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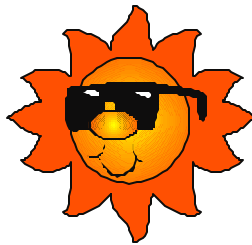
**Informal Gathering
This Month
Friday, July 11th
8:00 PM
St. Paul's Church**



CAPERS

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Issue: July 11, 2003

Summer Meeting Friday, July 11, at 8:00 p.m.

President's Message

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I hope all had a great time at Field Day. I think the group had a good time socializing and operating the stations. Despite the rather poor band conditions and some initial technical difficulties, we were able to make quite a number of QSOs -- I think over 1,400. In this issue of CAPERS, there's a selection of photos that were taken at the event.

During the summer, we will hold informal meetings. We will have some interesting videos. Bring any new ham radio goodies with you for "show and tell". Best wishes for a pleasant and restful summer. Let's gear up for the Hamfest in September!

73 de Frank, N8WXQ

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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 Reminder

ConnARES Area One (North) VHF Net is currently meeting weekly, on Monday nights at 8 p.m. The net will be held alternately on the CARA 147.30+ (PL 100) repeater, and on the New Milford repeater, 146.73- (PL 77 or 100). Announcements will be made at the

beginning of each net confirming the repeater in use for that evening.

For additional information contact Bill, W1WJB, DEC, Area One, bill@StudioOne-ct.com.

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 the CAPERS editor, Barry Connolly, KA1JDD@arrl.net, or 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.

Want the CARA CAPERS by e-mail?

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CARA Web Site

Visit the CARA Web site at: www.danbury.org/cara

Field Day 2003 Wrap-Up

By Jim Ritterbusch, KD1YV

Another Field Day has come and gone, but we'll all remember this one. We were thrilled to show off our emergency communications skills to Connecticut Lieutenant Governor Jodi Rell and Brookfield First Selectman Martin Foncello. ARRL CT Section Manager Betsey Doane, K1EIC spent time with us, including some serious contest operating time!

After we worked out some technical difficulties, the Get On The Air (GOTA) station was a success, allowing some generally inactive hams to make their first ever HF contacts. Hopefully it will instill in them the same excitement that many of us share for ham radio.

The efforts of the whole team pulling together was a wonderment to see. 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: Martha, KB1IES, Don, KB1IET, Dan, W1QK and Ed, KB1AFW provided shelters for each of the operating positions; Judy, N1TGK and Susan, N1SLB, Martha, KB1IES and Manish, W1/VU2MTQ put on a repast enjoyed by all; and Seab, AA1MY drove all the way from Maine, picking up hitchhiker Steve, KD1JV to hoist our skyhooks.

Our heartfelt thanks to the rest of you -- you know who you are and what you did. Field Day 2003 was a fine example of us all working together, with each contributing to the effort. Learning some lessons the hard way goes toward our personal knowledge of emergency preparedness. For those who are keeping track, we had 1,440 QSOs. Just over half of them were on cw, which count for double the points. The GOTA station logged 58 contacts, a respectable number. Our final score, including all bonus points should be 5,284. That is significantly better than last year. Considering the band conditions this past weekend, it is remarkable.

Field Day -- we declare victory! Remember, there are only 355 days until the next Field Day!

Snapshots from Field Day 2003

By Barry Connolly, KA1JDD







Thanks and 73 to all!

See you at Field Day 2004!

Western CT Hamfest

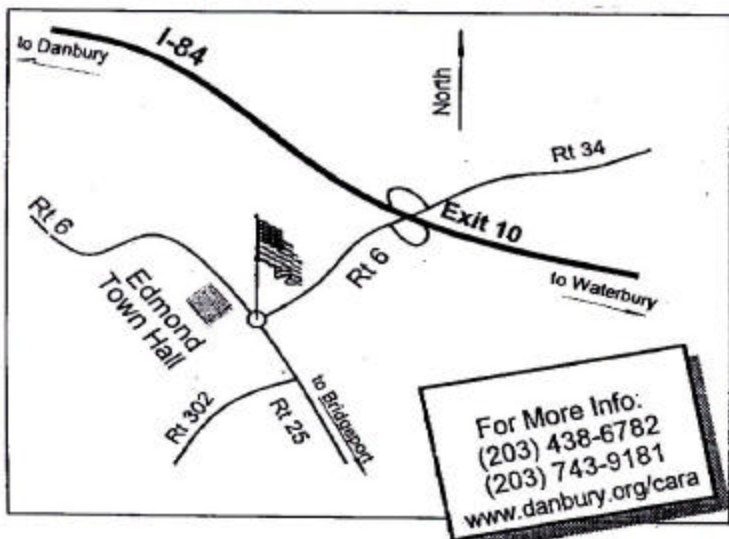
- **Sunday, September 14, 2003**
- **Edmund Town Hall, Route 6, Newtown CT**
- **Set-up 7 a.m.**
- **Doors open 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**



Talk-in on 147.300+ PL 100



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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) _____

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