# The SinePost The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association

# A Message from the President

November 2017

Hello members and associates of ECARA

It's hard to believe November has already arrived. Unfortunately that means winter is right around the corner. It also means it is election season for the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Association. At this month's meeting we will hold nominations for club officers.

We are in need of a club secretary to fill in for the remainder of the year. Providencia (KC1ESW) resigned just before the previous meeting, thank you Provi for all of your hard work. We are also in need of an editor for the SinePost

The Dazzle Light Parade in Putnam will be the club's only public service event in November. This event will take place on Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>. The event begins at 5 pm but those helping will need to be there by 3 pm because the roads close before the event.

During the club meeting we will continue our discussion on how to increase attendance at club meetings and participation at club events. We are also looking for ideas on how to get newly licensed hams involved in our club. If you have any ideas we very much welcome them

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving,

73, KA1MPG Jon Fournier

The next meeting will be Monday November  $13^{\rm th}$  at 7pm. The meeting will be held at Day Kimball Hospital.

## **Minutes for October 2017 Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Secretaries report was accepted from the Sept, SinePost

Treasurers report -- Starting Balance \$7204.95 Ending Balance \$7200.31

Providencia (KC1ESW) resigned as club secretary. No one volunteered to serve as secretary for the rest of the year.

### **Old Business**

Girl Scout Comporee went well—2 stations were set up and 5 club members helped.

Thompson Day was a success

Hole in the Wall public service event- there was no information.

JOTA – K1CSP did not hear back from the scout leader so ECARA will not take part in event

SET will be held on Saturday OCT 14

Nothing set on the flea market

Club needs a new SinePost editor

We need to find ways improve attendance at club meetings. Some ideas discussed were

Make meetings more social and less business

We need to get those who attended classes involved in the club

Working with scouts and young marines

Would spring classes that end just before field day get new hams to field day?

### **New Business**

Young Marines contacted us to help with road race on 10/28

CQ DX contest will weekend of 10/28

Club repeater moved to Brooklyn, good signal reports

Club will sell unused 440 antennas

KZ1M digital repeater is in use in S Killingly

Meeting closed 7:35 pm

K1CSP did presentation on Power Pole connectors and K1ZE demonstrated proper way to solder coax connectors.