



The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

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Members All...

I hope we all had a restful month of July. Now it's time to get busy! Operators are needed for community events in which ECARA is asked to assist. Deary Road race (6) VJ parade (12) and Brooklyn Fair coverage for 3 days. If you're available to volunteer please contact Vinny, KB1JDX.

And REMEMBER, this month's meeting is *not at Day Kimball Hospital*, rather, this picnic/meeting is at Mashamoquet Brook State Park Rt. 44 Pomfret, 6PM-ish. Pizza will be served! You're invited to bring desserts and/or sides to share if you wish and are able. BYODrinks. Family & friends welcome.

Planning ahead, we were asked to assist in a new road race in Woodstock, Harvester 5K, on Sept 26 looking for operators and a person willing to do net control.

Catch you on the air!

73's

Al, K1AGL

President

NEXT MEETING

Mashamoquet Brook State Park
147 Wolf Den Drive
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
Monday, August 10, 6PM
[Get Directions](#)

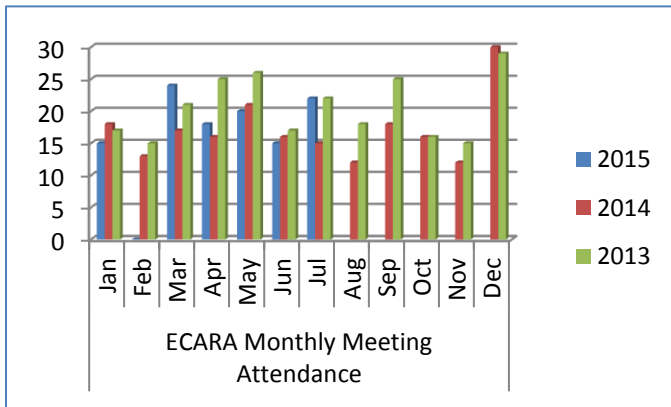
ECARA Monthly Meeting 7/13/15 at DKH, Putnam.

Meeting called to order at 1903 hrs.

Attending Members:

K1AGL, Al	KB1JDX, Vinny
K1MLG, Mike	KB1YZG, John
K1NLX, Peter	KB1ZOV, Skip
K1VGF, Kevin	KC1BLH, Tiffany
K1ZE, Ed	KE1LI, Paul
KA0ERL, Ken	N1MD, Mike
KA1KAC, Bill	N1NNP, Margaret
KA1MPG, Jon	N1XAE, Ray
KA1MPI, Ron	N7BEO, Christy
KB1DNO, Frankie	W1YFF, Ray

Visitors, Guests & Past Members: N1SBL, KD0BMW



K1AGL presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

Secretary's Report:

Motion made to accept June minutes as published in the July SinePost; seconded and carried.

Treasure's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$7430.75; Deposits – dues \$100.00; Expenses – field day food \$71.15; Ending Balance: \$7379.60. Motion made to accept the June Treasurer's Report; seconded and carried.

Old Business:

- Report on field day event by KA1MPG. 723 contacts were made but inclement weather made this number smaller than anticipated. Food was great and plentiful, as usual, and attendance at the pot-luck was great.
- The channel elements for the backup K1MUJ repeater was not ordered by K1ZE due to the increase in cost (which was more than the amount authorized). A brief discussion ensued as to whether or not this backup unit would be worth the hassle and cost to have re-crystallized and re-tuned. Motion was made to table any further action until further evaluation and club discussion at subsequent meeting, seconded and carried. Ctc: K1ZE

- KB1JDX provided an update on the Thompson Day, 27 Sep., event. Club still needs to register for the event. Authorization needed to display club sponsorship sign for a fee of \$25. Motion to authorize payment made, seconded and carried. It was suggested that the recent Reminder article on the field day event be edited and posted at the event. Ctc: KB1JDX

New Business:

- The Treasurer advised that the \$320 club insurance is due and payable under a blanket club authorization, and a rider will also be provided for the State Police as per an MOU with the club for use of one or more of their towers.
- K1AGL reported that W1EQ is doing well after his back surgery. KB1DNO agreed to purchase the get well gift as per last meeting's authorization. Ctc: KB1DNO
- K1ZE advised that the BSA Jamboree-on-the-Air is 16-18 October and that K1CSP & his XYL need a few hams to set up a couple of rigs for their use. Ctc: K1CSP
- KB1JDX advised that the Brooklyn Fair, 27-30 Aug, is coming up fast and he will need a number of helpers to sign up on-line (soon to be posted). Commitments for 4hr blocks of time is preferred. A motion to reimburse entrance fees of the participants was made, seconded and carried. Ctc: KB1JDX
- KB1ZOV to raffle off one beautifully custom-made, hand-held charging stand after the meeting tonight, another one after the club picnic in August, and with all proceeds of both going to club. Ctc: KB1ZOV
- KE1LI advised that a memorial service will be held at the Wauregan Fire Dept on Wed, 15 July, 5-8PM, for SK Dick Pechie WB1AOG. He also suggested that a donation of animal supplies be sent, as requested by family, to NE Regional Animal Control (125 Putnam Pike, Dayville) in lieu of flowers. Motion made to send \$50 in WA1AOG's name per above, seconded and carried.
- KE1LI advised that CQ Worldwide is active this weekend, 2PM Sat to 5PM Sun on 164.55 or 146.40.
- Motion made to vote in K1MLG, Mike, as new member; seconded and carried. Welcome aboard, Mike!!!
- The annual picnic was discussed. Motion to have picnic on Mon, Aug 10 at Mashomouquet Brook State Park at 6PM to closing (sunset), seconded and carried. Motion to order 3 party sized pizzas and reimburse the associated cost. KC1BLH to order at Big Y then pickup & bring to event. BYOB, but recommend using "red" cups to put it in for consumption. (Alcohol okay except in pond area per [DEEP regulations](#))

Good of the order: KB1ZOV to raffle off one beautifully custom-made, hand-held charging stand with all proceeds going to club.

Meeting adjourned at 1949hrs.

Also, a shout out to KB1ZOV who donated the \$28 proceeds to club after raffling the first of two the hand-held radio charging stands.

Recent Back Surgery

By W1EQ

My sincere "thank you" to the club for the edible arrangement that I received after my recent back surgery. It was most appreciated. My recovery is slowly progressing on schedule.

Thank you, Bob, W1EQ

Events Coming Up

By KB1JDX as excerpted from email

Hi guys,

Assistance is needed once again this year for the annual Deary Road Race and Moosup VJ Day Parade. See info below for dates and times.

Please let me know if you are able to help out with either event. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Who: Day Kimball Hospital

What: Deary Memorial Road Race/Walk

Where: J.D. Cooper's Restaurant - 146 Park Rd, Putnam, CT

When: **Saturday Aug 8, 2015** - 7:45 AM

Additional Info: 6 - 7 OPS needed. Walkers start at 8:00 am, runners at 9:05 am.

Who: Moosup, CT

What: America's V.J. Day Parade

Where: Moosup Fire Department, Moosup, CT

When: **Sunday Aug 9, 2015** - 10:00 AM for assignments and breakfast (cheap... all you can eat!)

Additional Info: 10 - 12 OPS needed. This is one of our biggest public service events of the year and we will really need your help. If you can't make breakfast, we can get you in a position anywhere from 11:00 to 12:00. Parade starts at 1:01 pm, done by 2:00 pm.

73,

Vinny KB1JDX

2015 Amateur Radio Technician Class

By KB1JDX (as excerpted from email)

The Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association (ECARA) will be sponsoring an Amateur Radio training and licensing class to start on the 23rd of September. The class will be held at the Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) in Brooklyn, CT ([Map](#)) and will run for 8 consecutive Wednesdays from 7 - 9 PM. All ages are welcomed to attend.

How to Register:

Visit www.ecara.net (look for the "Ham Radio Class" link near the bottom)

Or send your name, phone and e-mail contact to techclass@kb1jdx.com

Or call Vinny at 860-428-8907.

Note from the editor: anyone interested in upgrading their license **may** be able to take the exam at the end of this class. Appointments are usually required to do this so that the correct number of exams is ordered and the appropriate examiners are on hand to administer the upgrade. Please contact KB1JDX using the above email or phone.

Fun with Ham Radio

By KB1JDX

If you aren't having fun with Ham Radio, then you are doing something wrong. With so many different things you can do in the hobby, there are always new fun



things to discover. This year I had decided that I was going to head up to Maine to go to the New England Forest Rally. My dad (Phil KB1JQA) had never been to one so I invited him to come along. For those who don't know, a rally race is a form of auto racing where

competitors race cars along public or privately owned roads. The New England Forest Rally, or NEFR, is a national event and celebrated its 25th year this year. Drivers came from around the world to race on some very challenging logging roads in Maine and New Hampshire.



As a Ham Radio operator, my dad and I volunteered to help out with Emergency Communications which gave us "front row seats" to the event. Not unlike the public service events that we help out with locally, the hope is to have no incidents and get to sit back and watch the event. Unfortunately, Friday (our first day) was not one of those days. We were tasked as backup operators at our position but things

got chaotic when we lost communications with the start line and cars were started without any notification of it. We both had to jump into action and help the other corner workers and radio operators that were there. Luckily, there were no major incidents in our area but it was a very long day. We started the day at 7 AM and didn't get back to our hotel (and dinner) 'til 10 PM.



The promise of Saturday being a better day didn't seem very real that night as we set our alarm clocks for 5 AM the next morning. We woke up to pouring rain the next morning with the forecast calling for thunderstorms later in the day. Luckily, the weather cleared up just before the first cars flew by our position. Saturday ended up being a cloudy, but beautiful day. Communications went well and there were no incidents to report from our positions.

After the event we were treated to an amazing free dinner as a volunteer! All in all, it



was a great event and we would definitely consider doing it again next year.

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	Cancelled
ECARA Breakfast #1	TBD	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	KE1LI	Members, family & friends
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	18 attended
Jog with Judy	5/2	Safety & communications	KB1DNO	5 attended
Sky Warn Class	5/12	Storm spotting & reporting, Ashford Town Hall 7-10PM	KB1JDX	Numerous attended
Woodstock Road Race	5/25	Safety & communications	KE1LI	10 attended
ECARA Field Day	6/26-28	Contesting & emergency readiness	KA1MPG	~2 dozen attended
Deary Road Race	8/8	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	6-7 ops needed
VJ Day Parade	8/9	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	10-12 ops needed
Brooklyn Fair	8/27-30	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	~dozen ops over 3 days
Annual ECARA Picnic	8/10	Socialization, and business related activities (if any), BYOB & soft drinks	K1AGL	Members, family & friends
Thompson Community Day	9/27	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	
Harvester 5K Road Race	9/26	Safety & communications	TBD	TBD
Monthly meeting at QVEC	Oct	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1NLX	Members, guests & visitors
ECARA Breakfast #2	Oct	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	TBD	Members, family & friends
BSA JOTA	10/16-18	Demonstration and promote Amateur Radio services	K1CSP	A few members w/GOTA stations
ARRL 2015 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)	Nov	Exercise in emergency communications	N1CLV	
ECARA Election of Officers & Xmas Party	Dec	Social & administrative event, Classic Pizza, Rt6, Brooklyn	K1NLX	Members, family & friends

Membership Application Form:

Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association Membership Application / Renewal				
☐ New Membership; ☐ 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:	☐	INDIVIDUAL (\$20/yr)
LICENSE CLASS:	STREET ADDR:	SPOUSE NAME:	☐	FAMILY (\$30/yr)
HANDLE (nickname):	CITY, STATE, ZIP:	SPOUSE DOB:	☐	SENIOR (\$15/yr)
FIRST YEAR LICENSED: ARRL MEMBER: ☐ yes ☐ no		DOM:	☐	STUDENT
CURRENT PHONES (home& cell) HOME: CELL:			☐	1 st Year ECARA course
CURRENT EMAIL:		Would you like to receive the SinePost? ☐ yes ☐ no	☐	PROVISIONAL
ECARA Treasurer, PO Box 63 Dayville, CT 06241, Phone # 860 928 5147, Fax # 860 928 3844				