



The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

April 2015

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Members All...

We had two Great Events in March. First was our Annual Hamfest... and a Big Shout out to Pete K1NLX for running the event, and all the MEMBERS who assisted. The DMR Radio Raffle was one of our best raffles so far. Attendance was good considering Mother Nature doing her thing AGAIN! Members Table was on the low side, so everyone start putting aside any items you wish to donate to next year's club table.

Our Second Event was the O'Putnam 5 k Race. Thanks to Vinny, Jamie, Brittney, Derrick, & Myself with Frankie and Paul on standby.

Our Next Event is Jog with Judy on May 2nd. Operators are still needed.

The April Meeting is at QVEC, Rt101 East Killingly, with a presentation after the meeting.

Catch you on the air!

73's

Al, K1AGL

President

NEXT MEETING

**QUINEBAUG VALLEY
EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS**



**1249 Hartford Pike East Killingly, CT
06243**

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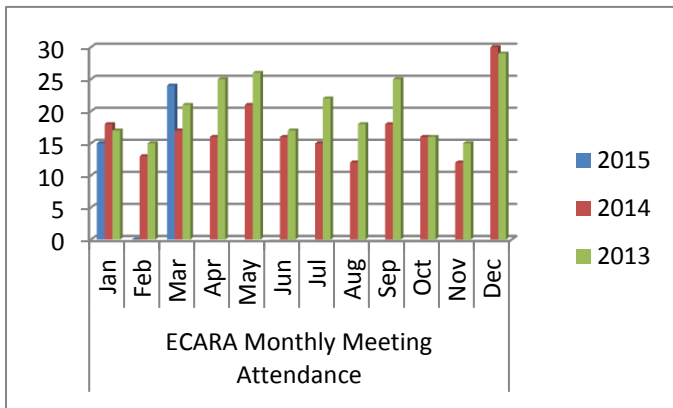
Monday 7PM, April 13

ECARA Monthly Meeting 3/9/15 at DKH, Putnam
 Meeting called to order at 1900hrs.

Attending Members:

- K1NLX, Peter
- K1ZE, Ed
- KA0ERL, Ken
- KA1KAC, Bill
- KA1MPG, Jon
- KA1MPI, RON
- KA1WZA, Richard
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- N1NNP, Margaret
- N1XAE, Ray
- N7BEO, Christy
- W1EQ, Bob
- W1UJ, Jay
- WA1ZNU, Dan

Visitors, Guests & Past Members: none



KB1JDX presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

Secretary's Report:

Motion made to accept January minutes as published in the February SinePost; seconded and carried. February meeting was cancelled due to severe weather.

Treasure's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$8508.78; Deposits – dues \$367.95; Fleamarket table \$10; Expenses – Allen Hill Tree Farm “thank you” gift card \$100; General Class instructor manual

\$22.42; Ending Balance: \$8764.27. Motion made to accept January’s Treasurer’s Report; seconded and carried.

Old Business:

- Replacement South Killingly 2M 2 bay antenna ordered. Ctc: K1ZE
- Update on current fleamarket table reservations. Fleamarket issues: K1AGL to bring PA system; club table needs volunteers, Vinny to handle before class; supplies for concession discussed, K1AGL to buy donuts, K1NLX to buy coffee, cream & cups; concession menu prices established; raffle radio ordered & received. Ctc: K1NLX
- Members asked to donate old license manuals to club so that they may be given as study materials to aspiring hams.
- O’Putnam 5K Road Race needed more operators but is now all set. Ctc: KB1JDX
- Thirty name badges were ordered in time for distribution at upcoming Fleamarket to attending members due one. Ctc: KB1DNO
- The first of two club annual breakfasts needed a volunteer to coordinate. KE1LI offered and is now the contact for this event. W1YFF, Ray, was officially voted into membership. Welcome aboard Ray!

New Business:

- ECARA’s help was officially solicited for the Jog w/Judy event on May 2nd (which conflicts with the NEARfest event in Deerfield). Ctc: KB1DNO
- Brief discussion of the passing of KB1H, Dick Pechie, and the fact that the club has a 440 repeater on his property that needs to be removed. K1ZE proposes that instead of moving it to the QV SK tower, the club should purchase a DMR unit in an effort to move the club into the future of digital communications. Motion made to spend \$1800 for a DMR repeater for the SK tower, seconded, discussion followed. The repeater would be connected to the QVEC combiner system. Motion carried. KB1JQA to purchase unit for club.
- The club was officially invited back to the Allen Hill Tree Farm for the Field Day event June 26 - 28. Ctc: KA1MPG
- An Amateur Extra class was proposed if there was sufficient interest and someone could conduct it. Ctc: KB1JDX

Good of the order: none

Meeting adjourned at 2000hrs.

A presentation on PROPNET by KB1JDX followed the meeting.

A special “thank you” to KB1JDX for an excellent presentation on PROPNET!

2015 Hamfest

By K1NLX

The hamfest this year was well attended with 37 vendors not including the club tables and food concession. The HT raffle went better than expected. The concession stand did very well thanks to N1NNP, KA1MPG & N7BEO. The club tables needed more donated items to sell though. The VE session was also well attended thanks to the promotional efforts of KB1DNO.



Set-up of the raffle table the night before. K1AGL & K1CSP managed raffle ticket sales. KB1DNO handled the entry ticket sales as she has done for many years!



The main hall was well laid out and each pre-assigned table had the call sign or name of each vendor. Thanks to all who helped make this year's event successful!

ARES Old Timer

By KB1JDX

I am officially an ARES old-timer. This year will be my 10th year as Assistant District Emergency Coordinator for CT ARES. I couldn't have done it without my team of operators. Together we have been through a few hurricanes, snow storms, and some really fun drills throughout the years. Keep up the good work Region 4 North!



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Fox News Report

By K1NLX

KB1JQA spotted this report on Fox News about Ham Radio old technology getting new respect, and thought this would be of general interest.

[Click here for story!](#)

Ham radio: Old technology gets new respect

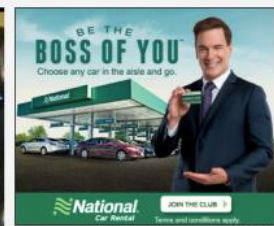
By Jonathan Serrie • Published May 19, 2014 • FoxNews.com



NOW PLAYING
Ham radio gaining new support in digital era

ATLANTA – Seeking reliable backup communication in a crisis, emergency managers are finding new solutions in an old technology: ham radio.

"It's just another avenue, another opportunity for us to be able to communicate," said Herb Schraufnagel, public safety captain with Emory University Hospital Midtown.



Tech Video

Smartphone secrets: Tricks and hidden features

Tourist attractions banning selfie sticks for safety reasons

Using robots to

ECARA Calendar of special events 2015:

Club meetings held every second Monday of each month.

| Event | Date | Purpose | Contact/Net Control | Attendance |
|---|---------|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| Executive Meeting | Feb 2 | define direction for year | K1AGL | Postponed |
| ECARA Breakfast | Mar TBD | Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900 | TBD | Need coordinator |
| ECARA Flea Market table set-up | 3/13 | 8PM, St Joseph's church hall, Dayville | K1NLX | 10 attended |
| ECARA Flea Market | 3/14 | Club fund raiser | K1NLX | ~150 attended |
| VE Session | 3/14 | Examination for those needing ham license | KB1JDX | ~1 doz attended |
| O'Putnam Road Race | 3/15 | Safety & communications | KB1JDX | At least 5 attended |
| Monthly meeting at QVEC | 4/13 | Monthly business agenda at 911 facility | K1AGL | All interested welcome |
| Jog with Judy | 5/2 | Safety & communications | KB1DNO | |
| Sky Warn Class | Unk | TBD | TBD | |
| Woodstock Road Race | 5/25 | Safety & communications | TBD | |
| ECARA Field Day | 6/26-28 | Contesting & emergency readiness | KA1MPG | |
| Deary Road Race | 8/8 | Safety & communications | KB1JDX | |
| VJ Day Parade | 8/9 | Safety & communications | KB1JDX | |
| Brooklyn Fair | 8/27-30 | Promote Ham Radio to public | KB1JDX | |
| Annual ECARA Picnic | Sep | Socialization, and business related activities (if any), BYOB & soft drinks | TBD | |
| Thompson Community Day | Sep | Promote Ham Radio to public | KB1JDX | |
| Monthly meeting at QVEC | Oct | Monthly business agenda at 911 facility | K1AGL | |
| ECARA Breakfast | Oct | Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900 | TBD | |
| ARRL 2015 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) | Nov | Exercise in emergency communications | N1CLV | |
| ECARA Election of Officers & Xmas Party | Dec | Social & administrative event | K1NLX | |

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 |
| ECARA Treasurer, PO Box 63 Dayville, CT 06241, Phone # 860 928 5147, Fax # 860 928 3844 | | | | |