



Summer (July/August) 2025

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Repeaters

K1MUJ	147.225 MHz (input +600)	CTCSS 156.7 Hz	Brooklyn, CT
DMR	444.800 MHz	CC1 CT ARES	Brooklyn, CT
DMR Net	KZ1M		South Killingly, CT

Weekly Thursday Night Nets

7:00 PM	ECARA Emergency Net	K1MUJ 147.225 MHz 2-meter repeater
9:00 PM	Flying Saucer Net	28.475 MHz USB

Here's the latest ECARA News...

President's Message

By Brian Battles WS1O

Welcome to the Summer 2025 edition of the *Sinepost*, ECARA's monthly newsletter.

We had a fantastic ARRL Field Day, with a great turnout of active ECARA members, plus some honored guests, including Connecticut State Senator Jeff Gordon and WINY owner/morning host Gary Osbrey.

We will not hold a business meeting in July and August, but we will have our annual club picnic on August 11, 2025, at 7 PM. This year John (K1JFT) and Elaine Turner (KC1UXE) have graciously offered to hold the event at their home again, we greatly appreciate their hospitality!

Congratulations to Marshal Gohn AC1TA on being named SkyWarn Emergency Coordinator for Windham County, Connecticut.

And now our usual nags/reminders:

If you haven't done so already, please join the ECARA club email reflector; sign up at ecara-reflector+subscribe@groups.io (link also on the ECARA web site). Check your email regularly to watch for club news and information.

- Take a few minutes each Thursday evening at 7 to check in to the ECARA 2-meter Emergency Net on K1MUJ.
- Come to the regular club meeting at the East Putnam Fire Department, the second Monday of the month at 7 PM.

If you're on Facebook, check out the ECARA page, and log onto the ECARA site on discord.com

We urge you to send in *Sinepost* article contributions. Send along any information or ideas of interest to the club or the general Amateur Radio community, and pictures, too. Please email your contributions to brian@brianbattles.com

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Brian WS1O

V-J Day

By John Szamocki K1CSP

We're looking for Amateur Radio volunteers to provide communication for the annual VJ Day Parade in Moosup, CT. This year's parade is on Sunday, August 10, 2025. Radio volunteers will be asked to report at 0945 hours to the American Legion Hall at 66 Prospect St, Moosup. Please bring a hand-held radio, spare battery, and your ECARA reflective vest and ID. The parade kicks off at 1300 hours sharp, but all divisions must be in place by 1100 hours as the roads will be shut down. We have regular volunteers who are unable to make the parade this year; please consider volunteering so that we

can adequately staff this event. We need about 8 volunteers to adequately staff this event. We will be using the ECARA portable UHF repeater to cover the parade route. Please respond to k1csp@hotmail.com to sign up.

VE License Exams in July

There will be an Amateur Radio VE license exam session given by the Middlesex Amateur Radio Society (MARS) on Monday, July 7, 2025, at the Portland Fire Company #2, 594 Main St, Portland, CT, at 6:30 PM. VE session contact Rich Lemieux W1RJL

Scott Duplisea W1KN is coordinating a VE exam session on Tuesday, July 22, at 1800 at the UConn Office of Emergency Management, 28 Professional Park Rd, Storrs, CT. Scott's cell 860-617-7901.

ARRL Field Day 2025

By Paul Rollinson KE1LI

June 28-29, 2025, at Gawron Farm on Gawron Road in Thompson, CT.



Connecticut State Senator Jeff Gordon (I) with Paul Rollinson KE1LI.

We had approximately 25 participants, and used the ECARA trailer as a portable Emergency Management facility, and had the NE CT CERT trailer on hand.

VHF station (50 MHz and 144 MHz):
88 contacts, 3 countries

Shortwave:
10M (28 MHz) 56 contacts 3 countries
15M (21 MHz) 25 contacts
20M (14 MHz) 45 contacts

40M CW (7 MHz) 350 contacts

40M Phone 400 contacts

80M (3.5MHz) 60 contacts

Satellite 144/432 MHz:

11 contacts included talking with the International Space Station at 4 AM Sunday morning.

Total (approx) 1,035 contacts in 24 hours.

The pig roast was excellent! Thanks to Steve Gawron for once again hosting our operation on his property!



Expenditures:

Porky: \$115

Drinks/Coffee/creamer/Hot dogs: \$72.15

Burgers: \$43/40, club bought 26, we're keeping the rest, \$27.95

Rolls: 7.96

More rolls: \$6.55

Mowing fuel: 4 gals @ \$3/gal, \$12

Total \$241.61

Northeastern CT Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) News

Although not officially an ECARA entity, since many members of ECARA are also members of CERT, here is some info on CERT activities. Anyone interested in CERT should contact John Turner K1JFT

I want to provide you with an update on the status of the Putnam Fireworks assignment.

We will meet at the Command Post Trailer at 1700 hours. The trailer will be at the intersection of Kennedy Drive and Massicotte Circle. The concert starts at 1900 hours, and the fireworks commence at about 2100 hours.

We will be assisting the Putnam Police and Fire Marshal with security perimeters around the fireworks site, as well as crowd control and traffic, if needed. So far, I only have five teams, and I could use two more teams. Please let me know should anyone else be able to help. Please bring your CERT backpack, flashlight, and reflective vest. Further briefing notes will be given out with assignments.

We have also been asked to activate the NE CT CERT team to assist the Town of Putnam with the annual 2025 Putnam Car Cruise on Sunday, August 10, 2025 from 0800 hours to 1400 hours.

John Turner K1JFT

John.turner@putnamct.us

Club Contesting

By Bob Garceau W1EQ

See the July issue of *QST*

In the ARRL January VHF Contest under Club Competition, Local category:

First Place

Eastern Connecticut ARA 35,648 points 5 entries

Congratulations. Should be another gavel on the way.

Listed in the Division winners, Classic Rover:

First Place, New England Division WS1O/R (with operators WS1O and N1LSJ)

Secretary's Report (minutes) ECARA Monthly Business Meeting June 9, 2025

as transcribed by Ron N1LSJ Secretary.

Opened at 7:03 PM at the East Putnam CT Firehouse

With John K1CSP Vice President presiding.

Members Present:

John K1CSP Vice President
Ron N1LSJ Secretary
Dick KF6UX Treasurer
Brian WS1O President (arrived late)
Glenn KC1VGS
Jon KA1MPG
Margaret N1NNP
Ron KA1MPT
Gary N1BBI
Bill KA1KAC
John KB1YZG
Ed K1ZE
Jonathan W1JAS
Rich KC1UYG
Angie KB1UWC
Rhondalee KC1WOG
Terry KC1WOH
Marshal AC1TA
Bob W1EQ
Paul KE1L1
John K1JFT
Elaine KC1UXE

The Secretary's report for May 12, 2025 was read accepted with corrections

The Treasurer reported that our present balance is \$6887.93.
\$50 state corporate filing fee to be paid to the Secretary.

The insurance rider for Field Day should have been sent, Ron will verify on 6/23. The state requires a \$2m rider on our repeater installation in Brooklyn - Ron will follow up on that.

We discussed the Memorial Day events in Woodstock, Thompson, Scotland (on Sunday, the day before), and Putnam. The Woodstock road race was fully staffed - thanks to all who participated.
The Thompson event had 18 on traffic control, a combination of CERT members and Constables.
The Scotland parade used the CERT team - needed a repeater.
The Putnam parade used 6 CERT members.
18 of the 48 CERT members are hams.

The next horse event will be in mid-November 2025.

The June VHF contest is coming up on June 14-15.

ARRL Field Day is June 28-29 with setup on June 27 at noon.
The pig roast will be served at 6 PM on the June 28.
Please contact Elaine KC1UXE with what sides you will be bringing.
We voted for \$150 for the PortaPotty.

Our August 11 meeting will be a barbeque/potluck at John K1JFT's home like last year.
Please contact Elaine KC1UXE with what sides you will be bringing.

The Moosup VJ parade will be August 10 with ECARA providing radio communication.
That day is also the Putnam car cruise which will be supported by the CERT team.
The Putnam fireworks will be on Saturday, July 5, which will be supported by the CERT team.

We may have another Tech course in September?

Meeting adjourned at 7:54

Next Meeting

ECARA will not be holding business meetings in July and August, but we will be having a club picnic.

Our next official business meeting will be on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the East Putnam Fire Department on Providence St.

73 To All!