



# The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



## A Message from the President

December 2017

Hello members and associates of ECARA,

I would very much like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year.

It has been a difficult year for me as president. At the last December meeting I stepped up to become president because no else would accept the nomination. Over the past year I found myself stepping up twice more to fill an important role for the club because no one else stepped up to fill the void. The first time was to run the flea market and the second was to be the SinePost editor. Before I became president I was already running field day and the club website. All of this became too much and I burned out. Thankfully Patt Weimer volunteered to run the flea market in September and Vinny (KB1JDX) volunteered to become SinePost editor at the November meeting.

I have already been nominated to run as president again. If elected I will serve another year. I will also continue as field day chairman and run the club website if the club wants me to do so. This year, if I'm elected, I will not take on any additional responsibilities.

Attendance at club meetings has dropped considerably over the past couple of years. This has led to a shortage of club members who are able to fill important roles and help out when needed. There is a core group who help whenever something needs to get done. I am extremely grateful for these individuals. However these individuals need more help. We need to figure out how to increase attendance at meetings and participation at club events.

Patt Weimer has secured the banquet hall at the Thompson Speedway for our club flea market. The date will be Saturday, April 29th. ECARA will need a lot of help from club members to make this happen.

The December meeting will also be our club **Christmas Party** and election of club officers. All are welcome. The party will be **at Classic Pizza in Brooklyn on Monday, December 11th**. The side room has been reserved for us starting at **6 pm**.

Hope to see everyone there

73

Jon KA1MPG

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Minutes from ECARA Monthly Meeting  
**11/13/17 at Day Kimball Hospital**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

**Secretaries report:**

Motion to accepted from the October, SinePost

**Treasurers report:**

Beginning balance \$7200.31

Ending balance \$7366.40

**Old Business:**

**Flea Market update**—having communications issues with Patt Weimer because she does not have email or a computer.

**Club secretary needed** to fill out rest of year – no one volunteered

**SinePost editor needed** – Vinny KB1JDX volunteered to take over

**Young Marines Race** – plenty of club help, only 3 runners

**New Business:**

**Dazzle Light Parade** – Several club volunteers will be needed to provide communications

**Ashford School** has applied for opportunity to talk to International Space Station. They asked ECARA to act as mentor. ECARA approved request.

Lots of old **equipment was donated** to ECARA by a Silent Key, Ed K1ZE suggested the equipment be donated to the St. Croix radio club. The request was approved. Ed will pay shipping.

**Eleizer KC1IJX** was voted into the club. He was newly licensed.

Meeting closed 7:35 pm

Ed K1ZE gave a presentation on his experiences helping a Ham in St. Croix repair his damaged equipment.

**Nominations for Office**

President – Jon KA1MPG

Vice President – John K1CSP

Secretary

Treasurer – Frankie KB1DNO

Trustee – Vinny KB1JDX

Member at Large – Al K1AGL and Ray W1YFF

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Classic Pizza of Brooklyn, CT**  
597 Providence Rd  
Brooklyn, CT 06234  
*[Get Directions](#)*  
*Monday 6 PM, December 11*

## **New Hams**

Please join me in welcoming the following new Hams that went through our recent Technician Class held in Brooklyn, CT:

Herbert M. - KC1IFI  
Eliezer I. - KC1IJX  
Harry C. - KC1IOX  
Joe H. - KC1IIS  
Mike S. - KC1IOZ  
Robert S. - KC1IOU

Each of them will be receiving a free year's membership to ECARA as part of completing the class. We congratulate them all and welcome them to the club.

-Vinny KB1JDX, VE Team Liaison

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## **November Breakfast 11/18/17**

On November 18th, a group of us gathered to discuss radio and other topics of the day.

Some of the attendees can only gather on weekends due to weekday conflicts.

This was the largest group we've ever had at 20. Four of which were fairly new hams.

I also brought my programming laptop and updated some frequencies on a radio.

### **In attendance were:**

KE1LI, Paul  
KB1DNO, Frankie  
KB1ZOW, Brittney and Patrick  
W1YFF, Ray  
K1VFG, Kevin (AKA the Mayor of Ashford)  
KB1ZOY, Derek  
KB1GRH, Karen  
K1NLX, Pete  
N7BEO, Christy

KB1YZG, John and Suzon  
KC1GRE, Warren  
KB1LYF, Jana  
KB1JDX, Vinny  
K1ZE, Ed  
KC1IIS, Joe and Mary  
KC1IOW, Brad  
And, KB1TIM, Tim.

The food was great. Many thanks to the staff at 4G's

Our next "Eating event" is scheduled for the club Meeting at Classic pizza on 12/11 at 6PM.

December is a pretty busy month so I may do something in January before the VHF contest.

73,

Paul, KE1LI  
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## **Dazzle Light Parade**

On November 26th, ECARA once again assisted with communications along the Dazzle Light Parade route.

This annual event starts near the monument on Grove Street, winds its way through downtown Putnam, and ends near Owen Bell Park.

The parade started promptly at 5 pm with temperature around 40f and lights breezes. It cooled during the event and I had 36F when we ended about 7ish..

### **Assisting were:**

KB1ZOY, Derek  
KB1JDX Vinny  
KB1LYF, Jana  
KC1AFM, Mike  
KB1DNO, Frankie

And KE1LI, as Net control.

Many thanks for the help.

There was a good turnout of attendees and all seemed to enjoy the event. This mostly attracts families and children from the surrounding towns but I spoke with someone that was there from Danbury visiting and they had a wonderful time.

ECARA has assisted the organizers of this event since the first year of this event, in 2001. Most of the time the weather has cooperated but the first year the temps dropped to 5f with a stiff wind. The little fairies (aka Brownie girl scouts) were shivering.

This event kicks off the Holiday season with a bang and something that I look forward to.

From our family to yours, have a safe and Happy Holiday season.

I hope you can make the Holiday Meeting on December 11th.

73,

Paul, KE1LI



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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Contact/Net Control</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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	
Breakfast @ 4 G's	11/18	Social event	KE1LI	Members, family & friends
Dazzle Light Parade	11/26	Safety & Communications	KE1LI	
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
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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