



The SinePost

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

October 2015

Members All...

The Fall season is upon us, Enjoy Nature's Beauty!

Thanks to John (K1CSP) for being net control for the Harvest 5K Road Race, and to members who assisted in this event. From what I understand, the organizers needed to be a little more organized.

The Thompson Community Day event was a great Day. The Trailer (aka Vinny's Palace) was in a new area and Phil & Vinny out did themselves in promoting the hobby and the club...thanks Guys! And it was nice seeing our members attend making it a great showing. We even had members busy with others groups at that event, yet made time to stop by the exhibit.

On Oct 10 there is a road race in Woodstock starting from the Woodstock Academy at 8AM. We were asked to provide services a little late to get the word out for this request, so I do not know if we can pull it off before our October meeting. We would need about 5 stations for this event. Let me know ASAP if you can provide assistance either as net control or check point.

Catch you on the air!

73's

Al, K1AGL

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NEXT MEETING

QUINEBAUG VALLEY
EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS

1249 Hartford Pike, East Killingly, CT

06243

[Click Here for Map](#)

Monday 7PM, Oct. 12



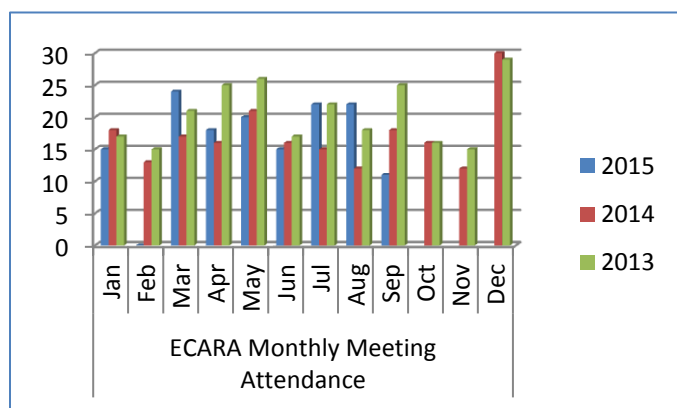
ECARA Monthly Meeting 9/14/15 at DKH, Putnam.

Meeting called to order at 1905 hrs.

Attending Members:

K1AGL, Al	KB1DNO, Frankie
K1CSP, John	KB1YZG, John
K1NLX, Peter	KC1BLH, Tiffany
KA1KAC, Bill	N1NNP, Margaret
KA1MPG, Jon	N7BEO, Christy
KA1MPI, Ron	

Visitors, Guests & Past Members: none



K1AGL presiding. Quorum established to conduct business.

Secretary's Report:

Motion made to accept August minutes as published in the September SinePost; seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$6931.04; Deposits – dues \$19.12, raffle donation \$42.00; Expenses – Thompson Day banner \$25, gift basket for member \$42.99, picnic pizza \$87.58, secretary printer ink \$24.08, ECARA PO box renewal \$50; Ending Balance: \$6762.51. Motion made to accept the August Treasurer's Report; seconded and carried.

Old Business:

- KB1JQA provided a briefing on the ECARA exhibit at the Brooklyn Fair and mentioned that the telescoping antenna worked fairly well. The use of solar panels was new this year.

- K1CSP provided an update on the upcoming BSA/GSA Jamboree on the Air. Ed & John visited the camp area to determine the logistics in setting up the go-kits. It was determined that two dipoles and one vertical should be sufficient. The area event is expecting about 100 scouts. Volunteers are still needed to provide and set up their go-kits for this event Oct 16-18. It was suggested that the club provide QSL cards for the event, discussion ensued. Motion made to purchase QSL cards for the event, and having at minimum: W1S event callsign; ECARA, BSA & GSA logos. Cost NTE \$100 w/o further authorization (qty TBD based on price); seconded & carried. It was also suggested that the club set up the video used at the Brooklyn Fair exhibit. Phil to discuss with Vinny on how this could be done. Ctc; K1CSP
- Membership support is encouraged during the Thompson Day event on 27 Sep. Visits to the exhibit and/or radio communications with the exhibit would be appreciated. ctc: KB1JDX or KB1JQA
- KE1LI provided an update on the Harvester 5K XC Road Race. Most of the checkpoints will be off road & transportation to those points will be provided. Spare batteries will be needed for the radios used. As of this meeting, 4 more ops still needed. Meet time 8AM, Sep 26, at the Woodstock Fairground horse barn. Ctc: KE1LI
- K1AGL reported that the ECARA picnic was well attended. He also thanked KC1BLH for her time in ordering and picking up the pizza, and thanked KB1ZOV for donating the proceeds of his raffle to the club.
- Discussion about interest in Morse code. K1AGL reported that N1XAE is posting CW "snippets" on his Facebook page, and perhaps we could have him do something similar for the club. K1AGL also commented on the video link set up at the Brooklyn Fair between the command post and the ECARA exhibit ("Vinny's Palace").
- The club breakfast was briefly discussed. K1NLX to look into setting up a date at Putnam's Main St Grille. Ctc: K1NLX

New Business:

- None discussed.

Good of the order: none

Meeting adjourned at 1942hrs.

A shout out to KB1DNO for the delicious homemade macaroons she brought to the meeting for all to enjoy!

Brooklyn Fair 2015 Letter of Appreciation

KB1JDX, extracted

Vinny,

I wanted to thank you for the use of your trailer for our town's EOC during the Brooklyn Fair last weekend. It was very helpful and enjoyable. It's excellent to have an organization like yours helping us out and we greatly appreciate it. Also I must say I learned quite a bit about ham radio's over the weekend which helped me gain a greater appreciation for it.

Please extend my thanks to your Dad and the other members of ARES.

Many thanks.

Best,
Kevin

Kevin Filchak
Town of Brooklyn
Emergency Management and Homeland Security Director

2016 Flea Market Flyer

By K1NLX

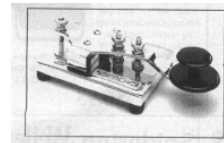
A Sneak Preview:

An official flier will be emailed to all in the SinePost distribution list shortly after the October club meeting. Vendor invitations will also be emailed later this month, or early November to those on the vendor list. If you have never received an invitation to reserve a table at the last two flea markets and wish to be put onto the vendor list, just email me (k1nlx@snet.net) or ask me at the next meeting to add you to that list (if you have not done so already).

AMATEUR RADIO FLEA MARKET



**SATURDAY
MARCH 19, 2016
8 AM to 12 PM
RAIN OR SHINE**



ADMISSION: \$3.00 DONATION
TO BENEFIT: Eastern Conn. Amateur Radio Assoc.
(Previously The Pomfret Hamfest)

VE test session, Limited spaces available, Must Pre-register

Place: St. Joseph's Church Hall
350 Hartford Pike (Rt 101) Dayville, CT.
GPS 41-50-82N / 071-53-60W

Door Prizes

Coffee & Donuts

Radio Raffle

Tables are still only **\$10.00** each. For more information and reservations contact us at the numbers below.

Directions from...

North & South: Rt 395 to Exit 41 (old 93) then West on Rt 101 to church 0.6 miles.

West: Rt 84 East to Rt 74 East to Rt 44 East to Rt 101 East 3.5 miles on left side.

East: Rt 101 West 0.6 miles after Intersection of Rt 395.



Talk in on 147.225 Mhz PL 156.7

Info: Contact K1NLX, Peter at 401-603-1485 or

K1NLX@SNET.NET

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	Numerous attended
Harvester 5K Road Race	9/26	Safety & communications	K1CSP	unk
Woodstock Road Race	10/10	Woodstock Academy	K1AGL	5 ops needed
Monthly meeting at QVEC	10/12	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1NLX	Members, guests & visitors
ECARA Breakfast #2	TBD	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
ECARA Treasurer, PO Box 63 Dayville, CT 06241, Phone # 860 928 5147, Fax # 860 928 3844				