

The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

December 2016

Hello members and associates of ECARA.

Happy holidays to you and your families. We made it through Thanksgiving, and Christmas is just around the corner. We will then be cruising into a new year with many changes upon us. In January, we experience the VHF Contest. This is a fun contest that everyone from Technician to Extra can participate in, even with a modest station. The weather will be cold, and we really won't have any excuses not to turn the radios on.

This month's meeting is a special holiday meal/meeting at Classic Pizza in Brooklyn. The meal starts promptly at 6 PM, with a brief meeting to set the dues for 2017, and of course the election of officers. Please try your best to attend the meeting and bring your family members if you like. 2016 was kind of a quiet year for ECARA. Let's try to make 2017 a more interesting year in the amateur radio world. Please share your thoughts and ideas on how to make the club/meetings more interesting with your newly elected officers.

Hope to see you at the meeting/holiday dinner.

73,
K1CSP
John Szamocki

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NEXT MEETING

Classic Pizza of Brooklyn, CT

597 Providence Rd
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Main Phone: (860) 774-6333

[Get Directions](#)

Monday 6PM, December 12

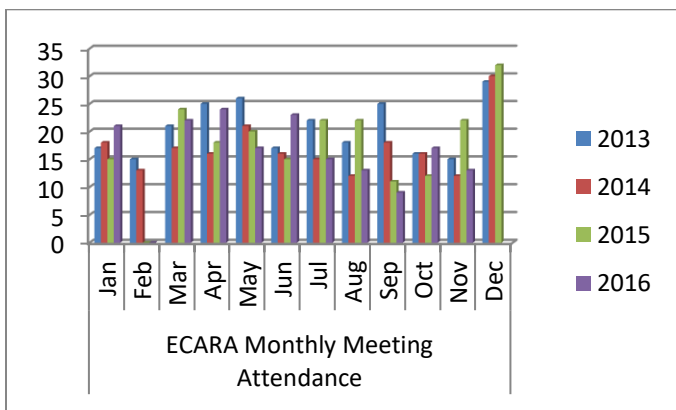
ECARA Monthly Meeting 11/14/16 at Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam, CT.

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs.

Attending Members:

K1CSP, John	KA1MPI, Ron
K1DSK, Devendra	KB1DNO, Frankie
K1JFT, John	KB1JDX, Vinny
K1NLX, Peter	KB1ZOZ, Deb
K1ZE, Ed	N1NNP, Mimi
KA1KAC, Bill	N7BEO, Christy
KA1MPG, Jon	

Visitors, Guests & Past Members: none



K1CSP presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

Secretary’s Report:

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

Treasure’s Report:

For the month of October: continuing balance - \$7629.52, no activity reported. Motion made to accept the October Treasurer’s Report as read; seconded and carried.

Old Business:

- It was reported that the BSA/GSA JOTA event held 10/15-16 was attended by only 13 scouts due to a scheduling conflict within the BSA. Four stations were set up for this event.
- Fleamarket 2017 discussed further. KB1ZOW indicated via SMS text that Susan Theroux (779 6605) was the contact for securing Killingly High School as a possible venue. K1CSP reported that Polish/American Club in

Webster was available for \$450 and that a reservation needs to be made very soon to secure the property for March 18th date. He pointed out other pros & cons for the facility. The Woodstock Elementary School was also briefly discussed.

It was suggested that since no one was willing to chair this event it should be cancelled for 2017. Motion made to cancel for 2017; seconded and carried. K1NLX to draft a courtesy cancellation notification to be emailed to past vendors. Draft to be submitted to top four officers for approval before emailing by K1NLX.

- KA1MPG gave an update of 2017 field day locations. The ball field adjacent to QVEC was mentioned but that coordination with the church owner would be required. It was also mentioned that some of the higher powered radios might cause interference with QVEC radios. The Pomfret Recreation Park was mentioned as a better option. Motion made to use the Rec Park for the 2017 event; seconded and carried. KA1MPG to submit application to the town for use on the required dates.
- KB1JDX reported that the recent Tech class will have a VE session on 11/16, and that there are currently 9 who will be attending.
- KB1JDX also reported that the club breakfast at the Main St Grille in Putnam was attended by 14 members and guests. The gratuity for the group was paid for by the club.

New Business:

- Nominations of officers for 2017 was conducted. Further nominations will also be accepted and/or declined during ECARA’s annual Christmas Party at Classic Pizza in Brooklyn on 12/12 at 6PM. The following nominations were made:
 President: KE1LI, KB1LYF
 VP: K1AGL
 Secretary: KB1ZOW, KB1YZG
 Treasurer: KB1DNO
 Trustee 1st yr: KE1LI, KB1ZOV
 Member at Large 1st yr: K1DSK, K1JFT
- KC1FWF, Deborah Freligh, was voted in as a new member.
- K1CSP reported that he received an award gavel on behalf of the club from the ARRL for earning top honors in the Local Club Category of the January 2016 VHF Contest.

Good of the order: none

Meeting adjourned at 2017hrs.

A shout out to those who accepted nomination to available openings for the 2017 club officer elections!

2017 Officer Nominations & Election

By K1NLX

The Positions in GREEN are up for 2017 nominations. The Current Holders in GREEN may be re-elected to the same position if nominated and without declining. Current Holders in YELLOW have indicated that they are declining another term in that position.

We encourage those who meet the minimum criteria in the Constitution's Section 5 (excerpted & highlighted below) to consider being nominated for one or several of the positions highlighted in GREEN. The actual duties of these positions require just a few hours, or less, of your time each month.

ECARA Membership					
Positions	Current Holders	2016	2015	2014	Term
President	John Szamocki	K1CSP	K1AGL	K1AGL	Consecutive 2yr limit
Vice President 1 st yr	Tiffany Phillips	KC1BLH	KB1JDX	KB1JDX	Consecutive 2yr limit
Secretary	Pete Johnson	K1NLX	K1NLX	K1NLX	Term ending
Treasurer	Frankie Rollinson	KB1DNO	KB1DNO	KB1DNO	Term ending
Trustee Perm	Ed Shekleton	K1ZE	K1ZE	K1ZE	Permanent position
Trustee 2 nd yr	Michael Therrien	N1MD	N1MD	KB1ORX	Term ending
ML 2 nd yr	Christy Johnson	N7BEO	N7BEO	KA1MPG	Term ending
Trustee 1 st yr	Vinny Mazarella	KB1JDX	KB1JQA	KB1JQA	Term continuing
ML 1 st yr	Al Lafleur	K1AGL	KE1LI	KE1LI	Term continuing

Section 1 — ECARA officers — The officers of the ECARA consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Trustees (One Permanent and two elected from the general membership for alternate two year terms), and other appointed officers as necessary.

Section 1.1 — ECARA officer Terms of Office — Terms of Office shall be for one year, President and Vice President limited to two consecutive terms. Treasurer and Secretary may serve an indefinite number of consecutive terms subject to election or recall by the general membership.

Section 5 — Eligibility — Any voting member of the ECARA is eligible for office, provided that: The Association member must have been in good standing for one year prior to nomination to office and that the nominee must hold a valid, current Amateur Radio Operators license.

Section 6 — Nominations — Nominations for elective office shall be held at the November general membership meeting. Nominees have the right to decline nomination at this time.

Section 7 — Elections — Elections will be held during the December general membership meeting. Declinations for elective office can be made at this time. Further nominations and declinations can be made at this time.



JOTA 2016

Thank you to the operator trainers who volunteered:
N1NNP, KA1MPG, KA1MPI, K1AGL, K1ZE

CONGRATULATIONS NEW HAMS!!!



Congratulations to Karen KC1GRH, Ian KC1GRD, Warren KC1GRE, Liam KC1GRF, Kevin KC1GRG, and Brian KC1GRR on becoming new hams! Also, congratulations to Derek K1ROL for upgrading to general! Thank you to the VE's examiners Vinny KB1JDX, Ed K1ZE, and Tiffany KC1BLH. VE session was held on 11/16 at the NDDH in Brooklyn, CT.



Special thanks to Mike KC1AFM, Rusty KC1CVU, and Jana KB1LYF for helping out at the Putnam Dazzle Light Parade on November 27th. We were a little shorthanded but we had no issues to attend to and a nice parade to watch. -Vinny KB1JDX NCS

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	6 attended
DKH 5K Road Race	6/18	Safety & communications	KE1LI	Unk
Kid's Day	6/18	Demonstration and promote Amateur Radio services to youth (1-7PM)	K1CSP	Numerous OPS attended
ECARA Field Day	6/24-26	Contesting & emergency readiness	KA1MPG	Couple dozen + attended
Annual ECARA Picnic	8/13	Socialization, and business related activities (if any), BYODrinks	K1CSP	13 attended
VJ Day Parade	8/14	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	Unk
Brooklyn Fair	8/25-28	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	Unk
Thompson Community Day	9/25	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	Unk
Monthly meeting at QVEC	10/10	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1NLX	17
ECARA Breakfast #2	11/12	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	K1NLX	14 attended
BSA/GSA JOTA	10/14-16	Promotion of ham radio for emergency communications	K1CSP	13 attendees
ARRL 2016 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)	TBD	Exercise in emergency communications	N1CLV	
Dazzle Light Parade	11/27	Safety & communications (rain date TBD)	KB1JDX	
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
HOME:	CURRENT PHONES (home& cell) 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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