



# The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



## A Message from the President

November 2016

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Hello members and associates of ECARA.

This month's meeting will be held back at **Day Kimball Hospital**. It is an important meeting to attend for we will be holding **Nominations for Officers** for the upcoming year. Please take a close look at the membership and put some thought into who you want to represent ECARA as officers for 2017. It is more important to pick someone who has the time to dedicate to the club, versus someone who has great knowledge of amateur radio, but will not attend any functions. The first time I held office as President, I was only a ham for two years, but I relied upon the expertise of older hams to advise me on the technical issues. The rest seemed to just take care of itself.

On that note, I will not be seeking another term as President. My business is growing rapidly, and I barely have time to write the President's message each month for the SinePost. I do not feel that I can give ECARA the attention that I should provide as President. I will try to remain active in club activities when I can, but can no longer fulfill the duties as President.

Also, we have important information to discuss related to the Hamfest in March. We are still searching for a suitable location where we can hold the event. We have some options available, and will discuss them at the meeting. If you have any ideas regarding this topic, please bring them to the meeting.

I haven't had much time to listen to the bands lately. This month is the ARRL Sweepstakes Contest for phone. It is being held on November 19, 2016. I hope to find some time to listen in and maybe even make some sideband contacts.

For those of you who had your photo taken for DEMHS ID Cards and have not picked your cards up yet, I'll have them at the meeting.

See you at the meeting.

73,  
K1CSP  
John Szamocki

### **NEXT MEETING**

**DKH DAY KIMBALL HEALTHCARE**

320 Pomfret Street (Route 44) • Putnam, CT 06260

Main Phone: (860) 928-6541

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**Monday 7PM, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

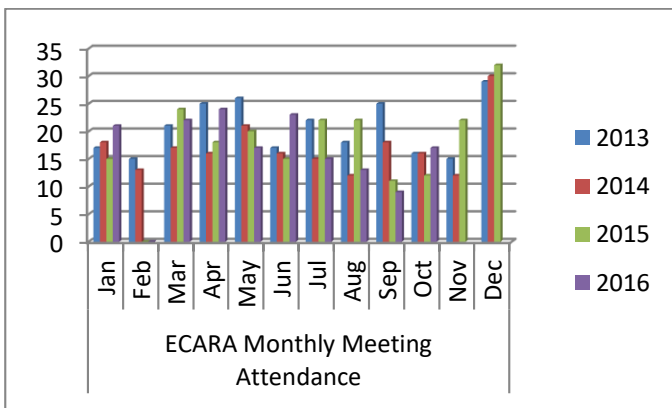
ECARA Monthly Meeting 10/10/16 at QVEC, East Killingly, CT.

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs.

Attending Members:

K1AGL, Al	KB1JQA, Phil
K1CSP, John	KB1YZG, John
K1DSK, Devendra	KB1ZOV, Skip
K1JFT, John	KB1ZOW, Brittany
K1NLX, Peter	KC1ESV, Todd
K1ZE, Ed	KC1ESW, Provi
KA1KAC, Bill	KE1LI, Paul
KB1DNO, Frankie	N7BEO, Christy
KB1JDX, Vinny	

Visitors, Guests & Past Members: none



K1CSP presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Motion made to accept the September minutes as published in the October SinePost; seconded and carried.

**Treasure’s Report:**

For the months of September; beginning balance: \$7659.31; receipts: dues – \$38.00; expenses: party pizza - \$43.03, Thomson Day banner - \$25.00; ending balance: \$7629.52. Motion made to accept the September Treasurer’s Report as read; seconded and carried.

Old Business:

- IDs mostly distributed. Brief given on the purpose of the cards. Unclaimed cards available at the next meeting. Ctc: K1CSP
- BSA/GSA JOTA event to be held 10/15-16. K1CSP will not be able to attend, but K1ZE to bring equipment. Antennas need to be installed. The call assigned for the event is K1MUJ. Volunteers for the setup on 10/14 will be KB1YZG, KB1JQA & K1ZE. The scoutleader w/coordinate movement of scouts to use radios. Ctc: K1CSP
- KB1JDX gave a briefing on The Thompson Community Day (9/25), indicating it was a lot of fun and many people stopped by. A broadband hamnet cam was also set up and used. He also gave a briefing on the new tech class at NDDH mentioning that it started with eleven students, two of whom were under the age of 16.
- Fleamarket 2017 discussed. K1CSP reported that the Thompson Community Center was not available due to being a fund raising event. K1NLX contacted St Joseph’s church on 9/16 and sent a follow-up email as requested but has received no response as of 10/10. He will email another inquiry. Other venues discussed: N. Grovs KofC where K1AGL can get a member discount but it was decided that Putnam Elks would be better; K1AGL to investigate further. Use of the old Killingly High School was mentioned and KB1ZOW to investigate further. Use of the Pomfret 4H Camp and Woodstock Elementary School were also discussed; KB1DNO to investigate further.

New Business:

- Per membership decision the October breakfast was rescheduled to Sat, Nov 12 at 9AM at the Main St. Grille. Reservation to be secured by K1NLX and RSVPs emailed to members. Ctc: K1NLX
- The Simulated Emergency Test (SET) date has not been officially posted yet.
- ECARA has not received a request for assistance at the Dazzle Light Parade on 11/27 yet.
- Nominations of officers discussed and will take place at the November meeting; election of officers for 2017 will take place the ECARA’s annual Christmas Party at Classic Pizza, Brooklyn on 12/12 at 6PM.

Good of the order: none

Meeting adjourned at 1945hrs.

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A shout out to KB1DNO and KB1ZOW who brought the cranberry/almond bread; and chocolate chip/butterscotch cookies (respectively) to the QVEC meeting.  
 Awesome treats for all to enjoy!

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## ECARA Calendar of special events 2016:

Club meetings held every second Monday of each month.

Event	Date	Purpose	Contact/Net Control	Attendance
<del>O'Putnam Road Race</del>	3/13	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	6 attended
<del>ECARA Flea Market table set-up</del>	3/18	8PM, St Joseph's church hall, Dayville	K1NLX	8 attended
<del>ECARA Flea Market</del>	3/19	Club fund raiser	K1NLX	~doz attended
<del>VE Session</del>	3/19	Examination for those needing ham license	KB1JDX	3 VEs
<del>ECARA Breakfast #1</del>	3/26	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	K1NLX	23 attended
<del>Monthly meeting at QVEC</del>	4/11	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1CSP	23 attended
<del>Jog with Judy</del>	5/7	Safety & communications	K1AGL	4-6 ops needed
<del>Sky Warn Class</del>	TBD	Storm spotting & reporting, Location TBD	TBD	Anyone interested
<del>Woodstock Road Race</del>	5/30	Safety & communications	KE1LI	10 attended
<del>VE Session</del>	6/8	Tests for new Techs and license upgrades	KB1JDX	6 attended
<del>DKH 5K Road Race</del>	6/18	Safety & communications	KE1LI	TBD
<del>Kid's Day</del>	6/18	Demonstration and promote Amateur Radio services to youth (1-7PM)	K1CSP	Numerous OPS attended
<del>ECARA Field Day</del>	6/24-26	Contesting & emergency readiness	KA1MPG	Couple dozen + attended
<del>Annual ECARA Picnic</del>	8/13	Socialization, and business related activities (if any), BYODrinks	K1CSP	13 attended
<del>VJ Day Parade</del>	8/14	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	Unk
<del>Brooklyn Fair</del>	8/25-28	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	Unk
<del>Thompson Community Day</del>	9/25	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	Unk
<del>Monthly meeting at QVEC</del>	10/10	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1NLX	17
<del>ECARA Breakfast #2</del>	11/12	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	K1NLX	Members, family & friends
<del>BSA/GSA JOTA</del>	10/14-16	Promotion of ham radio for emergency communications	K1CSP	~Half doz volunteers
<del>ARRL 2016 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)</del>	TBD	Exercise in emergency communications	N1CLV	
<del>Dazzle Light Parade</del>	11/27	Safety & communications (rain date TBD)	TBD	
<del>ECARA Election of Officers &amp; Xmas Party</del>	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
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
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