



The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

May 2017

Hello members and associates of ECARA

I would like to thank Ed (K1ZE) for arranging a very informative guest speaker for the April meeting. Our guest speaker was Eric (KV1J), a representative from the W1 QSL Bureau. Eric educated us about the inner workings of the incoming and outgoing QSL bureaus. He also provided us with the opportunity to sort QSL cards.

Ed has also arranged for the Connecticut Youth Coordinator from the ARRL to be the guest speaker for the May meeting. This meeting will be at the Camp Waldron Boy Scout Camp in North Grovesfordale Connecticut. The address of the camp is 108 Mountain Hill Road.

There are three public service events in May. The Jog for Judy takes place on Saturday May 6th in Woodstock. Vinny (KB1JDX) will be operating from Wolf Den Park in Pomfret on Sunday May 7th. All are welcome to help Vinny operate this event. The Woodstock 10k Road Race will take place on Memorial Day. Please check the ECARA Email reflector and the club website for more details.

ECARA is still looking for a location to hold our flea market in 2018. We need to make sure this happens. If you have any suggestions please bring them to the May meeting or please email them to me.

Field Day will again be held at the Pomfret Recreation Park. We received official approval last month. If you have never been to field day, this is a major event. I will include an article called "What is Field Day" in this issue. The dates for field day are Saturday June 24th and Sunday June 25th with setup on Friday June 23th.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

73,
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Jon Fournier

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NEXT MEETING

Camp Waldron

Jessie Hay Lodge

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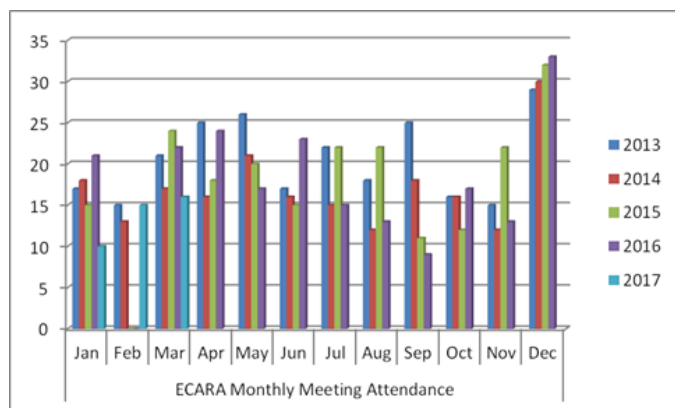
Monday 7PM, May 8th

ECARA Monthly Meeting **3/13/17** at Golden Greek, Dayville
Meeting called to order at 1840 hrs.

Attending Members:

K1DSK Devendra	KB1JDX Vinny
K1MLG Michael	KB1ZOW Brittany
K1NLX Pete	KC1BLH Tiffany
K1VGF Kevin	KC1ESV Todd
K1ZE Ed	KC1ESW Providencia
KA1MPG Jon	KE1LI Paul
KA1MPI Ron	N1NNP Mimi
KB1DNO Frankie	N7BEO Christy

Visitors & Past members: None



KA1MPG presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

Business:

- Nomination for N1AQS Frank as a new ECARA member. Welcome Frank!
- SinePost:** (KC1BLH Tiffany) The SinePost will be coming from ecarasinepost@gmail.com. The sinepost@outlook.com is no longer in service.
- Secretary:** (KC1ESW) Providencia will on be vacation during the April meeting, someone will have to take the minutes.

Good of the order: None

Meeting adjourned at 1840 hrs.

ECARA Monthly Meeting **4/10/17** at QVEC, East Killingly

Meeting called to order at 1905 hrs.

Attending Members: Unavailable

KA1MPG presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to accept the minutes as published in the March 2017 SinePost. April minutes to be included in the May 2017 SinePost. Minutes accepted, seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Unavailable, will be included in the May 2017 SinePost

OLD BUISNESS:

- Courthouse O'Putnam 5K Road Race:** Vinny KB1JDX reported the race was a success and there were enough operators. It was a cold one!
- 2018 Flea market:** The location was discussed, and a site is still needed.
- Field Day:** ECARA has the approval from Pomfret Recreation Park to use the site for Field Day.
- Union CT Repeater antenna:** Ed KZ1E is still waiting for information about moving the antenna.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jog with Judy 5K Road Race:** (KB1DNO Frankie) Saturday May 6, 2017. Several operators and a net control will be needed. **UPDATE!!!** Due to lack of volunteers, ECARA will not be helping out this year.
- Radio in the Park:** (KB1JDX Vinny) GOTA "Get On the Air" event on Sunday May 7th. KB1JDX will be operating from Wolf Den to demonstrate ham radio to the public. New hams and seasoned hams are welcome! This is an opportunity for those who don't have HF capabilities or haven't been on in a while to get some low key radio time. It is also an opportunity to see some portable station and antenna setups. Operation is from 1-5pm in Pomfret, CT near the Wolf Den trailhead. There are 2 picnic tables there and Vinny will be bringing a folding table. Feel free to bring your own radio and power source if you'd like. Talk in will be on the 147.225 repeater.
- Woodstock Road Race:** (KE1LI Paul) Several operators are needed to help out with this event on Memorial Day May 29, please contact KE1LI if you'd like to help out. Great event for new hams!
- Breakfast at 4G's:** (KE1LI Paul) Anyone is welcome! Social event to discuss the future of radio projects and VHF contests. We will meet at 9am on May 13th. Please contact KE1LI if you plan on attending so he can give the restaurant a heads up.

Good of the order: none

Meeting adjourned at 1930 hrs.



KV1J Eric, the manager of the W1 area QSL bureau, gave a talk about how we receive foreign QSL cards. Thank you Eric! 😊

Special thanks to Ron KA1MPI for taking April's meeting minutes while Providencia KC1ESW was on vacation!

What is Field Day by Jon KA1MPG

Beginning at 2 pm on Saturday June 24th amateur radio operators from the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association will gather at the Pomfret Recreation Park. These radio operators will be gathering in that park to take part in field day. This event is the single largest emergency communications exercise in the United States. Approximately 30,000 amateur radio operators will gather at thousands of similar locations across this country.

Field day is an extremely important event for amateur radio operators owing to the fact that emergency communications is such a major component of the hobby. Whenever there is a major disaster, such as an earthquake or a hurricane, amateur radio provides the only communications into and out of the affected area. The same holds true for smaller disasters that only affect a local area. This sort of expertise takes a lot of practice. That's what field day is all about. Our club sets up four or more stations in the park, housed in either tents or trailers. These stations are completely portable and powered by generators.

To make the practicing more interesting and entertaining, field day is a contest. The goal of the contest is to see how many different stations each club can contact in a 24 hour period. Because accurate information relay is part of emergency communications, an exchange of information takes place with each contact.

Education is also a major component of field day. All of the experienced club members are more than happy to teach any inexperienced amateur radio operators all about emergency communications, contesting, antenna design, and all other aspects of the hobby. There is a station called "Get on the Air" which is set up specifically for those who have never operated before. The GOTA station is staffed the entire contest by a coach who will teach you how to operate in the contest, and getting on the air in general.

Field day is also a major social event. All throughout the weekend, amateur operators congregate at the field day site to socialize, converse, and enjoy each other's company. At 6 pm Saturday evening there is always a potluck supper. Everyone who can is encouraged to bring a dish or a desert for the feast. There are a lot of people who come to the ECARA field day event just for the socializing.

Please check out next month's Sinepost for more information on ECARA's 2017 field day event. Hopefully we will see you there !!!



ECARA Calendar of special events 2017: Club meetings held every second Monday of each month at DKH unless otherwise indicated.

Event	Date	Purpose	Contact/Net Control	Attendance
Breakfast @ Bill's Bread & Breakfast	1/14	Social event to discuss direction future radio projects and VHF contest	KE1LI	11 in attendees
Breakfast @ 4G's Restaurant	3/11	Social event to discuss direction future radio projects and VHF contest	KE1LI	All welcome!
O'Putnam Road Race	3/12	Safety & Communications	TBD	
Dinner meeting @ Golden Greek	3/13	Social event & monthly business agenda	KA1MPG	
VE Session	5/30	Examination for those needing ham license	KB1JDX	
Monthly meeting at QVEC	4/10	Monthly business agenda	KA1MPG	
Radio in the Park	5/7	Social event at Wolf Den	KB1JDX	
Monthly meeting at Camp Waldron	5/8	Monthly business agenda	K1CSP	
Sky Warn Class	5/10	Storm spotting & reporting	TBD	Anyone interested
Breakfast @ 4 G's	5/13	Social even to discuss direction and future radio projects and VHF contest	KE1LI	All welcome!
Woodstock Road Race	May	Safety & Communications	TBD	
ECARA Field Day	6/24-25	Contesting & emergency readiness	KA1MPG	
DKH 5K Road Race	June	Safety & Communications	KB1JDX	
Kid's Day	June	Demonstration and promote Amateur Radio services to youth	K1CSP	
Annual ECARA picnic	August	Socialization, and business related activities (if any), BYOB & soft drinks	TBD	Members, family & friends
VJ Day Parade	August	Safety & Communications	TBD	
Brooklyn Fair	August	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	
Monthly Meeting @ Camp Waldron	9/11	Monthly business agenda	K1CSP	
Thompson Community Day	September	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	
Harvester 5K Road Race	September	Safety & Communications	TBD	
Woodstock Road Race	October	Safety & Communications	TBD	
BSA JOTA	TBD	Demonstration and promote Amateur Radio services to youth	K1CSP	
Monthly meeting @ QVEC	10/9	Monthly business agenda	KA1MPG	
ECARA Breakfast	TBD	Social event	TBD	Members, family & friends
Dazzle Light Parade	November	Safety & Communications	TBD	
ECARA election of officers & Xmas party	12/11	Social & administrative event; officer election	TBD	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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