership Application / Renewal | | | | |
|---|---|--|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership; <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Membership | | Today's Date: | | |
| If you are already a "Ham", please complete below then the yellow area: | If you are an aspiring "Ham", please complete below then the yellow area: | ADDITIONAL INFO (not required, but helpful) | PLEASE SELECT ONE: | |
| CALL SIGN: | FIRST & LAST NAME: | YOUR DOB: | <input type="checkbox"/> | INDIVIDUAL (\$20/yr) |
| LICENSE CLASS: | STREET ADDR: | SPOUSE NAME: | <input type="checkbox"/> | FAMILY (\$30/yr) |
| HANDLE (nickname): | CITY, STATE, ZIP: | SPOUSE DOB: | <input type="checkbox"/> | SENIOR (\$15/yr) |
| FIRST YEAR LICENSED: ARRL MEMBER: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | | DOM: | <input type="checkbox"/> | STUDENT |
| CURRENT PHONES (home& cell) HOME: CELL: | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 st Year ECARA course |
| CURRENT EMAIL: | | Would you like to receive the SinePost? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> | PROVISIONAL |
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