



The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

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Happy 2019,

Awkward way to start the President's letter but we didn't have a January version of the Sine Post so, let's start the year (or at least the rest of the year) right.

At the January meeting, we held elections tabled from the December Holiday party and I ran unopposed for President of ECARA. I have done this years ago and will make a best effort to serve the members of the Club.

But, I am not a miracle worker. Over the last 10 years our club, like many, have been going through pains to maintain our ranks while still being needed for Ecomm and public service. It's not that we are drastically down on membership, but that participation in club events including meetings has dropped off.

I will be the first to admit that there are many issues in life that draw us away from ECARA events. So I want you to know that I will try to make our events a valuable use of your time.

With this in mind, Vinny, KB1JDX emailed everyone on the Yahoo Group and the new Groups.io reflectors a simple open ended survey. I wanted to find out what you, the members of ECARA, wanted to see or learn. This could be a meeting or outside of our usual 2nd Monday meeting schedule.

The top two items are Ecomm and Digital. We will try to schedule presentations for these two items in March and April's 2nd Monday meetings.

The other thing that I would like to do is have more food related meetings. It is not a secret that these are the best attended meeting that we have. So I will try to get the March Meeting set up for the Golden Greek in Dayville. <http://www.goldengreekrestaurantandpub.com/>

To be clear, our business meeting will start at 7PM. I would hope that any food and/or drinks desired is ordered before the meeting starts so get there early.



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My objective is to minimize the business portion of the meeting, focus on a subject to be discussed and socialize with fellow hams and friends.

Some Hams cannot make weekday night meeting due to other obligations, but that doesn't mean that they don't want to belong. To satisfy this, we will have a monthly Saturday morning breakfast so that these hams can still be part of who we are and be able to share ideas and questions they may have.

In January and February, we met at 4G's. Brittany KB1ZOW has volunteered to coordinate March's breakfast (thanks). It will be held at Main St Grille in Putnam at 9AM on March 2nd. This is one of my favorite breakfast spots in the area. Good choice Brittany.

<https://www.mainstgrilleputnam.com/>

Jon KA1MPG will be coordinating both the Hamfest at Thompson Speedway club house (April, 28th, 2019) and ECARA's 2019 Field Day events. A copy of the flyer is later in this month's Sine Post. Thanks for volunteering Jon.

I want our club to be something that you WANT to belong to, so if you have ideas that will help our club, please express them. One idea is to potentially sponsor a scholarship for higher Education. I would want to discuss this further at a club meeting but the idea has merit.

I'm in sales so I can talk forever; therefore, I'll cut it short..... Please try to attend this month's meeting at DKH at 7PM on 2/11/19. I want to manage your club so that today's newly licensed Ham will have a club they can run when they are our age.

Thanks for the Survey responses... it's a great start.

73,

Thanks,
Paul Rollinson, KE1LI
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NEXT MEETING

DKH DAY KIMBALL HEALTHCARE

320 Pomfret Street (Route 44) • Putnam, CT 06260

Monday 7PM, Feb 11th

SECRETARY REPORT

January 14, 2019 Meeting

Location: Day Kimball Hospital

Members Present

1	John K1CSP	2	Ray W1YFF	3	John K1JFT
4	Vinny KB1JDX	5	Brad K1BAB	6	Ed K1ZE
7	Frankie KB1DNO	8	. Eli K1QM	9	Bill KA1KAC
10	Paul KE1LI	11	Peter K1NLX	12	Christy N7BEO
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Meeting Called to order: January 14, 2019 at 1908 Hours

Meeting Conducted by: John Szamocki- K1CSP- Outgoing Vice-President

Motion to accept Secretaries report: Not Applicable-

Treasurers Report: Frances Rollinson
Account Balance: \$8030.03 Accepted as read

Election of Officers: President: Paul Rollinson- KE1LI- Unopposed
Vice President: Vincenzo Mazarella- KB1JDZ-Unopposed
Secretary: John Turner-K1JFT- Unopposed
Treasurer: Frances Rollinson- KB1DNO-Unopposed
Trustee: (1 Year) Elizer Iturrino- K1QM- Majority Vote
Trustee: (2 Year) William Grovesteen-KA1KAC-Unopposed
Trustee: (Permanent) Edward Shekleton-K1ZE-Unopposed
Member at Large: Devendra Kalonia-K1DSK-Unopposed
Member at Large: Ray Thornton- W1YFF-Unopposed

Election of Officers closed at 1918 hours

Old Business:

1. According to QV Office they have a cellular company installing antennas on their tower. They have arranged to have the cell company install our antenna and new cable.
2. Need to replace bungee cords from wire to base.
3. Day Kimball Hospital Radio System:
 - a. Vinny to meet with Bob at Day Kimball Hospital facilities management to determine access points for radio in hospital.
 - b. Vinny and John Turner will then survey the site, catalog equipment, and determine best location and placement of antenna cable and radio.

4. Vinny reports 10 new Ham Operators passed the license process in November

New Business:

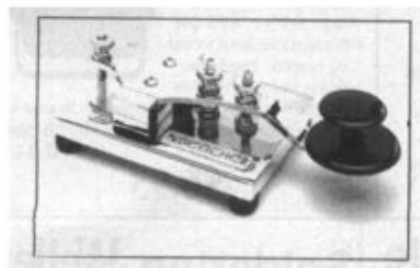
1. Thompson ECARA flea Market at the Thompson Raceway is scheduled for April 2019. Jon Fournier will coordinate this event.
2. ECARA Field Day event will be coordinated by Jon Fournier. Location to be finalized.
3. Paul Rollinson made motion to keep dues the same as last year. Motion accepted without opposition.
4. KE1LI presented a questionnaire to members concerning their main interest in amateur radio.
5. Ray Thornton Stated that he would conduct radio building project with 12 40 meter radio kits that were donated by ARRL. The classes will be held at the Northeast District Department of Health. Exact Date and Time to be determined in February.
6. Vinny Mazzearella made a motion to switch our email from (yahoo.groups) to (groups.io). The motion was accepted by majority vote.
7. Membership advised of VHF contest this weekend.
8. February meeting to be held at Day Kimball Hospital

Motion to Adjourn: President Paul Rollinson made motion to adjourn at 2018 hours and it was accepted by majority vote.

AMATEUR RADIO FLEA MARKET



Sunday
April 28, 2019
8 AM to 12 PM
RAIN OR SHINE



ADMISSION: **\$3.00** DONATION
TO BENEFIT: **Eastern Conn. Amateur Radio Assoc.**
(Previously the Pomfret Hamfest)

VE test session, Limited spaces available, Must Pre-register

Raceway Restaurant at Thompson Speedway

205 East Thompson Rd. Thompson, CT 06277

Tables are **\$15.00** each. Please reserve in advance

For more information and table reservations
: Contact Jon KA1MPG at Jonas217@Verizon.net or 508-943-4467

WWW.ECARA.NET

Talk in on 147.225 MHz PL 156.7

ECARA Calendar of special events 2019:

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

Event	Date	Purpose	Contact/Net Control	Attendance
O'Putnam Road Race	3/10	Safety & Communications	KB1JDX	
Hamfest	4/28	Annual flea market and VE Session	KA1MPG	
Radio in the Park	May	Social and "Get on the Air" event at Wolf Den	KB1JDX	
Skywarn Class - Eastford	May	Storm spotting & reporting	KC1CVU	Anyone interested
Woodstock Road Race	5/27	Safety & Communications	KE1LI	
ECARA Field Day	6/22-23	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
DKH 5K Road Race	August	Safety & Communications	KB1JDX	
VJ Day Parade	August	Safety & Communications	KB1JDX	
Brooklyn Fair	8/22-25	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	
Harvester 5K Road Race	September	Safety & Communications	TBD	
Thompson Community Day	October	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	
Woodstock Road Race	October	Safety & Communications	TBD	
BSA JOTA	TBD	Demonstration and promote Amateur Radio services to youth	K1CSP	
Dazzle Light Parade	November	Safety & Communications	TBD	
ECARA election of officers & Xmas party	12/9	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
CURRENT EMAIL:		Would you like to receive the SinePost? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVISIONAL
ECARA Treasurer, PO Box 63 Dayville, CT 06241, Phone # 860 928 5147, Fax # 860 928 3844				