



The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

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Hello members and associates of ECARA.

We are moving into the month of June which is one of busiest months of the year. We will be starting out with Vinny (KB1JDX) and company having a VE Session on June 8th at the Northeast District Department of Health. The next event is the VHF Contest is June 11th through the 13th for those of you who participate in it. We then move into June 18th, where we provide communications in the morning for the Day Kimball Hospital Road Race in Putnam (Former Deary Road Race). Later that day at 1:00 PM, the ARRL Kid's Day Event begins at the Waldron Camp in North Grosvenordale until about 8 PM. We will be operating three stations and operators will be needed during those hours to help the kids make contacts. Last week a work crew got together and put the dipole back up at the Scout Camp after it fell down during heavy winds. A special thank you goes to Paul (KE1LD), Ed (K1ZE), and John (K1JFT) for getting that done. Also thanks to Pete (K1NLX) for supplying some equipment to complete that task. We still have to put up two temporary antennas for Kid's Day.

As the month moves on we are into Field Day Weekend on June 24th through June 26th. We set up on Friday afternoon and then begin operating on Saturday afternoon through Sunday. Jon (KA1MPG) our Field Day Chairman has been busy finalizing plans for the event. In the middle of all this there are high school graduations and yard work to finish. I know it's a crazy month but if we work together we can make all of this happen. Let's have a full house at the meeting and work together to get through the month.

See you at the meeting.

73,
K1CSP
John Szamocki

NEXT MEETING

DKH DAY KIMBALL HEALTHCARE

**320 Pomfret Street (Route 44) • Putnam,
Connecticut 06260**

Main Phone: (860) 928-6541

Get Directions

Monday 7PM, June 13

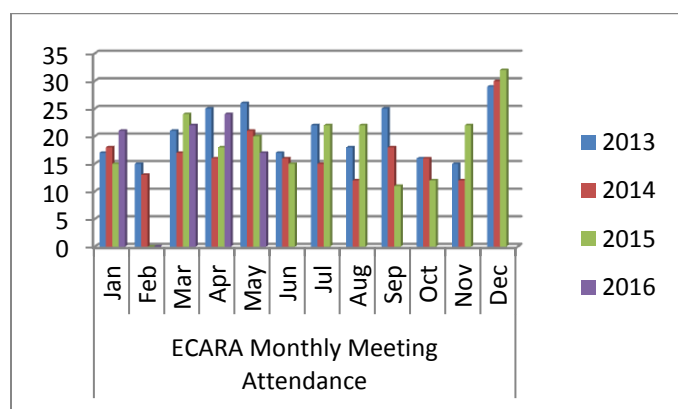
ECARA Monthly Meeting 5/9/16 at Camp Waldron, Thompson.

Meeting called to order at 1905 hrs.

Attending Members:

K1AGL, Al	KB1JQA, Phil
K1DSK, Devendra	KB1JDX, Vinny
K1JFT, John	KB1YZG, John
K1NLX, Peter	KC1BLH, Tiffany
KA0ERL, Ken	KE1LI, Paul
KA1KAC, Bill	N1NNP, Mimi
KA1MPG, Jon	N7BEO, Christy
KA1MPI, Ron	W1EQ, Bob
KB1DNO, Frankie	

Visitors, Guests & Past Members: none



K1CSP presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

Secretary's Report:

Motion made to accept the April minutes as published in the May SinePost as amended to show that the application for the recreation park was submitted to the Town of Pomfret, not Town of Putnam; seconded and carried.

Treasure's Report:

March Beginning Balance: \$8351.93; receipts – dues \$60; expenses – JOTA QSL card postage \$44.22, secretary misc expenses \$28.93, edible arrangement for member \$45; ending balance: \$8293.78. Motion made to accept the April Treasurer's Report as read; seconded and carried.

Old Business:

- K1AGL reported that the Jog w/Judy event went well w/6 ops and a reported participation of ~650 persons. K1CSP suggested that we should be developing operation plans for these annual events to include basic info such as contacts, maps, route maps, checkpoints, etc to better assist net control operations.
- K1CSP advised that Kid's Day on 6/18 will be set up the same as was done for the BSA JOTA event, and which will be operational from 1PM to 7PM. K1CSP & W1EQ will be on WINY Radio on 6/2 to promote the event.

- KA1MPG advised that the application for use of the Pomfret Recreation Park for Field Day was approved by the town. Parking issues and options were discussed along with band assignments. KE1LI to bring his grille for the Saturday 6PM pot-luck meal. Menu items briefly discussed but will be essentially the same as last year's event. It was noted that this facility is non-alcoholic.
- The Woodstock Road Race was discussed and mentioned as a great opportunity for beginners. Enough members volunteered for the event during the meeting. Muster time will be 8:30AM. Ctc: KE1LI
- W1EQ advised that 83 QSL cards were mailed from the last BSA/GSA JOTA event, and that he will be putting all received cards into a binder to give to scouts.
- The planned VE Session will be held on 6/8 at NDDH in Brooklyn for anyone interested in upgrading their ham ticket, as well those interested in getting their Technician license. Ctc: KB1JDX
- K1CSP advised that while he & K1JFT delivered
- Radio Comm. operator ID apps to QVEC he noticed that there was no remote capability for the club installed Yeasu multiband radio located in the radio shelter. Discussion followed as to status, and plans to complete. K1NLX & KB1JDX provided input as to work pending completion. Discussion tabled for the next meeting, Ctc: K1CSP

New Business:

- It was advised that DKH is not longer hosting the Deary Road Race which normally took place in August, rather, it is hosting a 5K Road Race for the cancer fund, and taking place on 6/18 9AM at JD Coopers. Will need 3-4 op. Ctc: KB1JDX, net control
- KB1JDX gave DMR brief, cited about 12 check-ins on the last TAC4 net. He and others plan to do DMR net on 1st Wed. of each month at 8:30PM.
- It was advised that Angel Ride still needs more volunteers for this year's event on 5/28 & 29. Ctc: N1CLV
- K1CSP advised that the wire antenna at the camp lodge needs to be fixed ASAP and have a surge arrestor (SA) & ground rod installed. KE1LI & K1NLX offered an SA for the project.
- K1NLX advised that someone will need to take over as editor of the SinePost, and chairperson of the annual fleamarket as he is no longer able to continue in these duties. KC1BLH volunteered to assume responsibility for the SinePost. Someone needs to step-up soon for the fleamarket as planning for next year's event starts in June and commitments formalized by end of August, latest. Ctc: K1NLX

Good of the order: all encouraged to use the K1MUJ repeater more often

Meeting adjourned at 2009hrs.

A shout out to K1CSP and all those who assisted in setting up the antenna and rig at the lodge!

A Special AngelRide Participation “Thank You”

By Wayne, N1CLV (as excerpted from email)

Greetings!

Over Memorial Day weekend, CT ARES provided communications support to the 13th annual AngelRide. This two-day 135 mile charity bicycle ride raises funds to support the Hospital Outreach Program of Paul Newman’s Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. The Camp provides a summer camp experience for children with life threatening illnesses like cancer and leukemia. The fundraising goal for this year’s ride is \$700,000.

On Saturday nearly 200 riders traveled east from the Yale School of Music in Norfolk to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford. On Sunday morning another 100 riders joined for the trip from Ashford to the Mystic YMCA. The unseasonable hot and humid weather took its toll on Saturday with over 50 riders needing assistance from support vehicles dubbed WINGS. We utilized both the KB1AEV linked repeater system and the CT-ARES DMR Network to provide administrative and emergency communications along the route where cell phone coverage is sketchy in many areas, especially Litchfield County. The net control station on Saturday was co-located in the Communications Information Center (CIC) at camp. On Sunday we deployed the Region 4 Mobile Communications Unit to the Mystic YMCA to serve as the net control station.

Saturday Operators were Dave K1DJW, Dave W1RED, Ian KC1BPL, Oscar KO1F, Paul KB1TOR, Dave KC1AKI, Ashley KB1KWR, Harlan W1QH, Marlon KC1EHW, Dana KA1WPM, Jay N1NRP, Steve AG1YK, Bill AB1LZ, Mike W8ZY, Mark K1AUG, Don N1HWR, Robert AB1RB, George AB1GL, Paul KB1QQI, Harold WJ1B, Mac W1FYM, Jason KC1ERO, Andrew KB1WXD, Rick WA1VRP, Michael K1MLG, Jamie K1JSH, and Wayne N1CLV.

Sunday Operators were Jamie K1JSH, Michael K1MLG, Dave W1RED, Bernie KB1DGY, Tiffany KC1BLH, Vinny KB1JDX, Tom KB1ZXE, Ed KE1LV, Gabe W1GAP, Jeff N1ESA, Mike KC1AYL, Chuck KA1CQR, Jim KD1YV, Sid N1MVM, Ed K1UQE, Robert N1RGS, Douglas WA1SFH, George AB1GL, Dale N1OFH, and Wayne N1CLV. MCU4 Support provided by Bill W1GTT

Thanx to everyone who helped to make this great event a resounding success!

Thanx & 73, Wayne Gronlund N1CLV

A Special Woodstock 5K Road Race Participation “Thank You”

By Vinny, KB1JDX on behalf of ECARA

ECARA would like to thank the following operators for providing communications support for the Woodstock 10k Road Race: Paul KE1LI (Net Control), John K1JFG, Davy K1DSK, John KB1YZG, Vinny KB1JDX, Jana KB1LYF, John K1CSP, Bill KA1KAC, Frankie KB1NDO, and Tiffany KC1BLH. There were also a lot of mosquitoes present at mile marker 3, not that they were very helpful. Hi Hi

What is Field Day

by Jon KA1MPG

Field Day is the largest amateur radio emergency preparation exercise in the United States. Every year around 30,000 amateur radio operators gather at locations across the country and operate for 24 hours straight under emergency conditions. The purpose of this event is to simulate conditions that would be found after a major disaster such as a hurricane or an earthquake. Ham radio clubs set up stations at remote locations where no facilities exist for normal radio operation. The clubs bring everything they need with them. This includes tents,



trailers, generators, and of course all of the radio equipment, antennas, and towers. We usually setup five or six stations.

Field Day is a contest. The purpose of the event is to contact as many stations as possible during a 24 hour period. This is done under difficult conditions. It is also practice for the relaying information that takes place during actual emergencies. Each station has information that it has to exchange with other stations.

Field Day is an educational experience. If you have never participated before there are plenty of club members who are more than willing to teach you everything they know about all aspects of Field Day and ham radio in general. For those that have never operated before this is a perfect opportunity to get on the air for the first time. If you have never operated a contest before there are many experienced testers who enjoy teaching the ins and outs of contesting. There will be other educational activities during the weekend.

Field Day is a huge social event. Hams get together and have fun and enjoy each other's company. There are usually many people just talking and hanging out at all hours. These are either hams that are there waiting for their turn to operate or people who come to Field Day just for the socializing.

This year the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association will be holding field day at the Pomfret Recreation Park located at 576 Hampton Road (Route 97) in Pomfret Connecticut. Setup begins at 2 pm on Friday, June 24th and should last for several hours. We will need a lot of help to get the tents, antennas, and other equipment setup. The contest portion of field day begins at 2 pm on Saturday the 25th and runs for 24 hours straight. We will need a lot of relief operators during the entire 24 hours of the contest. If you can only help for an hour or two that would be a big help.

On Saturday evening at 6:00 pm the club will be having a potluck supper. All are welcome. If you can make a dish or a dessert item, please do so.

The gate at the entrance to the park will be locked from dusk to dawn. The lock will be a combination lock with the combination of 1472. Please bring the combination with you. We will be monitoring the repeater at all times if you need directions to the park or assistance with the lock.



ECARA Calendar of special events 2016:

Club meetings held every second Monday of each month.

Event	Date	Purpose	Contact/Net Control	Attendance
O'Putnam Road Race	3/13	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	6 attended
ECARA Flea Market table set-up	3/18	8PM, St Joseph's church hall, Dayville	K1NLX	8 attended
ECARA Flea Market	3/19	Club fund raiser	K1NLX	~doz attended
VE Session	3/19	Examination for those needing ham license	KB1JDX	3 VEs
ECARA Breakfast #1	3/26	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	K1NLX	23 attended
Monthly meeting at QVEC	4/11	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1CSP	23 attended
Jog with Judy	5/7	Safety & communications	K1AGL	4-6 ops needed
Sky Warn Class	TBD	Storm spotting & reporting, Location TBD	TBD	Anyone interested
Woodstock Road Race	5/30	Safety & communications	KE1LI	10 attended
VE Session	6/8	Tests for new Techs and license upgrades	KB1JDX	Anyone interested & ready
DKH 5K Road Race	6/18	Safety & communications	KE1LI	TBD
Kid's Day	6/18	Demonstration and promote Amateur Radio services to youth (1-7PM)	K1CSP	Half doz or more needed
ECARA Field Day	6/24-26	Contesting & emergency readiness	KA1MPG	Members, family & friends
VJ Day Parade	8/14	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	
Annual ECARA Picnic	TBD	Socialization, and business related activities (if any), BYOB & soft drinks	K1CSP	Members, family & friends
Brooklyn Fair	8/25-28	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	
Thompson Community Day	Sep	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	
Harvester 5K Road Race	Sep	Safety & communications	TBD	
Woodstock Road Race	Oct	Woodstock Academy	TBD	
Monthly meeting at QVEC	Oct	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1NLX	
ECARA Breakfast #2	Oct	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	K1NLX	Members, family & friends
ARRL 2016 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)	TBD	Exercise in emergency communications	N1CLV	
Dazzle Light Parade	Nov	Safety & communications (rain date TBD)	TBD	
ECARA Election of Officers & Xmas Party	12/12	Social & administrative event; officer election 6PM @ Classic Pizza, Rt6, Brooklyn	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
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