



# The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



## A Message from the President

December 2014

Members All...

**PLEASE NOTE MEETING CHANGE PER BELOW!**

### *Season Greetings to All*

November brought New Hams to the Airwaves with the completion of the Tech Class, and Congrats to Margaret N1NNP, and yours truly, earning our General Licenses. Thanks Vinny and all VE instructors who made this possible.

December we are holding our Holiday get together and Election of officers. Anyone who was not at the November Meeting yet willing to run for an officer position, please attend the December gathering at Classic Pizza.

Attendance at our meetings this past year have been on the LOW side. At these meetings I know we efficiently take care of business, then end the meeting, however, I have always solicited for follow-on activities but little has been suggested. K1ZE will be presenting information about the DMR being installed in northeast CT on 70cm (date to be announced).

This is your CLUB. Get involved in your CLUB.

Catch you on the air!

73's

Al, K1AGL

President



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**NEXT MEETING**  
**Classic Pizza of Brooklyn, CT**  
**597 Providence Rd**  
**Brooklyn, CT 06234 • Main Phone: (860) 774-**  
**6333**  
**Get Directions**  
**Monday 6PM, Dec. 8**

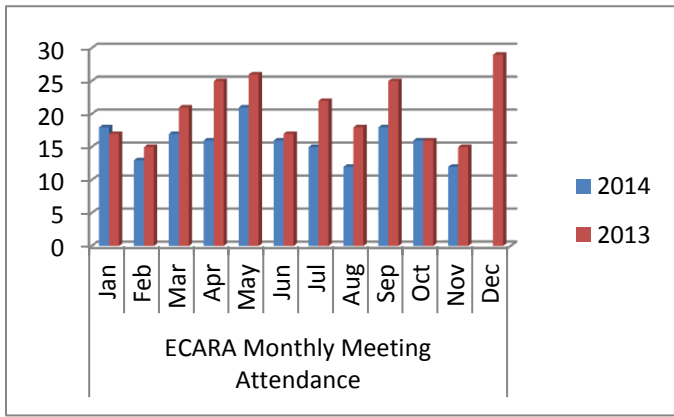
ECARA Monthly Meeting 11/10/14 at DKH

Meeting called to order at 1905hrs.

Attending Members:

- K1AGL, Al
- K1NLX, Peter
- KA1KAC, Bill
- KA1MPG, Jon
- KA1MPI, Ron
- KB1DNO, Frankie
- KB1YZG, John
- KC1BLH, Tiffany
- N1MD, Mike
- N1NNP, Mimi
- N1XAE, Ray
- N7BEO, Christy

Visitors, Guests & Past Members: none



K1AGL presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

**Secretary's Report:**

Motion made to accept October minutes as published in the November SinePost, seconded and carried.

**Treasure's Report:**

October: Beginning Balance: \$8632.41; Deposits: as verbally reported; Expenses: as verbally reported; Ending Balance: \$8552.90. Motion made to accept October's Treasurer's Report was seconded and carried.

Old Business:

- K1AGL asked for an update on the Boy Scout's JOTA event but no one at the meeting attended.
- Technician Class VE session is scheduled for 19 Nov. Ctc: KB1JDX
- KB1DNO & KA1MPG reported that PayPal is now available on the club website. Club polo shirts to be sold on web site. K1NLX to provide an on-line membership application form. Ctc: KA1MPG
- The March ECARA flea market is set for Saturday, 15 Mar. Ctc: K1NLX
- Club membership badges for new members to be discussed at the next meeting. Ctc: KB1DNO

New Business:

- N1ASP, KC1CMG & N1XAE unanimously voted in as new members.
- Club Christmas party to be at Classic Pizza in Brooklyn, Monday, 8 December starting at 6PM
- Nominations for 2015 club officers will be made during the November meeting. Maximum participation at this meeting was encouraged. Ctc: K1AGL
- Nominations were made and closed for the following executive positions:
  - President – K1AGL
  - VP – KB1JDX
  - Secretary – K1NLX
  - Treasurer – KB1DNO
  - Trustee (1st yr) –N1MD
  - MLG (1st yr) –N7BEO, KA1MPG, K1JSH

Good of the order: none

Meeting adjourned at 1932hrs.

A special "thank you" to KB1JDX for organizing and managing another successful Technician Class!

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## **Technician Class:**

By KB1JDX – an open letter

Licenses have been issued to those who successfully completed the recent Technician class. Congratulations!

Rob Sawyer - KC1CVO

Scott Dube - KC1CVV

Paulette Blagburn - KC1CVS

Rusty Lanzit - KC1CVU

Lenny Liguore - KC1CVR

John Lamb - KC1CVP

Brian Williams - KC1CVW

Beth Morris - KC1CVT

Ken Erling - KC1CUR

James Ellsworth - KC1CVQ

Tina Main - KC1CUJ

## **You're a Ham... now what?**

1. Start looking for a radio. An HT (handheld) is a great place to start. See links at the bottom of my last e-mail.
2. I suggest joining a local club. For those of you that have gone through our Technician class, you receive a one year free membership to the Eastern CT Amateur Radio Association (ECARA). So, if it is ECARA or another club, I feel it is a good thing to maintain a yearly membership to one. By not being part of a group, you miss out on a lot of interesting activities that you may not even know were happening (contests, foxhunts, public service events, etc.)
3. Ask questions! Feel free to contact your instructors or post to our Yahoo group (see next point)
4. I will be sending each of you an invite to ECARA's Yahoo group. AKA the Reflector. Accepting it is optional. The group is pretty quiet though so it is a nice group to be on. It will keep you informed about what is happening in the area.
5. Get on the air! I think that I can speak for all of the instructors when I say that one of the most important things you can do after getting your license is actually using it. You don't need a lot to get on the air either. In fact you all can get on right now by using Echolink ([www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org)) while you decide on the perfect radio to purchase. A simple HT can get you on the air for under \$100 new in some cases. Also remember that even as a Technician, you have privileges on HF that can really get you talking to the world! While most of your privileges are for CW (Morse Code) only, you do have voice privileges on 10 meters.

To recap... Get on the air, join a club/group, ask questions, and get on the air! (I know I'm repeating myself) Haha

Be on the lookout for the invite for the "Reflector." Congratulations again and I really hope that you all have as much fun with Ham Radio as I have!

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**WILI Wayne Norman Show:**  
By KB1JDX



An exciting program will be coming to the Wayne Norman Show this December. The program will be... Ham Radio! Jana and I will be going on the air promoting the hobby, explaining what originally interested us and why we

got our Ham Radio license. Hopefully we can even scare up some interest in our 2015 Technician class which will be starting in September. For those interested in listening in (and live close enough to pick up the broadcast), tune your AM dials to 1400 KHz on 12/15 at 7:15 am. Normally the show is also on Charter cable channel 14 as well. The show is normally available after the fact as well on their website: [www.wili-am.com](http://www.wili-am.com). -Vinny KB1JDX

## 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	18 attended
Thompson Community Day	9/28	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	~5 attended
Ashford 300th Anniversary Parade and Family Day	10/11	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	6 attended
Monthly meeting at QVEG	10/13	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1AGL	16 attended
ECARA Breakfast	10/25	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	KE1LI	9 attended
JOTA (Jamboree On The Air)	10/17-19	Event promoting Ham Radio for Boy Scouts	KB1JDX	TBA
ARRL 2014 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)	11/8-9	Exercise in emergency communications	N1CLV	TBA
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
HOME:	CURRENT PHONES (home& cell) CELL:		<input type="checkbox"/>	1 <sup>st</sup> Year ECARA course
	CURRENT EMAIL:	Would you like to receive the SinePost? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVISIONAL
ECARA Treasurer, PO Box 63 Dayville, CT 06241, Phone # 860 928 5147, Fax # 860 928 3844				