



The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

May 2018

Hello members and associates of ECARA,

I'm so grateful the flea market is finally behind us. It was a lot of work and a lot stress. It was also a major success. For more about the flea market please check out the wrap up article later in the SinePost.

Our next major club activity, which takes place Friday June 22nd thru June Sunday June 24th, is Field Day. At its core, this event is the single largest emergency communications exercise in the United States. To make things much more interesting Field Day is also a contest. There is so much to this event that I'm going to write a "what is Field Day" article for the next SinePost. ECARA will be setting up for Field Day at the Pomfret Recreation Park.

The Woodstock Road Race will be our next public service event. This race takes place Memorial Day morning. If you have never operated a public service event you will be paired with a veteran operator.

The contact between the Ashford School and the International Space Station is scheduled to take place during the week of September 17th. ECARA is playing a major role in this event. Four operators from our club will be setting up the radio stations and acting as control operators for the contact. The students at Ashford School are very excited about this contact. Their teachers have worked it into the curriculum all year.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

73,
KA1MPG
Jon Fournier

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NEXT MEETING
QUINEBAUG VALLEY
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1249 Hartford Pike, East Killingly, CT
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MONDAY 7PM, MAY 14



Minutes from ECARA Monthly Meeting
4/9/18 at **Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Wayne N1CLV did a presentation on Mesh Networking over Amateur Radio

Secretaries report:

Motion to accept minutes from the March SinePost

Treasurers report:

Treasurer report was read and accepted

Old Business:

Club Secretary vacancy needs to be filled – There were no volunteers

Flea Market update:

- Doors open at 6:30 for vendors
- 40 total tables with 26 already spoken for
- Will improvise for VE session which starts at 10:00
- Will try and publicize on Webster and Thompson Facebook Pages

Space Station Contact

- Scheduled for the week of September 17th
- ARRL will provide Satellite Go Box for primary station
- Club will provide backup station

New Business:

Jog with Judy - Saturday May 5. 4 operators will be needed

Radio in the Park - Sunday May 6 at Wolf Den Park. Vinny KB1JDX organizing. QRP stations running on battery

Woodstock Road Race – Memorial Day

Jackets - \$35 with regular patch and \$45 with embroidered patch

May Meeting will be at QV in Killingly

Emergency exercise - will take place during the Brooklyn Fair

ECARA Reflector - Problems with Yahoo Groups which hosts the email reflector.

Build Night - Friday night antenna build night at Paul KE1LI's QTH 4/13

Meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

Flea Market wrap-up by Jon KA1MPG

Thank you to everyone who helped out and made the ECARA flea market happen. It was a major success. We had a plentiful supply of vendors. There were a total of 39 tables reserved.



Even with almost constant rain we had a large crowd the entire time. The Raceway Restaurant proved to be an excellent location. There were only minor complaints about the lighting. We've been invited back there next year. I strongly recommend we take them up on their offer. I'll be making that recommendation at the next meeting.



Thank you to Pat Weimer for finding the location for us and making the arrangements. Thank you to Vinny KB1JDX for running the VE session. I believe we had 3 examinees.



Here is a breakdown on the money taken in and the expenses:

Club table	\$461.00
Raffle	\$205.00
Admission and tables	\$744.00
Total Cash	\$1,410.00
Total Checks	\$96.00

Total money taken in **\$1,506.00**

Expenses	
Hall	\$250.00
Mailer	\$50.00
Radio	\$160.00

Total Expenses **\$460.00**

Total profit for club **\$1,046.00**



ECARA Calendar of special events 2018:

Club meetings held every second Monday of each month at DKH unless otherwise indicated.

Event	Date	Purpose	Contact/Net Control	Attendance
Breakfast	1/13	Social event to discuss direction future radio projects and VHF contest	KE1LI	All welcome!
O'Putnam Road Race	3/11	Safety & Communications	KB1JDX	
Hamfest	4/29	Annual flea market and VE Session	TBD	
Radio in the Park	5/6	Social and "Get on the Air" event at Wolf Den	KB1JDX	
Dinner Midway restaurant in Ashford	5/17	Social event to discuss direction and future radio projects and VHF contest	KE1LI	All welcome!
Skywarn Class - Hampton	5/23	Storm spotting & reporting	KC1CVU	Anyone interested
Woodstock Road Race	5/28	Safety & Communications	TBD	
ECARA Field Day	6/23-24	Contesting & emergency readiness	KA1MPG	
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	
DKH 5K Road Race	August	Safety & Communications	KB1JDX	
Brooklyn Fair	August	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	
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	
ECARA Breakfast	TBD	Social event	TBD	Members, family & friends
Dazzle Light Parade	November	Safety & Communications	TBD	
ECARA election of officers & Xmas party	12/10	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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