



The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

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A **THANK YOU** to Vinny KB1JDX and Phil KB1JQA for setting up their beautiful trailer at the Brooklyn Fair, and to our members who volunteered their time at the Fair to promote Amateur Radio.

ECARA, as a service group, assists our community's non-profit organizations on their fundraisers by providing needed safety communications, but we desperately we need **MORE HELP** from our newer members to continue this role. Typically, it is the same dedicated, small group of members that make the time to volunteer for these events. If you have not yet been an active participant but could volunteer for at least one project a year, this would be of great help to the club.

Upcoming events: Harvester 5k in Woodstock still needs at least 4 more operators; Thompson Community Day is a 4 hour event, please show your support to help promote Amateur Radio; KB1JDX and our VECs will be holding a Technician Class in September. Contact Vinny for more info.

It's only September but something to **THINK** about is our November meeting when we will be taking nominations for 2016 officers. I will not be running for President as I am completing a 2 yr term and am unable to run again per our bylaws. Who is willing to **STEP UP? No experience necessary, just a willingness to serve. Please think about it. ECARA is your CLUB!**

Catch you on the air!
73's
Al, K1AGL
President

NEXT MEETING

DKH DAY KIMBALL HEALTHCARE

**320 Pomfret Street (Route 44) • Putnam,
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Get Directions

Monday 7PM, Sept 14th

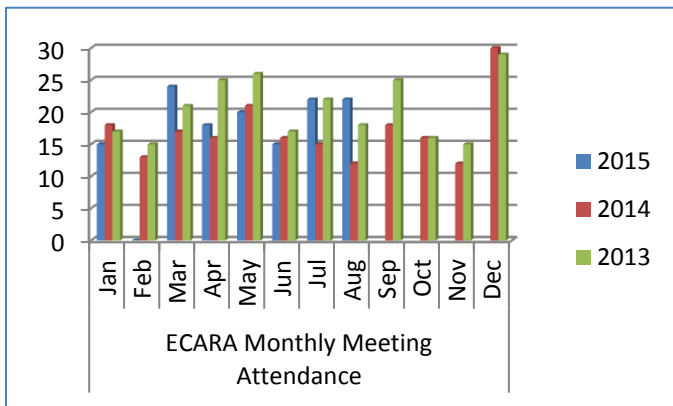
ECARA Monthly Meeting 8/10/15 at Mashamoquet Brook State Park, Pomfret.

Meeting called to order at 1850 hrs.

Attending Members:

K1AGL, Al	KB1JDX, Vinny
K1CSP, John	KB1WRN, Amie
K1JFT, John	KB1ZOV, Skip
K1MLG, Mike	KB1ZOY, Derrick
K1NLX, Peter	KC1BLH, Tiffany
KA1KAC, Bill	KE1LI, Paul
KA1MPG, Jon	N1NNP, Margaret
KA1MPI, Ron	N1XAE, Ray
KB1DGY, Bernie	N7BEO, Christy
KB1DNO, Frankie	W1YFF, Ray

Visitors, Guests & Past Members: Linda G, Evelyn G



K1AGL presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

Secretary's Report:

Motion made to accept July minutes as published in the August SinePost as amended: reference to Dick Pechie should have been to Chuck Weimer, Jr., and references to WA1AOG & WB1AOG should have been WB1AOC for both; seconded and carried.

Treasure's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$7379.60; Deposits – dues \$20.00, raffle donation \$28.00; Expenses – FD porta-potty \$126.56, liability insurance \$320, donation in memory of SK Chuck Weimer, Jr; Ending Balance: \$6931.04. Motion made to accept the July Treasurer's Report; seconded and carried.

Old Business:

- It was advised that the insurance rider required under the MOU between the State Police (SP) and ECARA for use of SP tower(s) was sent to and accepted by the SP.
- The channel elements for the backup K1MUJ repeater were not ordered by K1ZE due to the increase in cost (which was more than the amount authorized). A motion was made at the June meeting to table any further action until a subsequent meeting where K1ZE could provide additional clarification and perspective. While he was not at this meeting, K1CSP spoke on his behalf and advised that the club should go ahead with the project as this would provide an operational backup to the K1MUJ VHF repeater, and that the re-crystalling cost increase was minor. Motion made to move forward with the project at the modified authorization of \$225 for the set of crystals; seconded and carried. Ctc: K1ZE
- KB1JDX advised that the club has been registered for Thompson Day on 27 Sep. Location of the trailer, use of generator and demo of solar power discussed.
- KB1JDX also advised that he still needs volunteers for the Brooklyn Fair exhibit. An on-line sign-up sheet is now available. Ctc; KB1JDX
- K1CSP provided background information on the upcoming BSA Jamboree on the Air. The primary goal of this event is to promote the hobby with youth in the area. A few volunteers are needed to provide and set up their go kits for this event. Ctc; K1CSP

New Business:

- KE1LI gave brief on the new event, Harvester 5K XC Road Race. K1CSP volunteered as net control, KB1JDX volunteered as field operator; 4 more ops needed. Start time Sep 26, 9AM.
- K1AGL emphasized that ECARA needs to encourage other members to volunteer for the public service events.
- K1NLX acquired a dedicated printer/scanner for use as secretary and at events such as the picnic, field day, fleamarket, etc. He was also able to acquire brand name ink at 60% savings over cost at Staples, and presented a receipt of \$24.08 for reimbursement of the ink cost. Motion made to reimburse, seconded and accepted.
- K1AGL recommended bringing unclaimed badges to both Brooklyn Fair and Thompson Day before mailing them to recipients in an effort to reduce mailing costs.
- KB1ZOV, again, raffled two beautifully custom-made, hand-held charging stands prior to the business meeting tonight. The proceeds from the raffle have already been donated to the club. Ctc: KB1ZOV

Good of the order: none

Meeting adjourned at 1915hrs.

A shout out to KB1ZOV who donated 100% of the proceeds to the club after raffling two more of the hand-held radio charging stands at the picnic.

Brooklyn Fair 2015

Photo By K1AGL



ECARA Picnic 2015

Photos By KB1JDX



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	5 ops attended
VJ Day Parade	8/9	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	~10 ops attended
Annual ECARA Picnic	8/10	Socialization, and business related activities (if any), BYOB & soft drinks	K1AGL	22 attended
Brooklyn Fair	8/27-30	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	~dozen ops attended
Thompson Community Day	9/27	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	Several ops needed
Harvester 5K Road Race	9/26	Safety & communications	K1CSP	6 ops needed
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 to youth	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
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