



**Candlewood Amateur
Radio Association Inc.**

P.O. Box 3441
Danbury, CT 06813

**Informal Gathering,
Friday, July 12th
at 8:00 PM**

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July 2002

Informal Meeting Friday July 12 at 8:00 p.m.

President's Column July 2002

The past year has been an eventful and enjoyable year for C.A.R.A. Let us take this opportunity to thank the outgoing officers for their efforts and welcome the incoming officers.

The operation of C.A.R.A, the repeaters, the packet cluster and functions such field day and the hamfests require a great deal of work. Let's thank those who have contributed their time and knowledge to these tasks. Furthermore, I suggest to those who have not contributed as much as others to volunteer for some activity even if circumstances allow only a small effort. Involvement in club activities will increase your enjoyment of the club and ham radio in general.

In July and August we will, as is the custom, have informal meetings (no

business). Come and enjoy the company and discussion of plans for the future year.

C.A.R.A is a general interest ham radio club. As such, members have diverse interests in ham radio. Let us share these interests with each other and the community in general. C.A.R.A and the amateur radio community in general have not been aggressive in the promotion of ham radio. This has been a detriment to our hobby. As the members know well, ham radio has much to offer the community -- particularly with regard to emergency communication, technical education and promotion of an awareness of world culture and geography. How many of your co-workers at the "salt mine" know where St. Helena Island is located and have had the opportunity to speak with an island resident? Unreasonable antenna and tower restrictions are the result of ignorance of radio science and the value

of amateur radio in times of emergency. Let us promote the good deeds of amateur radio to the community.

And, of course, remember to enjoy the summer months!

Frank M. Etzler
President

Field Day 2002 Wrap-up

By Jim Ritterbusch, KD1YV

Field Day is now just a memory, albeit one of sweet success. One of my primary goals this year was to get some of the newer hams to sit at the stations and operate. Many of these newer club members don't have the opportunity to operate HF from home, so this is a great way to whet their appetites, and to promote the hobby within our own ranks.

Many hands worked together to lighten the burden for each of us. There are too many to name individually, and I fear that if I did, I might miss one. However, there are a couple that deserve special mention: Judy, N1TGM and Susan, N1SLB conspired to put some fine fare on the table to nourish the masses; and Seab, AA1MY drove all the way from Maine, picking up hitchhiker Steve, KD1JV just to launch the killer antennas to keep us on the air.

To the rest of you, you know who you are and what you did. Field Day 2002 was a concert of teamwork, with each contributing to the symphony as a whole. Learning some lessons the hard way goes toward our personal knowledge of emergency preparedness.

Thanks to each and every one of you for making this Field Day a resounding

success. Remember, there's only 355 days until the next Field Day!

Help Publicize CARA Hamfest!

John W1JMA, chairman of this year's hamfest, would appreciate help getting the word out about the September 22 CARA hamfest.

It's not too early to start now because our event follows close on the heels of the summer vacation months. If you are planning to attend regional hamfests over the next few months, please contact John for a supply of CARA hamfest flyers that you can take with you and leave on literature tables for distribution.

A copy of the CARA Hamfest flyer is included in this month's newsletter. Feel free to copy and distribute the flyer at ham events you may be attending over the summer.

Upcoming Area Hamfests

The CARA Hamfest is Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Edmond Town Hall, Rt 6, Newtown, CT. Volunteers are needed for food service, registration, parking, and other support areas.

But there are several other area hamfests scheduled between now and then. If you're planning to attend one of these events, be sure to check with W1JMA (see article above) for a supply of flyers that you can leave at these events to help publicize the CARA hamfest. Or, you can reproduce the flyer on the last page of this month's newsletter.

Here's the schedule for other area hamfests and related events:

August 24-25, Boxboro MA, ARRL NE, contact Mike K1TWF, 978-250-1235 (w)

September 14, Windsor CT, Vintage Radio Museum, 33 Mechanics St., contact John at 860-673-0518.

More on Boxboro 2002

The Boxboro ham show is certainly in a class by itself. This year, the event will be held in Boxboro, MA, on Saturday and Sunday, August 24-25. But several special events begin Friday the 23rd. On Friday the 23rd, there will be three bonus events -- An emergency preparedness course offered from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., a session from noon to 5 p.m. on antenna law and related subjects, and a DXCC dinner beginning at 6 p.m. featuring guest speaker Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, world-famous Dxer.

Saturday and Sunday are chock full of flea markets, exhibits, speakers and more. The Saturday evening banquet and dinner-dance will feature Jim Haynie, ARRL president, as guest of honor.

Boxboro is a unique experience. For additional information on program, hotels, flea market participation and more, check out the Boxboro 2002 Website at www.boxboro.org.

CARA Home Page

Please visit our home page at <http://www.danbury.org/cara>

Frequencies of Note

National Simplex - 146.52

Cara, 2 Meter - 146.67- (PL 100)

Cara, 220 - 223.96 (PL 91.5)

Cara, 440 - 447.775 (PL 114.8)

DX Cluster - 145.73

Bethel - 147.03+

New Milford 2 meter –146.73 (PL 77)

New Milford 441.85 (PL 77)

R-Com Repeater: 145.47, PL100

Nets

CARA Weekly Net Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. 146.67- (PL 100)

WestConn Net Nightly at 8:30 p.m. .147.18+ (PL 114.8)

Tips Net – Tuesday evenings at 7:30 on 146.73-(PL77) (linked statewide)
R-Com Weekly Net: 145.47, PL100
Thursday Eve, local time, 8PM

Want the CARA CAPERS by e-mail?

Signing up for the e-Capers is simple. Just send e-mail to KD1YV@arrl.net. We'll take care of the rest, and your next e-Capers will arrive in your e-mailbox!

Editor's Note:

Just a reminder to our readers that we're always looking for interesting features and news articles for the Capers.

Just drop me a note at KA1JDD@arrl.net, or give me a call: 203-748-1033. Although as early as possible is preferred, our deadline for articles for each month's edition is the Friday before (one week before) the regular Friday monthly meeting.

73 de KA1JDD

Working the Magic Band...

As many of us were reminded by Ken Neubeck, WB2AMU, when he spoke to us in the spring, summer is a prime season for Sporadic-E openings on Six Meters. Openings can range from several minutes to several hours -- and there's little variation during sunspot cycles. With HF having its "ups and downs" lately, there's even more reason to keep an "ear out" for 6-meter signals. For those who did not have an opportunity to pick up one of Ken's 6-meter band plan charts, a copy is reproduced in this month's newsletter. Happy hunting!

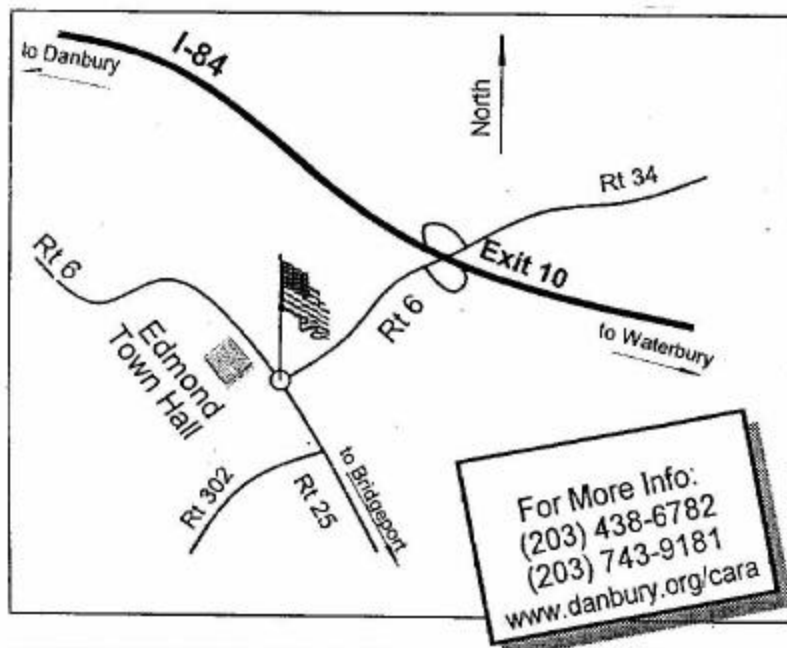
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Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002
Edmond Town Hall, Rt 6
Newtown, CT 9am-1pm



- Admission \$4.00
- Kids Under 12 Free
- Table Set-up at 7am
- Tables \$10.00 (Table Includes 1 Admission)
- Tailgating \$6.00
- ARRL Sanctioned
- Talk-In On 146.67 (-) PL 100
- Handicapped Access
- HAM Radio Equipment
- Computers
- Door Prizes
- Refreshments
- Ample Parking
- Rain or Shine

Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA) Hamfest, Sept. 22, 2002
C/O John Ahle-W1JMA, 120 Fire Hill Road, Ridgefield, CT 06877

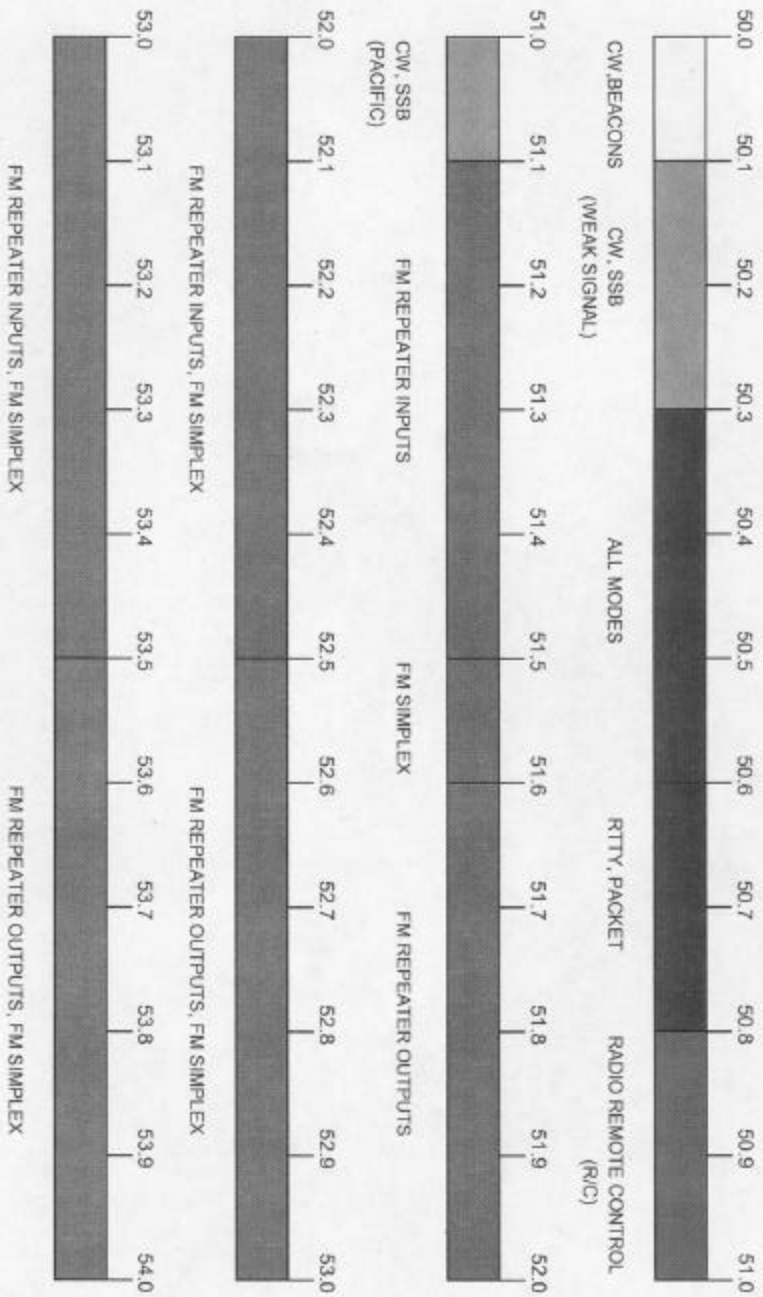
Name _____ Phone #'s, Daytime _____

Address _____ Evening _____

Please Reserve _____ Tables, at \$10.00 Each I Need Electricity I Do Not Need Electricity

Amount Enclosed (\$ _____) Please Make Check Payable To C.A.R.A.

THE SIX METER SPECTRUM (50.0 THROUGH 54.0 MHz)



CALLING FREQUENCIES:

- SSB DX: 50.110 AND 51.110 (PACIFIC)
- SSB DOMESTIC: 50.125
- AM: 50.4
- FM SIMPLEX: 52.02, 52.04, 52.525 AND 52.540