



**June 2025**

Edited by Brian Battles WS1O

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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 June 2025 edition of the *Sinepost*, ECARA's monthly newsletter.

The big event coming up is ARRL Field Day, I hope to see every ECARA member there!

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](mailto: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.
- ARRL Field Day 2025 is June 28-29 at Gawron Farm in Thompson.

If you haven't paid yet, please submit your annual club dues for 2025 (just \$20). Pay at the next meeting, or you can pay on line via PayPal, look for the link on the club web site at <http://www.ecara.net/> When you pay via PayPal, remember to include a couple extra dollars to cover the fee PayPal charges!

If you're on Facebook, check out the ECARA page, and log onto the ECARA site on [discord.com](https://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](mailto:brian@brianbattles.com)

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*Brian WS1O*

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### **KZ1M ECARA Club Station**

By Bob Garceau W1EQ

Jim Dalterio KZ1M was a member of ECARA and of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC). Jim was an experienced contestant and a big promoter of Field Day. At most club meetings, he would announce the number of days until the next FD. Jim hosted and operated Single op and multi-op activities at his home.

It was fitting that the club decided to use his call sign for a memorial station. Jon Fournier KA1MPG became the trustee, I volunteered to be the QSL manager, and maintain the Logbook Of The World (LOTW) account.

The first QSOs uploaded to LOTW were on 10-28-2006. Jay Corriveau W1UJ used the call sign in the CQWW DX SSB contest. Since then, KZ1M has been used by W1UJ, K1ZE, most Field Day operations, and me, W1EQ. As of today, 29,967 QSOs have been uploaded, and the QSL response is 12,971. Those QSOs cover many different contests.

Next year will be 20 years since using the KZ1M call sign. I will continue to be the QSL manager and maintain the LOTW account. Last month I renewed the TQSL certificate. It might be time for someone in the club to have access to the password, just in case. I will be 87 next January. I like doing this in Jim's honor. It has been a pleasure.

At the moment, KZ1M is 20 countries short of 100 on 80 and 16 short on 10 for 5BDXCC. Five band DXCC. Nice Certificate. I got one. I hope to use the call sign again in future DX contests to get those numbers up.

### ***Recent activity:***

W1UJ and I have used Jim's call sign in numerous contests since the club took over the call after he passed away in 2004.

I used it this past weekend and here is the results:

CQWW WPX Contest, CW – 2025

Call Sign: KZ1M

Operator(s): W1EQ

Station: W1EQ

Class: SOAB LP – TB – Wires

QTH: CT

Operating Time (hrs): 30:19

Summary:

Band QSOs

160:

80: 42

40: 208

20: 513

15: 313

10: 48

Total: 1124 Prefixes = 635 Total Score = 1,883,410

Club: Yankee Clipper Contest Club

I beat my 2020 score of 1,530,000 points.

Of the 1124 QSOs submitted, I'm seeing a 30% QSL return.

73, Bob W1EQ

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**ARRL HQ**

# OPEN HOUSE

AND TAG SALE



AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT  
INCLUDING POWER SUPPLIES,  
AMPLIFIERS, USED BOOKS, VARIOUS  
ELECTRONICS, AND MORE!

**NO  
REASONABLE  
OFFER  
REFUSED!**

**OPERATE  
AND TOUR  
W1AW!**

**CASH  
ONLY**

**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**  
(SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY)

**RAIN OR SHINE**

## THE ARRL LOBBY IS OPEN!

- Field Day 2025 Merch
- Membership Renewal
- New ARRL Book Titles
- Historic Radio Exhibit

**JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> – 9AM – 2PM**  
ARRL Headquarters  
225 Main St.  
Newington, CT 06111

All equipment is sold as-is, and untested.

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## Field Day Planning

ECARA Field Day committee is ready for this year's ARRL Field Day June 28-29. You are invited!

Here are the assignments:

Stations:

80 Meters: W1HJY Henry Yakey (Camper)  
40 Meters: KA1MPG, KA1MPI (Tent)  
20 Meters: K1CSP John Szamocki (Camper)  
10 Meters: KB1JCF Howard Ranks III  
VHF: KE1LI Paul Rollinson (ECARA Trailer)  
CW All Bands: K1ZE (Screen house)  
GOTA: AC1TA (Easy Up)  
FT8: ECARA Trailer

ARRL Liaison/Final Reports register site on Field Day Locator: KE1LI, WS1O

Potluck Supper Coordination: KC1UXE

Safety Officer/First Aid: K1JFT

Insurance Rider:

Porta-Potty: K1JFT

Pig Roast and supplies: K1CSP, Steve, Chelsea

Field Day Operating Schedule, Layout/Drone photos: K1ZE, K1JFT, K1CSP

80 Meter Antenna for Henry: K1ZE

All band antenna for GOTA: K1CSP

Canopy, tables, chairs: K1CSP

Field Day PIO: WS1O/ K1CSP

Generator for Pig Roast: K1CSP

Field Preparation/Rebuild Fire Pit: Steve, W1JAS, K1CSP, K1JFT, W1LTT

### ***Volunteers needed:***

Food:

Rolls, condiments etc:

Soda/Water, Cooler:

Trash Barrel and bags:

ARRL Display:

Field Day Set up/ breakdown:

Be sure to offer to help, everybody needs to pitch in a little, and we'll all have a great time as usual!

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## Secretary's Report (minutes) ECARA Monthly Business Meeting May 12, 2025

As transcribed by Ron N1LSJ Secretary.

Opened at 7:02 PM at the East Putnam CT Firehouse

with Brian WS1O President presiding.

Members Present:

Brian WS1O President  
John K1CSP Vice President  
Ron N1LSJ Secretary  
Dick KF6UX Treasurer  
Ron KA1MPT  
Margaret N1NNP  
Ron KC1TBT  
Jon KA1MPG  
John KB1YZG  
Jeff W1QL  
Bill KA1KAC  
Jim WK3S  
Grant KC1OMA  
John K1JFT  
Elaine KC1UXE  
Johnathan W1JAS  
Marshall AC1TA  
Rhondalee KC1WOG  
Terry KC1WOH  
Gary N1BBI  
Glenn KC1VGS  
Deven K1DSK  
Ed K1ZE  
Angie KB1UWC  
Paul KE1L1  
Frankie KB1DNO

The Secretary's report for April 14, 2025 as posted on the reflector was accepted.

Treasurer Dick KF6UX reported that our present balance is \$6804.  
John K1CSP donated the tax due on the trailer to Thompson \$19.58.

Our president and treasurer are now the two signees on our Key Bank checking account.

We discussed the upcoming Memorial Day events in Woodstock, Thompson, Scotland (on Sunday, the day before), and Putnam.

The Woodstock road race needs more volunteers to provide communications 8:15 - 10:30 AM. Contact Paul KE1L1.

The Scotland parade will use the CERT team.

The Putnam parade will use the CERT team.

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

Field Day is June 28-29 with setup on June 27.

Paul KE1L1 will arrange the food and was voted \$500 for that. There will be a pig roasted. Please contact Frankie KB1DNO with what sides you will be bringing.

Jon KA1MPG will run the 40M station, Henry W1HJY the 80M and 15M stations, Paul KE1L1 the 10M and VHF stations, John K1JFT the 20M station. Ed K1ZE the CW station, and Marshall AC1TA the GOTA station.

Jon KA1MPG asked for a backup web admin to help him out. Marshall AC1TA was volunteered.

The antennas at Gawron farm were repaired by Johnathan W1JAS.

We raffled off various items donated by Ed K1ZE.

We elected three new ECARA members:

James WK3S  
Rhondalee KC1WOG  
Terry KC1WOH

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

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## 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!***