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Meeting: Friday, Jan 11 at 8 p.m.

Message From the President

I hope all had a pleasant holiday season. Those attending the CARA holiday party seemed to have some good fun.

This month's meeting will be the annual QSL card presort for the W1 bureau. We will have Pizza and enjoy sorting cards from around the world.



This activity is a well-appreciated service of CARA to the amateur radio community. It is also an opportunity for those new to HF to learn more about QSLing and the Bureau system. The cost of an ARRL membership is easily recovered by the savings gained by using the outgoing bureau.

At the meeting we will discuss the future priorities of the ARRL.

CARA dues are also due this month. We appreciate your past support and look forward to your future support.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting and wish each of you a Happy New Year.

73, Frank, N8WXQ



CARA Work Meeting Minutes

Friday December 28, 2007

- The meeting was called to order by Frank, N8WXQ at 8pm.
- There was discussion about the Holiday party and all who attended had a good time.
- Frank updated the group regarding the January meeting. There are 4 boxes of QSL cards to be sorted. Pizza will be ordered for those attending.
- The program for May is still open. Two suggestions were made. One is a joint YCCC meeting or a program on Fox

Hunting. John W1JMA will contact either W1JQ or W1CTN from YCCC or N1TUP on Fox hunting.

- Planning has begun for both the Hamfest and Field Day. It has been suggested we do a survey for Field Day to gauge more participants. John will ask Oscar to assist in FD planning. Joe, AB1DO, talked about program suggestions for the Hamfest.
- There was continued discussion on the status of the 6m repeater and the linking of them other on the hill. Final tests will be completed in Redding on the 6m machine and the repeater, controller and linking will be done in early spring.

The meeting was closed at 9:10pm

John M. Ahle, W1JMA Secretary

REMINDER: All members are invited to attend and participate in the monthly CARA Planning Meeting—generally the fourth Friday of each Month, 8 p.m., at the Stony Hill Fire Station.

Nets

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

Connecticut Phone Net (CPN) Monday through Saturday, 6 p.m., on 3.973 and Sundays at 10 a.m. on 3.965...

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.)

Note: The CT Phone Net generally moves to 3.973 to avoid ongoing early evening interference from a short wave operator on 3.965. Continue to check 3.965 for the CT Phone Net and for emergency ARES traffic, but be prepared to go to 3.973 in the event of interference.)

Curious About Your Nerdiness Factor?

“Not That There’s Anything Wrong With That...”

Dan W1QK was pointed to a fun test site by an ARRL contest reflector. The strictly-for-fun site allegedly can help you determine how you rank with other folks who may know more about C++ programming and the periodic table than entertaining guests or setting a holiday table. You can check it out for yourself at www.nerdtests.com.



Please take a few minutes to print the attached dues form in this month's CAPERS and pay your 2008 dues so our roster is accurate. Thanks to those who already paid their 2008 dues!

Thank you and 73 John, W1JMA, Secretary & Bill, W1AFX , Treasurer

Attn: SKYWARN and ARES members

"I will be giving a power point presentation on Skywarn to the Northville Amateur Radio Association on Monday evening 01/07/08 at 7:00 PM. All are invited to attend this presentation.



Directions to the NARA meeting are located on their web site. You can email NARA to let them know if you wish to attend so they can get a head count of attendees. " -73, Steve K1SJW

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DXCC DESK ANNOUNCES NEW ENTITY

The ARRL DXCC Desk is pleased to announce the addition of St Barthelemy (FJ) to the DXCC List, making the island entity number 338 with an effective date of December 14, 2007.

Cards with contacts dated December 14, 2007 or after will be accepted for DXCC credit. New card submissions for St Barthelemy will not be accepted until January 1, 2008 in order to allow time for administrative adjustments.

On February 21, 2007 the French Ministry issued a decree making St Barthelemy an Overseas Collective, where its status is now equal to that of Guadeloupe, Martinique and other French territories currently on the DXCC List.

On November 8, 2007 the President of Association Des Radio Amateurs De St Barthelemy, Philippe Delcroix, FJ5DX, contacted the DXCC Desk, requesting that St Barthelemy be considered a new DXCC entity.

The "event date" that caused St Barthelemy to be added to the DXCC list was December 14, 2007, the date the US State Department added St Barthelemy to the "List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty" with its Administrative Center in Gustavia, qualifying it under DXCC rules in Section II - 1 Political Entities (c): "The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a local government, and is located at least 800 km from its parent.

To satisfy the 'permanent population' and 'administered by a local government' criteria of this sub-section, an Entity must be listed on either (a) the U.S. Department of State's list of 'Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty' as having a local 'Administrative Center,' or (b) the United Nations list of 'Non-Self-Governing Territories."

French St Martin (FS), while also added to the List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty, will remain on the DXCC List, but it is now considered a Point 1 Political Entity under the same classification as that of St Barthelemy.

Please direct any questions you may have about St Barthelemy, St Martin or the DXCC program to the ARRL DXCC Desk <dxcc@arrl.org>.

January/February Issue of NCJ Now Available

NCJ, The National Contest Journal is what everyone interested in "radiosport" needs to have in their shack. Filled with the latest news from the contesting world, this is a definite must-have. Whether you are new to contesting or are a seasoned pro (or somewhere in the middle), you will find something in NCJ just for you.

New NCJ Editor Alan Dewey, K0AD, takes over the reins from Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, with the January/February issue; Luetzelschwab's last issue was November/December, and he will continue to write NCJ's "Propagation" column.

In the January/February issue, Steve Root, K0SR, discusses "Design and Construction of a Quad That Will Last." Ed Muns, W0YK, ruminates on "The NCCC Sprint: A Mid-Week Contest 'Fix.'" Greg Fields, K0OB, fondly remembers a fellow ham in "Dave Ranney, KT0R (SK)," and Scott Robbins, W4PA, profiles Hal Kennedy, N4GG, in this issue's "NCJ Profiles." Bob Neece, K0KR, takes readers on a "virtual tour" of the CAC in his article, "Update: The ARRL Contest Advisory Committee -- Part 1."

If you've been waiting to see how you did in the fall sprints and North American QSO Parties, you definitely don't want to miss this issue! Check out the results for the following contests: August 2007 NAQP SSB, August 2007 NAQP CW, September 2007 North



American Sprint CW and September 2007 North American Sprint SSB. The rules for the North American Sprint CW/SSB Contest and the North American QSO Party (NAQP) CW/SSB/RTTY Contests are in this issue. You might also want to brush up on the rules for these events and make note of any changes for the coming year.

Of course, there are all the regular columns and features you expect from NCJ: "Software for Contesters" by Pete Smith, N4ZR; "Workshop Chronicles," by Don Daso, K4ZA; "Contest Tips, Tricks & Techniques," by Gary Sutcliffe, W9XT; "Propagation," by Carl Luetzelschwab,



K9LA; "VHF-UHF Contesting," by Jon Jones, N0JK; "Contesting on a Budget," by Paul Schaffenberger, K5AF; "DX Contest Activity Announcements," by Bill Feidt, NG3K; "RTTY Contesting," by Don Hill, AA5AU, and "Contest Calendar," by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. All this and more in the January/February issue of NCJ.

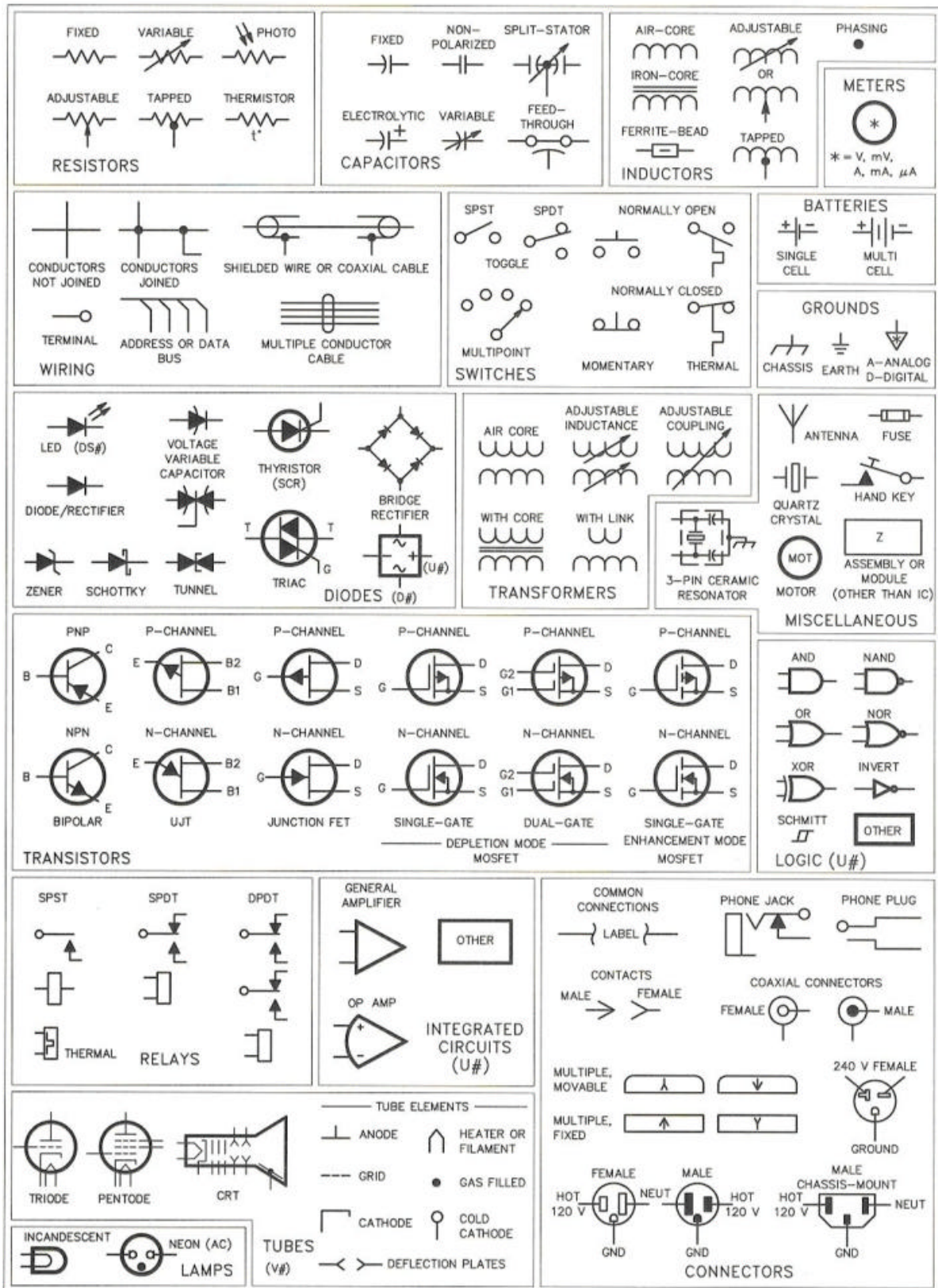
NCJ is published six times a year by the ARRL; it is edited by Al Dewey, K0AD. Subscribe at <<http://www.arrl.org/ncj>>.

Sign-Up for On-Line Ed by Jan 6

Registration remains open through Sunday, January 6, 2008 for these ARRL online courses beginning on Friday, January 18, 2008: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002); Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003R2); Antenna Modeling (EC-004); HF Digital Communications (EC-005); VHF/UHF -- Life Beyond the Repeater (EC-008), and Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011). To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page <<http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.htm>> or contact the Continuing Education Program Coordinator <cce@arrl.org>.

(Several items courtesy ARRL Letter or Internet sources)

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Name: _____ Call: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Class: _____ Phone: _____ VE: _____ ARRL: _____ Email Capers: __x__

e-mail _____

Dues:

Associate Member (non-ham) \$15 _____

Full Member \$30 _____

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

Family (2 members) \$52.50 _____

Family (3 members) \$65.00 _____

Family (4 members) \$75.00* _____

* additional members @ \$10 each _____

TOTAL _____

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