



# The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



## A Message from the President

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Aug 2014

Members All...

July was a Hot month but that did not stop some of our members from being very active in the Ham Radio world. WRTC 2014 received the True dedication of our members (ED, Jay, Bob & Dick) who assisted in that event. Also, a "Thank you" to all who attended and represented the club at the ARRL 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention and ham fest in Hartford.

Now, the Big thing that needs to be discussed at August Meeting is our Annual Picnic TIME, DATE AND LOCATION need to be finalized at the meeting. It's Your PICNIC! Let your voice be heard.

Catch you on the air!

73's  
Al, K1AGL  
President

### **NEXT MEETING**

**DKH DAY KIMBALL HEALTHCARE**

**320 Pomfret Street (Route 44) • Putnam,  
Connecticut 06260 • Main Phone: (860) 928-6541**

**Get Directions**

**Monday 7PM, August 11**

ECARA Monthly Meeting 7/14/14 at DKH  
Meeting called to order at 1905hrs.

Attending Members:

K1AGL, Al  
K1CSP, John  
K1NLX, Peter  
K1ZE, Ed  
KA1KAC, Bill  
KB1DNO, Frankie  
KB1JDX, Vinny  
KB1JQA, Phil  
KB1LYF, Jana  
KB1YZG, John  
KC1BLH, Tiffany  
KE1LI, Paul  
N7BEO, Christy  
W1EQ, Bob

Visitors, Guests & Past Members:

KB1YZI, Richard

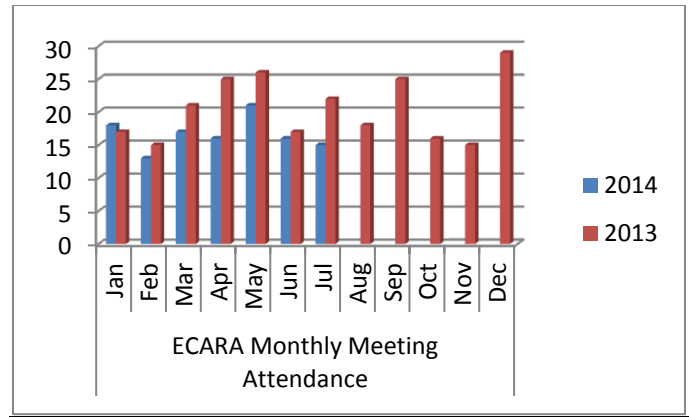
**Secretary's Report** – Motion made, seconded and carried to accept June club minutes as posted in this month's SinePost.

**Treasurer's Report** – Beginning balance: \$9530.41; Field Day expenses: \$87.26; adjusted balance: \$9,443.15. Motion to accept the report as posted was seconded, and carried.

K1AGL presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

Old Business:

- Field Day synopsis provided by KB1JDX. More poles and/or tall trees for antenna mounting will be needed next year to prevent interference from co-located transmitters. Two kids were logged as attendees. Good DX was reported on 10 & 20M. Wolf Den was mentioned as a possible location for FD next year. Logging was discussed. FD material forwarded to W1RB for inclusion in Bulletin blog Ctc: KA1MPG, Jon
- "Easy-Up" purchase – KB1JDX reported that a brand name tent will cost almost \$300, more than earlier \$200 estimate and approval. Discussion concerning use of brand vs. off-brand. Motion made to amend previous NTE amount from \$200 to \$300. Seconded and carried. Ctc: KB1JDX
- KB1JDX digital station open house was well attended by both members and non-members. Literature on products used was provided. Ctc: KB1JDX
- Club website still in process of development by K1JSH. Club members invited to view progress and provide comments, suggestions, etc. K1NLX to work with KB1DNO to open a PayPal account for use on the website. Ctcs: committee (WB1CCL, Lynn; KB1JDX, Vinny; K1JSH, Jamie).



- Thompson Day update: letter of request to be submitted to sponsors along with change of location. Antenna issues were discussed. Ctc: KB1JDX, Vinny
- Brooklyn Fair update: letter from fair board member advised ECARA to plan on being there and in the same location as last year. Antenna and PA interference issues were discussed. Ctc: KB1JDX, Vinny

New Business:

- Per approval at previous meeting K1AGL ordered recognition pins for distribution at field day. Motion made to reimburse the \$106.35 cost of pins. Seconded and carried.
- K1NLX requested approval to make selected SinePost USPS mailing as deemed necessary to meet special requests for such. Discussion ensued. It was felt that the SinePost editor should be given limited discretion. Motion made to allow USPS mailings to a maximum of 10 paid members at the sole discretion of the SP editor. Seconded and carried.
- Reminder that the CQ World Wide VHF contest (6&2M) is this coming weekend. Ctc: KE1LI
- Reminder that the ARRL National Centennial Convention in Hartford is also this coming weekend. Ctc: K1ZE
- BSA's JOTA preparedness exercise for 18 Oct in Union, CT was discussed. VHF setup for 8 stations is needed. Ops and stations are needed for this event. More info at next meeting. Ctc: KB1JDX
- Facebook promotion of club was discussed. It was suggested that a one year SinePost subscription be offered to non-affiliates as an enticement to join the club. Also, having a mechanism such as PayPal available for membership fees and potential donations by non-affiliates to the club. Considerable

discussion followed concerning holding a club Facebook promotion for membership. Pros & cons were voiced as to the nature of the giveaways. The concept of a promotion was considered a positive endeavor but the details and rules needed to be further defined. It was agreed that a trial promo be advanced to understand both the mechanism and the consequences, both intended and unintended. A motion was made to allow KB1JDX to have a Club Facebook promotion in September to give away two

1 year 2015 club memberships at his discretion. Motion seconded and carried.

Good of the order:

K1CSP clarified that the new Yeasu P-25 digital repeater is backward compatible for analog signals (contrary to previously disseminated info).

Meeting adjourned at 2018hrs.

A special “thank you” to N7BEO for the homemade cinnamon rolls served after the meeting.

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## **JOTA Event Info**

...as excerpted from WA1SFH email dtd 6/14:

We just had our first Organizational Meeting last night, and I am very excited about this weekend event!

- This is going to be a combined 3 DISTRICT Camporee from the CT Yankee Council (Wepawaug Valley, Sleeping Giant, and Lighthouse Districts)
- They are talking about having **300 Scouts** attending! **(WOW!)**

### **KEY INFO**

**WHAT:** “Disaster in East Scoutopia”

**The Big Day:** Saturday- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>

**ON THE AIR:** 8 am – 11:55 am, (½ Hour Lunch Break), 12:30 pm – 5 pm

### **Set-up times**

- Friday (Oct. 17): 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- Saturday (Oct 18): 6:30 am – 7:30 am

It is critical the each station be UP and Running by 7:30 am, because the first wave of Scouts hits at 8 am.)

For Radio Activities, I have suggested:

- Mast Building & Guying\*
- Antenna Building (dipoles)\*
- 8 JOTA GOTA Stations (HF SSB, VHF/UHF FM, HF PSK-31)

**\* NOTES:**

Each operator will still need to bring their own radios, antennas, coax, masts, etc.

**GRID DOWN**

- Would like this event to be Battery or Generator powered.
- Still discussing benefit of having Commercial Electrical power available. (TBA)

The way I see it, the JOTA GOTA Activity is the Bottle Neck of the entire weekend operation.

- I calculate that we need a rate of 5 Scouts per Station per Hour so that all 300 Scouts GOTA.
- This allows for about 10 min On Air Time per Scout.

Now you can see why [we need 8 Base Stations](#).

Again, thank you for your help in getting the word out to ECARA club members to support this outstanding Boy Scout JOTA Weekend.

73,

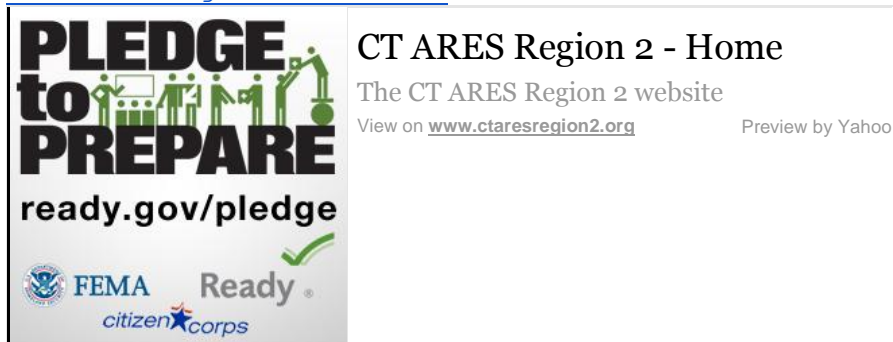
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[CT ARES Region 2 - Home](#)



The screenshot shows a webpage for CT ARES Region 2. On the left, there is a large graphic with the text "PLEDGE to PREPARE" in bold, black letters. Below this, it says "ready.gov/pledge". At the bottom of the graphic are logos for FEMA, Ready, and citizen corps. On the right side of the screenshot, the text reads "CT ARES Region 2 - Home", "The CT ARES Region 2 website", "View on [www.ctaresregion2.org](http://www.ctaresregion2.org)", and "Preview by Yahoo".

**NOTE from editor:**

Anyone interested in participating should contact WA1SFH or KB1JDX.

## ECARA Calendar of special events 2014:

Club meetings held every second Monday of each month.

Event	Date	Purpose	Contact/Net Control	Attendance
Executive Meeting	1/20	define direction for year	K1AGL	9 attended
ECARA Breakfast	3/8	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	K1AGL	~20 attended
O'Putnam Road Race	3/9	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	11 attended
<del>ECARA Flea Market table set-up</del>	3/14	8PM, St Joseph's church hall, Dayville	K1NLX	~12 attended
ECARA Flea Market	3/15	Club fund raiser	K1NLX	19 vendors 184 entrants
VE Session	3/15	Examination for those needing ham license	KB1JDX	12 examinees
HT Battery Project Part 1	3/28	Refurbish battery packs of older HTs for distribution to new members if needed, BYOB	KE1LI	~10 attended
HT Battery Project Part 2	4/11	Complete project, BYOB, 6:30PM	KE1LI	~10 attended
Jog with Judy	5/3	Safety & communications	K1JSH	5 attended
Sky Warn Class	5/20	NDDH 69 South Main Bklyn: 7-10PM	KB1DGY	several dozen
Woodstock Road Race	5/26	Safety & communications	KE1LI	6 attended
Ham Station Open House	6/22	Demo of State of the Art Ham Station	KB1JDX	>doz attendees
ECARA Field Day	6/27-29	Contesting & emergency readiness	KA1MPG	couple dozen attendees
Deary Road Race	8/9	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	6-7 ops needed
VJ Day Parade	8/10	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	10-12 ops needed
Brooklyn Fair	8/21-24	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	TBD
ECARA Breakfast	9/TBD	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	TBD	Members, family & friends
Annual ECARA Picnic	TBD	Socialization, and business related activities (if any), BYOB & soft drinks	TBD	Members, family & friends
Monthly meeting at QVEC	10/13	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1AGL	Members, guests & visitors
JOTA (Jamboree On The Air)	10/17-19	Event promoting Ham Radio for Boy Scouts	KB1JDX	8 base stations & operators
ECARA Election of Officers & Xmas Party	12/8	Social & administrative event	K1NLX	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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