



CARA CAPERS

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MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association will be held on Friday, June 14th, at St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, CT. (See map on back page.) Talk in will be on the 147.12Mhz Repeater.

Meeting starts at 7:30 PM sharp. Doors open between 7:00 and 7:30.

June Meeting Agenda

1. A regular business meeting will take place at 7:30PM sharp. Both old and new business will be discussed, along with a report from our secretary and treasurer.
2. There will be nominations and elections of Officers for the new CARA year. There will be nominations from the floor prior to the election. Only paid up full members may vote. You need to pay your dues prior to the election. See Craig, N1ABY, our treasurer, at the door.
3. The Field Day preparations will be discussed at this meeting. Also, a Fox Hunt will be planned for the same day as Field day to coincide with the start of Field Day. Not only are Fox hunts fun, but this will be a good social event with Both the Field Day Crew and Fox Hunters ending up at Brookfield Town Park for a time of Fellowship and food.

MAY MEETING REFLECTIONS

On Friday, May 10th, CARA met for its regular meeting at St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, Ct.

The meeting was opened at 19:35. Mike, KC1IS gave information concerning the PVRA and CARA 440 Mhz repeaters. The PVRA

Repeater frequency, which has a co-channel interference problem with a repeater in New York will be changing frequency. The Xtals are on order and duplexers are being tuned for the new repeater pair. Prior to changing the frequency, a announcement will be placed on the repeater giving date of change over and new frequency. The CARA 440 repeater has developed a snag. Apparently the repeater which was being donated by a local ham is now longer available because of a job transfer. We do have the antenna and feedline installed and are now looking at used or possible new equipment which fits our approved budget. Also the 147.12 two meter repeater will be PL'ed starting June 1st due to the interference problems the repeater has been plagued with. The PL freq. will be 141.3. If you need advise getting your rig to work, check with Mike, KC1IS or Wayne, WA1PMA who will be glad to assist you. Len, KV1P announced that Kent N1GKJ will be taken over the responsibilities of the CARA CAPERS starting with the next issue in Sept. 91. (Thanks Kent). Craig, N1ABY announced that the ARES net will be changed to Wed. nights (2nd and 4th) starting in June. The frequency used is the CARA/PVRA 147.12 repeater. All are welcome to join. It is a formal/directed net and is for the purpose of training and preparing EC's and ARES Members for Emergency Communications and

Public Service. The PL will be disabled for the Net.

Pete, KA2TPK, announced a NOAA seminar to be given by the National Weather Service at the North East Utilities in Berlin, Ct. June 1st. This seminar will be a training type seminar to instruct on looking for and identifying different types of weather systems such as thunder storms, tornadoes etc.

Richard, W1FBS announced a Bike-A-Thon on June 2nd and was looking for Amateur Radio help. Rich had maps and discussed the Bike-A-Thon. The Bike-A-Thon was sponsored by the Cancer Society.

With Elections of officers in June, the nominating committee presented a list of candidates for election for the new CARA year. also, nominations from the floor were made. The following are the names and positions to date. At the June meeting, prior to election, nominations made be made from the floor.

President:

N1FTW, Rob Candee
WO1P, Glenn Edson

Vice President:

KA1RLX, Jon Radder
N1GUU, Bill Mosely
KV1P, Len Casacalenda

Secretary:

KA1UIM, Vic Schirmer
N1ASU, Norm Woodbury
N1FTW, Rob Candee



The REAL reason for the noise on the .12 repeater!

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Treasurer:

N1ABY, Craig Kalley

Directors:

WB1DSB, Don Wicks

K1EPE, Al Hantsch

KB1US, Hal Keenan

KZ1Z, Peter Kemp

NEW CARA MEMBERS

CARA wants to welcome into our club the following new members.

1. Tom Osenkowsky, N1IJX
2. Richard Vuillequez, W1FBS
3. Robert Risacher, W4NNL

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With the end of my term as President clearly in site, a few minutes for reflection seem in order. On coming into this position, one of my greatest fears was that I would find myself trying to do all of the work required to operate the club by myself. I have actually been pleasantly surprised to find that there is now a fairly large core of guys who are quite willing to take on a job and make sure some particular task gets done. The best part of this discovery is that some of these people are relatively new members. I have seen people who had to introduce themselves at the same time they volunteered to take on a task. I have had the pleasure of watch our membership grow substantially this year and finding the cooperative membership program arranged with the PVRA take off. Nearly 90% of our members take advantage of this. Our estimates, when we put this into place were that about 40% of you were interested. There are a handful of other areas where the membership deserves a pat on the back for getting programs up and running or improved including, Flea Markets, VE Testing, Emergency Communications, Digipeater, Voice repeaters, and other projects that escape me right now.

In the last few months a new set of people have begun to emerge who are interested in being next years officers. I am please with the guys I see stepping up to do this and wish

them luck.

VEC TESTING SCHEDULE

The following is a list of VE Testing sites and dates as provided by the ARRL.

1. FARA

Contact

Joe Cassidy, NM1O

(203)261-3915

Location

Fairfield Fire Training Center

Dates:

7/13/91 11 AM

2. Valley A.R.A.

Contact:

Steven Dzladiak,

203-736-0488

Location:

Pine Rock Fire House

Long Hill Ave.

Shelton, Ct. 06401

Dates:

6/26/91 6:00 PM

7/24/91 6:00 PM

3. West Haven A.R.A.

Contact:

Frank Foster,

203-932-0463

Location:

American Red Cross

.703 Whitney Ave.

New Haven, Ct. 06511

Dates:

6/09/91 10:00 AM

7/14/91 10:00 AM

4. Coastline A.R.A.

Contact:

Gary Burlock,

203-933-5125

Location:

Fowler Memorial Bldg.

45 New Haven Ave.

Milford, Ct. 06460

Dates:

6/30/91 12:00 PM

7/28/91 12:00 PM

5. Middlesex A.R.S.

Contact:

Ed Kerns,

203-342-4300

Location:

Middlesex ARS HAMFEST

Cromwell Middle School

Capt. James Mann Memorial Dr.

Cromwell, Ct. 06416

Dates:

10/20/91 11:00 AM

6. Candlewood ARA

Contact:

Bob Elton

203-790-7987

Location:

Hawleyville Fire House

Route 25-behind General Store

Exit 9, Interstate 84

Newtown, Ct. 06480

Dates:

6/15/91 11:00 AM

9/21/91 11:00 AM

12/07/91 11:00 AM

7. Stamford ARA

Contact:

Joe Leferson

203-322-3156

Location:

American Red Cross

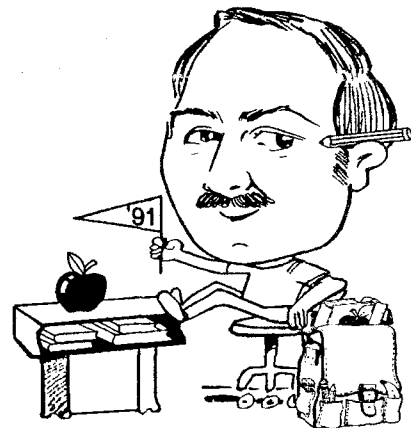
911 Newfield Ave.

Stamford, Ct. 06907

Dates:

8/10/91 12:45 PM

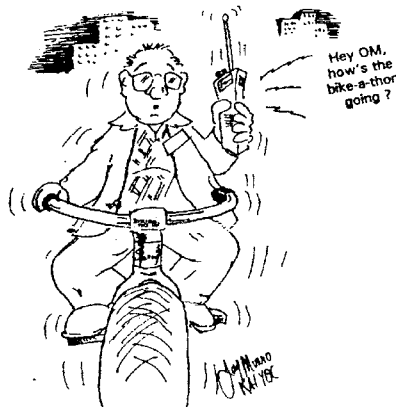
A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



This month will be my last month as the CARA CAPERS EDITOR. I have enjoyed the job for the last two years but find that with the teaching of Amateur Radio Classes and other projects I no longer have the time. Kent, N1GJK will be taken over the CAPERS and I'm sure will do a great job. Of course, I'll lend Kent any assistance he needs to get started. Glenn (WO1P) and myself are very proud of our Novice Class. We have 13 New Novices and 3 more still finishing and close to getting there Novice. We are now into our fourth week of the Tech. Class and that is also going very well.

On a different and more somber note I want to air my views while I am still editor and have the opportunity on the health of the Club. These statements are my own personal feelings, but I'm sure they are shared by most. I have seen the CARA Club grow like never before in the last three years. This is due I feel to a handful of individuals who care for the club and has devoted a lot of personal time and effort to see it happen. I don't have to list the names, I'm sure by their actions you know who they are. We have seen the club get not only a two meter repeater in a great location but also 440 and a digital repeater for packet. A CARA packet BBS on 144.99 Mhz and this is not the end. Work continues to bring the club and its members better services. And while we all enjoy our radios (2 Mtrs. 440. packet), lets not forget those who have to do the bulk of the work running up and down mountains to keep thing in order. My hats off to both Wayne, WA1PMA and Mike, KC1IS for a great job. Also, Hal, KB1US and Bob NI2B for the work on the site and container. Lots of others have contributed as well. We have had some great flea markets over the past few years, all money making for the club. In the past three years every meeting, and I attended them all have been excellent. The programs have been rich with both valuable information and entertaining. And after two years of hard work, CARA has an emergency communications activity in place with EC's in most of the club towns assigned and a ARES net which meets twice a month. Thanks to NIABY for his leadership efforts in coordinating this effort. I know with the fine people we have in the club we will continue to improve and grow. However, along with the good news I must also take aim at the not so good items as well. With any great organization, there are the few who seem to want only self gratification and honor. Any good thing which they are not personally responsible for they try to destroy and put down. Individuals who have nothing good to say unless speaking about self. Individuals like this slow down our club progress as they become counter productive to our efforts.

This type of cancer must be eliminated from our midst. This is a great hobby and one which needs to be enjoyed without playing politics. A club is for all, not for a individually. It does take teamwork and cooperation from everyone. The good news to all this is that it is only a few, and they are easily recognized for their rude, disruptive, self ego attitude, non teamwork, counter-productive. I hope changes can be made, because this is a hobby to be enjoyed by all, with absolutely no room for politics, backbiting, self gratification and counter productive stunts. Thank you for letting me bleed my heart a little. I hope all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to next years CARA activity. I also look forward to serving the club in some activity such as in the Education of new Hams. 73 and God Bless.



CAPERS CLASSIFIEDS

Advertising in the CAPERS is free to all club members. Ad copy should be submitted to the newsletter address in time to reach us before the deadline. Ads will run for three issues unless cancelled by the writer. Ad copy may be sent on packet radio to W1QI-4 PBBS, 144.990 MHz.

FOR SALE

1. Rohn 25G Ham Radio Tower: , Ten foot top section. Good condition. \$40.00 .
2. Cushcraft 214B jr. Boomers, 2 mtr beams (4). \$50.00 ea. 220B 220 beams (2) \$60.00 ea. 432 Mhz beams (4) 19 element, \$50.00 ea., all in good condition with manuals.

If interested in any of the above, see Dan, W1QK, or call him at: 431-7250 (days), 775-9525 nights.

LOCAL NETS

CARA Roundtable Net every Sunday, 8:00 PM:

2 Meter Net 147.12 MHz

CARA A.R.E.S. Net 2nd & 4th Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM. Check with Craig, NIABY, net coordinator for schedule. MEETS ON 147.12 Mhz. All are invited to participate.

EDITOR'S DESK

Do you have an Amateur Radio speciality, or consider yourself an expert in some facet of Amateur Radio? The CARA CAPERS is seeking feature columnists for future issues. Please contact Len, KV1P, if you would like to contribute to the CAPERS.

We also welcome information concerning events such as Flea Markets and/or Hamfests, VE Testing Sessions, Contests or other items of general interest to members.

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