

The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

November 2014

Members All...

This was a quiet month for ECARA...only a couple events & classes.

The Tech class is moving along with 15 attendees .We also had our club breakfast on the 25th at Main St. Grille. Only 7 members and 2 XYL's attended. We had a great time; I only wish more members attended.

The November Meeting will be mostly spent nominating next year's officer candidates. The December Meeting will be the club Christmas party and election of officers. Let's have a full meeting hall and show your support. Every vote counts. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Catch you on the air!

73's

Al, K1AGL

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NEXT MEETING

DKH DAY KIMBALL HEALTHCARE

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Monday 7PM, Nov. 10

ECARA Monthly Meeting 10/13/14 at QVEC
Meeting called to order at 1905hrs.

Attending Members:

K1AGL, Al
K1JSH, Jamie
K1NLX, Peter
KA1KAC, Bill
KB1DNO, Frankie
KB1JQA, Phil
KB1YZG, John
KC1BLH, Tiffany
KE1LI, Paul
N1MD, Mike
N1XAE, Ray
N7BEO, Christy
W1EQ, Bob

Visitors, Guests & Past Members: N0FQY, N7PRD,
KC1CMQ

K1AGL presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

Secretary's Report:

No formal meeting was held in October. Motion made to accept August minutes as published in the September SinePost seconded and carried.

Treasure's Report:

August: Beginning Balance: \$8855.66; Deposits: \$0.00;
Expenses: \$25 Thompson Day; \$119.43 Technician manuals
for instructors; Ending Balance: \$8711.23.

September: Beginning Balance: \$8711.23; Deposits: \$35.00;
Expenses: \$71.63 General manuals for instructors, \$42.16
food for club picnic; Ending Balance: \$8632.41.

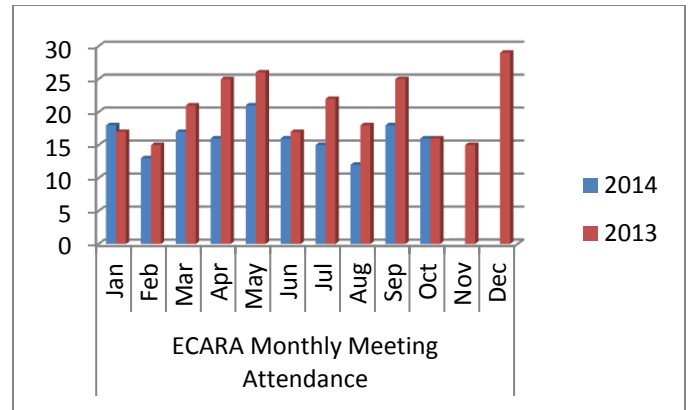
Motion made to accept both August and September
Treasurer's Reports was seconded and carried.

Old Business:

- Facebook promotional winner of one year free ECARA membership was N1ASP, Jesse of Stafford Springs. K1AGL picked 1 of 10 entries by "blind" vote. Ctc: KB1JDX
- Easy-up tent acquisition to be coordinated between KB1DNO & K1AGL. Ctc: KB1JDX
- K1JSH gave quick briefing on the Ashford 300th Anniversary Parade. Six operators attended and all went well despite the constant rain during the event.
- K1AGL gave quick briefing on the Thompson Day event. KB1JDX & K1AGL performed setup in early morning and the event went very well with excellent attendance at the ECARA display.
- K1AGL also gave quick briefing on the Brooklyn Fair event. KB1DNO set up the "trailer" and stayed at the 4 day event almost the entire time. Numerous members manned the trailer, and public interest was excellent.
- K1NLX advised that the ECARA breakfast was erroneously published as September 25th, but was

corrected to reflect on the calendar the correct date of October 25th. KE1LI to reserve that date at the Main St. Grille in Putnam.

- Technician class started at NDDH in Brooklyn with about 18 students. K1AGL thanks all volunteer instructors in this class. Ctc: KB1JDX
- General Class to start in December. Anyone interested may sign-up on club website. Ctc: KB1JDX



New Business:

- N7PRD reported that the local repeater on 444.100 was converted from analog to D-Star about 6 weeks ago whose station call is N1GAU. This is connected to the hub "Reflector 10C" as are all other area digital repeaters. Access to RPT 1 requires the data sequence "N1GAU sp sp B", and to RTP 2: "N1GAU sp sp G". He also advised that there is a DMR repeater in the area as well but it does not "hunt" like the D-Star. Considerable discussion followed. Ctc: N7PRD, Jason
- Nominations for 2015 club officers will be made during the November meeting. Maximum participation at this meeting was encouraged. Ctc: K1AGL
- The March ECARA flea market hall reservation has been secured at St. Joseph's Church in Dayville again this year. Ctc: K1NLX
- A proposal was made to have a list of current members posted on the club website. Discussion followed on the informational content of the list. List to be provided with first name and call sign. List to be provided by Secretary. Ctc: K1NLX
- Discussion concerning new badges it was proposed to wait for this technician class to finish then order even though it will be after the Christmas party. Current membership now about 56. Ctc: KB1DNO
- K1NLX advised that he removed the waterlogged crossband coupler from the QVEC tower and reconnected the feedline to just the 2M/70cm dual band antenna. He suggested that the HF loaded longwire antenna be removed from its existing mount and be packaged for a temporary emergency

installation at a lower level on the tower to a distant, existing stump on the property. He will discuss options for management and advise club. KB1YZG & N7PRD offered to help. Ctc: K1NLX

- K1ZE offered to host a briefing on Motorola's MOTOTRBO digital technology at one of the upcoming meetings. He also advised that CT

Homeland Security will be setting up eleven repeaters to be used with amateur radio. Ctc: K1ZE

Good of the order: TBA

Meeting adjourned at 1955hrs.

A special "thank you" to all who help make this club great!

Ashford 300th Anniversary Parade:

By K1MLG (email extraction)

Thank you very much for your time and efforts at Ashford's 300th Anniversary Event! Vinny (KB1JDX), Frankie (KB1DNO) and Kevin (K1VGF) spent most of the time out in the rain for "extra credit" :) Pete (K1NLX) and Christy (N7BEO) had the pole position where the parade turned and the location of the larger group of spectators and the dignitaries. Fortunately, they had nothing of note to report. Just the way we like it! Jamie did a great job as Net Control, thanks! Tom (KB1ZXE) was positioned where we originally planned to stage the MCU4 trailer. MCU3.5? Tom also



assisted our CERT team in Pompey Hollow Park.

photos by KB1DNO

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
ECARA Flea Market table set-up	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	5 attended
VJ Day Parade	8/10	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	10 attended
Brooklyn Fair	8/21-24	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	11 attended
Annual ECARA Picnic	9/8	Socialization, and business related activities (if any), BYOB & soft drinks	K1AGL	18 attended
Thompson Community Day	9/28	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	~5 attended
Ashford 300th Anniversary Parade and Family Day	10/11	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	6 attended
Monthly meeting at QVEG	10/13	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1AGL	16 attended
ECARA Breakfast	10/25	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	KE1LI	9 attended
JOTA (Jamboree On The Air)	10/17-19	Event promoting Ham Radio for Boy Scouts	KB1JDX	TBA
ARRL 2014 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)	11/8-9	Exercise in emergency communications	N1CLV	As many hams as possible
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
CURRENT PHONES (home& cell) HOME: CELL:			<input type="checkbox"/>	1 st Year ECARA course
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