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A Message from the President

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Hello members and associates of ECARA,

I'm currently sitting in a hotel room in New Jersey typing the president's message on my phone. What fun.

We had a lot of activity since the last President's message. We had the Jog with Judy race, build night in my garage, Memorial Day Road Race in Woodstock, as well as some decent propagation on the VHF bands. I would also like to add last month's meeting at the National Weather Service training class. Hopefully somebody can give me an update on how that went.

This weekend starting at 2 p.m. Saturday and running until 11 p.m. on Sunday we have the June VHF contest. This is the biggest event of the year for VHF folks. Try to get on and give out some points. I will be operating on 6, 2, 222, and 432 at least. Trying to get 903 at 1296 running but it's a long shot right now.

Monday, June 10th, we have our monthly meeting which will be held at the Golden Greek in Dayville Connecticut. Dinner starts at 6, meeting to follow, this month's topic is Field Day. Bring your ideas and your questions. Jon KA1MPG has once again volunteered as chairman and is looking for your input.

I'd like to welcome K1UQE, Ed back into the area. He is up for some time from Florida and I have invited him to the Field Day exercise. Hopefully he can squeeze it into his busy schedule.

I have to get to work. Have a great weekend, weather is supposed to be good, and see you at Monday's meeting if I don't talk to you during the contest this weekend.

73,

Paul, KE1LI

NEXT MEETING



Golden Greek Restaurant

474 Putnam Pike • Dayville, CT 06241

Monday 7PM, June 10th

SECRETARY REPORT

February 11, 2019 Meeting

Location: Day Kimball Hospital

Members Present

1	Dubb-KB1DGY	2	Linda Gardner	3	Michael-K1MLG
4	Kevin-K1VGF	5	Michael-AC1FZ	6	John-K1CSP
7	John T. K1JFT				
10					
13					
16					
19					

Meeting Called to order: 1915 hours
Meeting Conducted by: National Weather Service
SKYWARN Call Sign-W1XBOX
Norton, Massachusetts

The May 13, 2019 meeting was replaced with a presentation by the National Weather Service, Skywarn. THE NWS conducted the presentation at the Eastford Congregational Church in Eastford. Seven members of the ECARA radio club attended and were certified as Skywarn Spotters.

Program Ended: 2115 hours

ECARA Nets

Windham County Weather Net	Wednesdays – 8 PM	147.225/R
ARES Net	Wednesdays – 8:15 PM	147.225/R
Flying Saucer Net	Thursdays – 9 PM	28.475 USB

Field Day 2019

By Jon KA1MPG

ECARA will be holding field day at Gawron Farm in Thompson Connecticut. The farm is located on Gawron Road, which is off of Route 193. Please check out the [field day page](#) I created on our website for a map to the new location.

We chose a new location because we ran into several issues with the Pomfret Recreation Park location. The locked gate was the biggest issue, especially when they demanded I not share the combination with anyone. With hams coming and going to our field day all through the night I would have had to run back and forth to the gate over and over again. We found that the park rules were too restrictive for us. There was also not enough shady areas for those of us in tents.

The fields at the new location are huge, giving us more room to spread out than we could possibly ever fill. There are lots tall trees for our antennas and enough shady areas. There is no gate to deal with. Because the field is privately owned there are no annoying rules. We will have a camp fire and I'll be able to bring my keg full of Field Day Amber Ale.

The potluck supper this year will feature a pig roast. If anyone wants to bring a dish or a desert item please do so. As usual the potluck supper will begin at 6 pm Saturday.

The dates for field day this year are Saturday June 22 thru Sunday June 23. Setup will begin Friday June 21 at 2 pm. The contest begins Saturday at 2 pm and runs for 24 hours.

We need a lot of help all weekend to make field day a success. This year we are very much in need of CW operators.

If you have never operated a contest before or are in need of coaching there will be many experienced hams at field day to provide all of the assistance and

knowledge you need to successfully operate field day.

Field day is a fun social event that provides everyone with very valuable emergency communications training, knowledge, and practice.

Build Night



ECARA Member Derek May recognized as Emergency Manager of the Year

Derek May of Pomfret was recently recognized with the Northeast States Emergency Consortium (NESEC) 2018 Emergency Manager of the Year Award. May serves as Emergency Management Director for the town of Pomfret and is the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH).

Nominees for the annual NESEC award are selected from emergency management communities in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Vermont. May was nominated by Dan Meade, Emergency Management Director from Hampton, CT, and was selected by the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) as the state nominee.

May received his award at the annual Region 4 Emergency Management Director meeting held April 9, 2018 at the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments office. The meeting was also attended by DEMHS Deputy Commissioner Regina Rush-Kittle and State Emergency Management Director William J. Hackett.

“I’m honored to receive this year’s award, especially considering all the other emergency management professionals who also deserve recognition for the good work they do in their communities every day,” said May. “I’m fortunate to have a job which allows me to work on emergency planning, and I believe the operational experience I gain through my volunteer roles makes me a better planner and a better partner during a response.”

DEMHS Region 4 Coordinator Mike Caplet presented May with the award, after citing a long list of his local, regional, and national contributions. Among them was May’s planning and participation in numerous preparedness drills and exercises; his successful coordination which established a four-town, multi-jurisdictional shelter agreement with the American Red Cross (ARC) and DEMHS; service on multiple emergency and safety committees; and his deployment as an ARC volunteer to Texas as an Emergency Response Vehicle driver for Hurricane Harvey.

“Derek is well respected by his peers and is a trusted resource who the northeast CT emergency management community continually looks to for guidance and leadership,” commented Caplet. “We all have the highest personal and professional

regard for him and are pleased to present him with this award.”

May serves as Safety Officer and EMT for the Pomfret Fire Department and is an EMT with Woodstock Ambulance. He is also a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) instructor, a ham radio operator, and has been a unit leader for the Northeast CT Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), based out of NDDH, since 2008.

“The community is so fortunate to have someone as talented and hard working as Derek working in our corner,” commented Director of Health Susan Starkey. “We at NDDH are grateful for expertise and his ability to keep us linked to all of our preparedness partners.”

May also deployed to Hurricane Florence and is contracted through NDDH to provide Emergency Preparedness services to the Eastern Highlands Health District.

“I like learning new things, and I like bringing people together to find solutions to problems we have in common,” he explained. “When things go wrong, we all need to work together and support each other. Being involved with multiple organizations – in both volunteer and professional capacities - makes me a more effective partner.”

Pictured below: NESEC 2018 CT Emergency Manager of the Year Derek May (center) with (l to r) Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Region 4 Coordinator Mike Caplet; State Emergency Management Director William J. Hackett; DEMHS Deputy Commissioner Regina Rush-Kittle, and Town of Pomfret First Selectwoman Maureen Nicholson.



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	
Jog with Judy	5/4	Safety & Communications	K1QM	
Radio in the Park	5/5	Social and "Get on the Air" event at Wolf Den	KB1JDX	
Skywarn Class - Eastford	5/13	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
HOME:	CURRENT PHONES (home& cell) 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
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