



# CAPERS

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**Meeting: Friday, July 14 at 8 p.m.**  
**NEW LOCATION: STONY HILL FIRE STATION!**

## SPECIAL FIELD DAY EDITION

### Thanks to All Who Made Field Day 2006 a Success!

Despite the soggy weather and challenging operating conditions, Field Day 2006 was a lot of fun and a great success! Oscar KB1LQV and John W1JMA send a Big Thank You to everyone who came out to help with set-up, operations and dismantling and cleanup. A Big Thanks also to “Chef Judy”, N1TGK, for making sure everyone was well fed the entire weekend, and for all the team captains who played a role in this year’s event. It was truly a great team effort!

W1JMA reports that we had a claimed score before bonus points of 4172. Bonus points added another 890 points for a combined total score of 5062. Altogether, there were 663 CW QSOs and 760 phone QSOs.

At the July meeting we plan to build a second loop antenna to replace the retired Lazy H.

Be sure to see the PHOTO ALBUM in this edition of the CAPERS for highlights from this year’s Field Day. - *Editor*

## **New Meeting Place Starting July!**

Starting this month, all club meetings and classes will be held at the Stony Hill Fire Department, Route 6, Bethel, across from the Stony Hill Inn.



Directions: I 84 Eastbound, Exit 8 (Route 6), straight through the light at the exit, East on Route 6, past Target, about a half-mile on the right. I 84 Westbound, Exit 8 (Route 6), merge left past the gas stations, reversing direction and heading East on Route 6, past Target, a half-mile on the right. Or take Exit 9 on Route 84 Westbound to Route 6 Westbound and continue several miles. Cross Old Hawleyville Road. Fire Department will be on your left.

CARA meetings are held on the second Friday of the month beginning at 8 p.m., at Informal “rag chewing” begins at 7:30 p.m.

### **CARA Standing Committees**

Just a reminder to all members that these are the standing committees that help make CARA run. Our members and their ideas are our strength. Sign up for one of these committees if you have not already done so. Talk to any of the club officers at a regular meeting!

#### *Repeater and Digital Equipment*

Repeater coordination  
Repeater maintenance

Packet cluster maintenance  
Other digital equipment

#### *Operating Activities*

Field Day- June 2006  
New England QSO Party – May 2006  
WACC  
Special event station or fall contest

#### *Hamfest*

Plan and organize – September 2006  
Publicity

#### *Membership*

Annual dues notification and follow up  
Annual new member drive

#### *Education and Elmering*

Organize or sponsor class for entry-level license  
Organize Elmer support network for new hams  
Organize two 3-person ARES deployment teams

#### *Program Committee*

Organize and arrange monthly program  
Staff and Net Control for Sunday 7:30 p.m. CARA net  
CARA CAPERS newsletter

### **Nets**

*CARA Weekly Net:* Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. 147.30+ ( PL 100)

*CW Connecticut Net, Nightly,* at 7 p.m. on 3.640. “Newbie Night” Thursdays.

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

*Tips Net:* Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on 146.73- (PL77) (linked statewide).

*R-Com Weekly Net:* 145.47- ( PL100) Thursday Evenings, 8 p.m.

*ConnARES Local VHF Net (now part of Area 5)* : Second Monday of each month, 8 p.m. on CARA repeater: 147.30+ (PL 100)

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

### **CARA Minutes for May 2006**

The regular meeting of CARA was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. Two new people attended: Austin, KB1NFF and Brandon, KB1NFE. The members present introduced themselves to the new people. The Program was on the Dawn of Television (1920's and 1930's). Frank, N8WXQ, presented the program.

The business meeting began at 9:25 PM There was a motion to accept the Secretary minutes. This was seconded and so voted.

The Treasurer reported at balance of \$8,797.64. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and so voted.

The Repeater committee: Joe reported that Rosty had purchased the new repeater controller. It is being programmed and is a GE Master 2. It will need to be transported to the site. The transceiver and modules are here and he is looking for an antenna. The time frame is approximately 1 month.

NEQSO Party – Frank reported that John, Bill, Bill, Joe, and Ken also went to W1AW and 336 QSO's were made.

Field Day – Handouts were distributed to be put up around towns to advertise. Signup forms were also available. Next month will be a demonstration of radios, computers, and the logging program for Field Day. Tables and chairs are needed for the food tent. Invitations will be sent to local, state and federal officials in the area. Publicity has been done. New points are available. Setup is Friday at 4 PM for antennas. Site will be set up on Saturday at 9 AM.

Hamfest - September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Confirmations from Quick Silver, Ham Source, and Radio Oasis. KJI has a conflict with this date. Promotions and flyers are being prepared.

Skywarn – June 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 7 to 9 PM Ridgefield Fire Department. Pre registration is required. Phone or email [www.olxskywarn@NOAA.gov](mailto:www.olxskywarn@NOAA.gov)

Nominating Committee: Additional nominations from the floor - none

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully,  
Martha KB1ES

### **VE Schedule for 2006**

Please make a note of the Volunteer Examination schedule for the remainder of 2006:

September 16<sup>th</sup> at Stony Hill Fire Dept.  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Stony Hill Fire Dept.

For additional information on what you need to bring with you, and to advise Frank that you plan to attend a VE session, please contact Frank, N1PE, [frsileo@att.net](mailto:frsileo@att.net).

### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

*Antennas, Antennas!!*

Dan, W1QK, is offering the following antennas for sale. Contact Dan for more information: 203-775-9525, [w1qk@snet.net](mailto:w1qk@snet.net)

1. Lightning Bolt HF Quad. Two element, 5 bands. Instructions. Could use replacement aluminum wire. Good/fair condition. Complete. \$145
2. Cushcraft Model 3219 2 Meter SSB/CW long boom yagis (2) with phasing cables and boom supports. Instructions. 19 elements each on a 24 foot boom. Good condition.

- Selling as a pair with the phasing cables for \$180.
3. Vintage Cushcraft 144-11 element 2M FM or SSB yagi with open wire feeder. No instructions. Make a T-match. Good condition. \$25.
  4. Cushcraft 424B 24 element 432MHz. SSB/CW yagi for weak signal work. Complete with boom support and instructions. \$80.
  5. Wilson 4 element 20 Meter full size yagi. Good condition., complete. Extra boom support installed. Instruction manual. Could use replacement boom to element U-bolts. \$195.
  6. Hy-Gain 204BA 20 Meter full size monobander parts: (3 elements, boom, etc.) \$45.
  7. Hy-Gain 14AVQ 40M, 20M, 15M, 10M trap verticals (2) Combine the parts from both to make one antenna. Fair condition. \$25 for both.
  8. Cushcraft 40-2CD 40 Meter 2-element yagi. Complete but needs replacement boom to element U-bolts, no BN-86 balun. Good condition. Includes instruction booklet. \$280.
  9. 432 MHz. 19 element, 12 foot boom K2RIW Design SSB/CW yagis (4) with phasing cables and power divider included. Does not include stacking H-frame. Stored indoors. All in excellent condition. Excellent performers. Selling as a package for \$285.
  10. Pair of two short-boom 432MHz. yagis. N-connector feed. Fair condition. \$10
  11. Cushcraft "cross yagi" 2M antenna. \$15

Reminder: CARA club member George, K2ZZ, has established Radio Oasis and is offering CARA members a 5% discount on

any purchases made. You can check out George's Website at [www.radio-oasis.com](http://www.radio-oasis.com). George will also be at the September 17 CARA Hamfest at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown.

#### **Articles for CAPERS?**

Got an item for CAPERS? Send along your news items and classified ads (free to paid-up members) to the editor: Barry, KA1JDD. E-mail: [barry@connollyco.com](mailto:barry@connollyco.com).

**Be Sure to See the  
Field Day Photo Album  
in This Month's Capers!**

# CARA Field Day 2006!

Photos courtesy KD1YV and KA1JDD





