



**Candlewood Amateur  
Radio Association Inc.**  
P.O. Box 3441  
Danbury, CT 06813

**Last Capers Unless  
You Renew Your  
Membership -  
Application Form  
Enclosed**

**Regular Meeting  
Friday, April 11th  
at 8:00 PM**

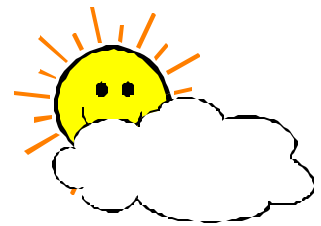
Meeting Topic:  
EchoLink (VoIP  
Repeaters) by its author,  
Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD



# CAPERS

Candlewood Amateur Radio Association - Post Office Box 3441 - Danbury, CT

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**Treasurer - John Ahle – W1JMA - phone - 203-438-6782**



April 11, 2003

*Meeting Friday, April 11, at 8:00 p.m.*

## **President's Message**

I know that most of us are hoping for a break in the weather. It is now spring according to the calendar.

The program at the April meeting will be presented by K1RFD who is the author of Echolink. Echolink offers a new dimension to Amateur Radio operators. The program allows for radio interface to the internet. Voice over the internet is used to send phone messages over the internet. Links between remote repeaters can be made. Also users may sit at their computer and speak through repeaters located in various parts of the world. With two repeaters connected to the internet via Echolink it is possible for mobile users to have international QSO's via their 2m or 70cm radios. Links to HF are also possible subject

to regulations. I have used Echolink for several QSO's - interesting.

The New England QSO Party is the first weekend in May. See the QSO Party Web Page. The club will be operating from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. local time at W1AW. Operators are needed --please volunteer. This is a great time for technician operators to try their wings on HF. Those members who are unable to go to W1AW, please operate from your home station for at least a few hours. You will have fun and the contest will be more interesting.

Congratulations to James, KE1AI, for his successful complaint to the FCC. His success will force neighboring repeater associations to deal more seriously with CSMA.

As a reminder to those who have not paid your 2003 dues. This will be your last issue of CAPERS. Don't miss the fun; renew your membership today.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**73 de Frank, N8WXQ**



**SKYWARN Classes**

Skywarn spotters are asked to complete a two-hour refresher class every 3-4 years. For those interested, the following training sessions are being offered:

Skywarn training will be held on Thursday, April 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Torrington, CT, city hall. The class will be held in the second floor auditorium. For additional information contact Ken, KB1HQE, [kfrey@snet.net](mailto:kfrey@snet.net) or go to [www.erh.noaa.gov/er/okx/spottertraining.html](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/okx/spottertraining.html)

On May 1, a training session will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Tolland High School, One Eagle Hill, Tolland, CT. For information contact Roger, K1PAI, at [k1pai@mindspring.com](mailto:k1pai@mindspring.com).

Training will be offered at the Pompton Lakes Fire Department meeting hall located on Passaic Avenue, Pompton Lakes, N.J., on Thursday May 1, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Talk-in on the W2PQG repeater on 146.70-, PL 141.3. For registration and/or additional information, contact [training@bergenskywarn.org](mailto:training@bergenskywarn.org), or check out the Web site at [www.bergenskywarn.org](http://www.bergenskywarn.org).

**Spotters Due for Re-Certification:**

First Name	Last Name	City	Call
Clarence		Bethel	N1LHJ
Ken		Bethel	KD1DD
Peter		Bethel	KZ1Z
Bridget		Bethel	N1UMU
David	Tremper	Brookfield	
Doug	Muench	Brookfield	
James	Valle	Brookfield	
Jon		Danbury	K2DOC
Jim		Danbury	W8MJB
Roy	Ruffles	Danbury	
Robert		Danbury	N1FTW
Peter		Danbury	KA1SYG
Mark	Gegeny	New Fairfield	
Chip	Sowarby	New Fairfield	
Bob		New Fairfield	N1OCM
Chris		Newtown	N1NIQ
Michelle		Newtown	N1PNT
William		Ridgefield	W1WJB
William		Ridgefield	N1NIK
Del		Ridgefield	KD1DU
Ray	Strickland	Shelton	
Tamara	Strickland	Shelton	
James	Hansen	Shelton	
JoLynn	Van Waat	Shelton	
Sam		Shelton	N1UAI
Garett	Argianas	Shelton	

**Nominations for Club Officers Sought**

Nominations are now being sought for next year's officers and directors. This is our club and each of us should find a place where we can pitch in and help make the club vital and successful. Consider stepping up and providing leadership for CARA. If you are interesting in serving, or in nominating someone to serve, please contact Jeff, K1ZN at [k1zn@comcast.net](mailto:k1zn@comcast.net)

### **New ARES Reflector Established**

CT ARES is moving ahead with its second stage of consolidating internet communication related to ARES. As part of that initiative, a new consolidated message reflector has been established for the exchange of ARES data and information. To sign up for the new reflector, [discussion@connares.org](mailto:discussion@connares.org), go to the [www.connares.org](http://www.connares.org) site and see the link in the right-hand column for CT ARES List Server, follow the instructions, and sign up. For additional information you can contact Allen Pitts, CT-SEC, at [agpitts@attbi.com](mailto:agpitts@attbi.com).

### **FCC Upholds Rights of NA1RA Repeater on 146.730**

Acting on a request initiated by James, KE1AI, the FCC has recognized that the NA1RA repeater operating on 146.730 and licensed to the Northville Amateur Radio Association was appropriately coordinated by CSMA and has preference to operate on that frequency. The FCC has asked that the repeater operation of W2KGY, operating on the same frequency from a location near West Point and interfering with the NA1RA repeater, take action to minimize or eliminate that interference. The FCC further criticized the UNYREPCO coordinating entity in New York for not taking appropriate coordinating action with CSMA before giving the OK to NA1RA to operate on the same frequency. Kudos to James, KE1AI for pursuing the matter with the FCC, and for the FCC for doing the right thing.

### **FCC Proposes Hike in Vanity Call Sign Fees.**

The FCC has proposed increasing the regulatory fee to apply for, renew, or reinstate an Amateur Radio call sign, from \$14.50 to \$16.30, effective this fall.

**Please Visit our Home Page:** at <http://www.danbury.org/cara>

### **Nets**

*CARA Weekly Net* Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. 147.30+ ( 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 Evenings, 8PM

*Conn ARES Issues Net:* 3.965 Mhz +/-,  
Thursdays @ approx 6:15 p.m. (following CT Phone Net)

### **ConnARES Area One VHF Net Reminder**

ConnARES Area One (South) VHF Net currently meets monthly at 8 p.m. on the Norwalk repeater, 147.39 (no PL).

ConnARES Area Two (North) VHF Net is currently meeting weekly, on Monday nights at 8 p.m. Frequencies alternate between the New Milford repeater, 146.73 (PL 77 or 100 depending on your location to access the best of two available receivers), and CARA's Danbury repeater, 147.30+ (PL 100). Reminder announcements for New Milford-based nets will be broadcast on the Danbury 147.30+ repeater right before the net starts.

Since Area One is considered one area, net participants are asked to periodically check in to both North and South nets, because in an emergency there would be only one net operating for Area One. For additional information contact Bill, W1WJB, DEC, Area One, [bill@StudioOne-ct.com](mailto:bill@StudioOne-ct.com).

### **Congratulations on New Arrival!**

CARA member and ARES net manager for Area One- North, Dana, N1OFZ, and his wife have announced the birth of their new family addition – Susan Elizabeth Rawding. Logbook info: Born 3/31/03, 4:35 p.m. EST, 7 lbs 8 oz, 20.5 inches long. Sincere 73's from all of us at CARA!

### Editor's Note:

Just a reminder that we're always looking for interesting features and news articles for the Capers. Paid-up members are also welcome to place no-charge classified ads for ham-related items. Just drop an email note to [KA1JDD@arrl.net](mailto: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 generally is the Friday before the regular Friday monthly meeting.

73 de Barry, KA1JDD

### Upcoming ARRL-VEC Session

There will be an ARRL-VEC test session on May 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Guilford P.D. Community Room, 400 Church Street (Route 77) in Guilford, CT. The session is sponsored by the Shoreline Amateur Radio Club. The class location is easily accessed from I-95, Exit 58. Map and directions as well as other information can be found at <http://qsy.to/n1khh>. Walk-ins OK, but a call or email if planning to attend is always appreciated. Contact Joe, N1khh, at [n1khh@arrl.net](mailto:n1khh@arrl.net), or call 203-457-9770.

### Want the CARA CAPERS by e-mail?

Signing up for the e-Capers is simple. Just send e-mail to [KD1YV@arrl.net](mailto:KD1YV@arrl.net).

### Promote CARA Hamfest on Sept. 14

This year's premier club fundraising event is scheduled for Sunday, September 14, at Edmund Town Hall, Newtown CT. It's never too early to start promoting attendance at this event with your friends and fellow hams.

The announcement flyer for this year's hamfest is part of this month's newsletter. It includes snapshots from previous year's events. Feel free to copy and share it with fellow hams and everyone interested in Amateur Radio.

To volunteer to help out at the Hamfest contact John, [W1JMA@aol.com](mailto:W1JMA@aol.com).

### Dues Paid? If not this is your LAST ISSUE of the CAPERS.

Check the following membership list to see if you are on record as paid. Memberships listed as expiring in 2003 or earlier need to send a check today to John W1JMA. See the registration form attached. Thanks!

### CARA Membership Status 2003

Callsign	LastName	FirstName	Expire
W1JMA	AHLE	JOHN	2004
WA1WTA	Anderson	Chip	2004
KB1IET	Babbitt	Don W.	2004
KB1IES	Babbitt	Martha E.	2004
W1WJB	Barrett	William	2004
N1OCM	BELL	ROBERT	2004
KB1IG	BELL	Svetlana	2004
KB1AFW	BOULEY	EDWARD	2004
N1FTW	CANDEE	ROB	2004
K1ZN	CANTOR	JEFFERY	2004
N1WMM	Castle	Edward R.	2004
KA1JDD	Connolly	Barry	2004
KE1AI	DELANCY	JAMES JR.	2004
N1UIH	DELANCY SR.	JAMES P.	2004
N1XWP	Etzler	Eleanore L.	2004
N8WXQ	ETZLER	FRANK	2004
N1TGG	Etzler	Judy	2004
W1QK	FEGLEY	DAN	2004
KK1DF	Ferguson	Don E.	2004
KB1ILY	Ford	Harlan	2004
N1DKP	FRANKS	RENE	2004
KB1HQE	Frey	Ken	2004
N1USQ	GENAWAY	TERRY	2004
N1GFE	Goodwin	Tom	2004
K1EPE	HANTSCH	AL	2004
KB1HYH	Johnson	Eric	2004
AC8O	Keegan	Robert	2004
KB1US	KEENAN	HAROLD	2004
KZ1Z	KEMP	PETE	2004
WS1Q	KLEPPIN	PAUL	2004
AB1BW	Lalak	George K.	2004
K1QKG	LASKY	EDWARD	2004
W1CUB	LINDSAY	RON	2004
KA1LSN	Lombard	Kevin A.	2004
KB1GDT	Nuzzi	John	2004
N1IXJ	OSENKOWSKY	TOM	2004
KB1EVG	Pachaly	Fellicia	2004
N1KPY	Pachaly	Fred	2004
N1URB	PENNINGTON	LARRY	2004
KB1HMI	Porrazzo	Peter J.	2004
W0BR	Raker	Bob	2004
KD1YV	RITTERBUSCH	JAMES	2004
N1SLB	Ritterbusch	Susan	2004
N1PJG	SCHAEFFER	BILL	2004
N1PE	SILEO	FRANK R.	2004
N2FEX	Slabicky	Rostyslaw	2004
K1UOL	STEVENSON	BOB	2004
KB1DGQ	Szymanski, Jr.	Henry W.	2004
K1RFD	Taylor	Jonathan	2004
N1FIH	Telesha	Anthony	2004

N1TIW	THOREN	BILL	2004
W1AFX	WEBB	BILL	2004
KD1DD	WEITH	KENNETH	2004
N1TGM	Weith	Nancy	2004
K1BRF	Fernandez	Brian	2003
W1XF	FRIER	JAMES A.	2003
KB1FRE	Jodin	Scott E.	2003
W1PJN	JOHNSTON	WILLIAM F.	2003
N1SVS	Keane	Elizabeth A	2003
N1NIK	KEANE	WILLIAM B.	2003
K1IRG	McKeever	John J.	2003
K1HMT	Petruno, Jr.	William E.	2003
K2ZZZ	POLITZI	GEORGE	2003
K1RMA	Richards	Don	2003
KB1CAV	Richardson	Peter T.	2003
KF6AJ	Simons	Steve	2003
W1ER	STRAUB	JACK	2003
N2OHH	Tompkins	Vincent	2003
K1EIC	DOANE	BETSEY	1999
	Estefan	Paul D.	1999
AA1MY	Lyon	Seabury	
K1CVF	Sagendorf	Marty	1999

includes road racing, speed sprinting, and lap cycling, for both men and women racers.

Additional race information can be found at [www.spartacycling.com](http://www.spartacycling.com). Maps of the race route are available from the Housatonic Valley Tourism Office, or the Chamber of Commerce office in Danbury, 1-800-841-4488.

If you are interested in learning more about the event, or in participating in the communications team, Herb, N1KWV is organizing the amateur radio support team for this event. Although this is a day-long event, assignments can vary from as little as 1-1/2 to 2 hours to 3 hours or more depending on the time an individual may have available.

For more information, and to request an amateur radio communications volunteer form which needs to be completed to make appropriate assignments, please contact Herb directly, at [n1kwv@arrl.net](mailto:n1kwv@arrl.net), or call him at 203-748-8909.

### Bike Race Seeks Ham Volunteers

The Housatonic Valley Classic, Connecticut's premier cycling race, will be held this year on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Event organizers are looking for individual volunteer amateur radio operators to help with essential communications coverage for this special event.



The race course for the event is approximately 120 miles in length and travels around Lake Candlewood, with the start and finish points in downtown Danbury. The event is sponsored by the Housatonic Valley Tourism Office, as well as local Chambers of Commerce. The event

**Reminder: Renew your CARA membership and send your dues check today. For those NOT registered this will be your last issue of the CAPERS. Please renew today using the handy form, attached...**





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***CARA 2003 Membership Application***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ VE: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ email CAPERS Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues:**

Associate Member (non-ham)  
\$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Full Member \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Senior/Student (>65 yrs/ <18yrs) \$23.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Family (2 members) \$52.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Family(3 members) \$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Family(4 members) \$75.00\* \_\_\_\_\_

\* \$10 each additional member

**Send Dues to:**

**John M. Ahle, W1JMA  
120 Fire Hill Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877**

# Western CT Hamfest

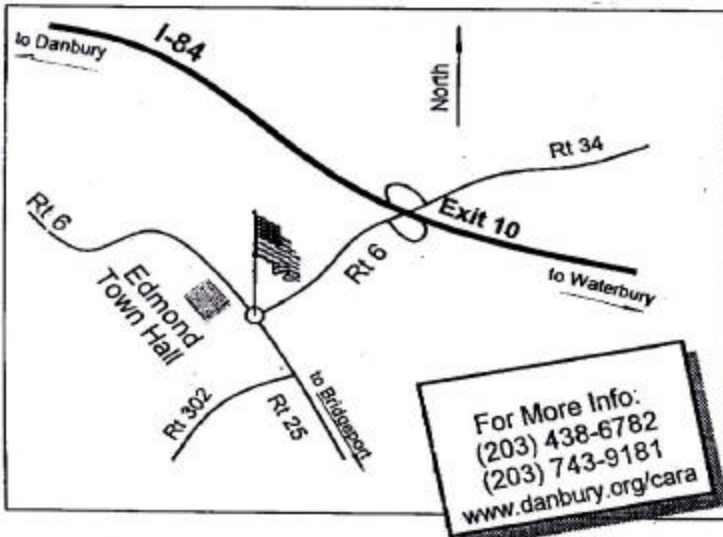
- **Sunday, September 14, 2003**
- **Edmund Town Hall, Route 6, Newtown CT**
- **Set-up 7 a.m.**
- **Doors open 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**



Talk-in on 147.300+ PL 100



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(CARA)



- **Admission \$5 (under 10 free)**
- **Tables \$12.50 (includes 1 admission)**
- **Tailgate \$8 (includes 1 admission)**
- **Ham Radio Equipment**
- **Computer Gear**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Refreshments**
- **Ample Parking**
- **Rain or Shine**



**Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA) Hamfest, September 14, 2003**  
c/o John Ahle – W1JMA, 120 Fire Hill Road, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ tables, at \$12.50 each. I need \_\_\_\_ do not need \_\_\_\_ electricity.

Amount enclosed: (\$ \_\_\_\_\_). Please make checks payable to C.A.R.A.