



# Capers

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***Meeting: Friday, July 9...Stony Hill Fire Station***

## **From the President**

Congratulations, CARA, on a fine Field Day! I think it will be remembered for quite a while. I don't know ( as of this writing ) what our final score was ( or which team "won" ) but I'm confident we'll have done as fine a job, or better, as last year.

First, I'd like to thank Jamie, KB1MQB, for agreeing to be our Field Day Chairman and doing a lot of organizing and other "behind the scenes" things. Thanks also to Ken, KD1DD, who stepped up and was able to finish all the work that Jamie began before he was incapacitated.

Second, thanks to all who came out Friday to set up our antennas...a fine job by all (especially since the gates around the Tennis Court were locked !). And to those that showed up early Saturday to set up tents, canopies, more antennas, rigs, computers, and all the other little things that make Field day work.

Thanks to all the operators and loggers, who sat there for (hopefully not too) long periods of "CQ Field Day..." interspersed with sudden, exciting "W1QI, this is ...." ! ...and to the problem solvers, who came up with solutions or the cable tie or the piece of tape or length of wire when the stations had their "Murphy" visits.

...and to those that stuck around after the last contact was made, and helped take down and put everything away, in that brutal sun...Thank you, too.

While on the subject of thanks, I'd be remiss if I didn't say the biggest Thanks of all, and that would be to Frank Etzler, N8WXQ, our outgoing President, who has served the club well for many years -- organizing programs, conducting business, and running meetings. **THANKS, FRANK!**

In closing, I'd like to remind you of our informal meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> and planning meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Keep your batteries charged and CALL CQ!

*73 and enjoy the summer,  
QH*

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### **CARA Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by President Frank Etzler, N8WXQ, with 18 members present.

The program for the evening was the final organization of Field Day led by Chairman Jamie Mullis, KB1MQB. As part of the presentation John Ahle, W1JMA, demonstrated the N3FJP logging software that we will be using.

Other Field Day items that came up during our discussion were:

At present the Field Day antennas and other equipment are stored at several locations. We now have a locked room at the Bethel EOC where everything could be brought together and we are finalizing these arrangements. Several CARA members have keys to the room so in an emergency we could quickly be up and running.

We are considering a new location for Field Day at Putnam State Park on the Bethel/Redding town line. There is a large open area bordered by large trees that could be used to anchor antennas. More important, unlike Cadigan Park, this site has minimum RFI.

Finally, as we conduct Field Day, look around and think about what equipment would be good to have in the future.

At the start of the business meeting, the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report of \$9,950.34 were each accepted.

As called for in the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association Constitution, Article II, Section 4, the election of club officers for the coming year was held at this meeting.

Bill Schaefer, N1PJG, and Oscar Fuller, KO1F, were appointed as the Nominating Committee. They submitted the following slate of officers for consideration by the membership.

President- Harlan Ford, W1QH  
Vice President- Barry Connolly, KA1JDD  
Treasurer- Bill Webb, W1AFX  
Secretary- Bill Thoren, N1TIW

Directors  
Dan Fegley, W1QK  
Joe DeGroot, AB1DO  
Ken Weith, KD1DD

John Ahle, W1JMA, made the motion that the slate of officers be accepted. The motion was seconded by Bill Schaefer, N1PJG, and passed by voice vote of the members present.

Jim Ritterbusch, KD1YV, made a motion that the Secretary cast one vote for the full slate of

officers. The motion was seconded by John Ahle and passed by a voice vote of the members present.

Secretary, Bill Thoren, N1TIW, cast the required vote. As specified in the Constitution, Article II, Section 4, "The term of office, for all positions, to become effective upon the conclusion of the June meeting."

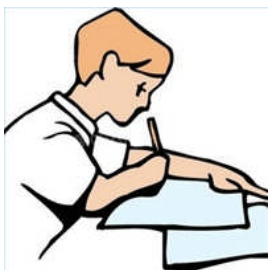
Outgoing President Frank Etzler, N8WXQ, was President for eight years and was given a well earned round of applause. Past presidents are a valuable resource and in Frank's case the programs he arranged were an important aspect of the CARA meetings. We hope that he will continue to spearhead the CARA trip to W1AW for the New England QSO Party and in the future continues to give the club the benefit of his amateur radio knowledge and experience.

Once again, the club extends its thanks to Frank for his past service and we look forward to his continued involvement with CARA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

***Bill Thoren, N1TIW, Secretary***

## **CARA 2010 Exam Schedule**



Here is the 2010 CARA-sponsored VE session schedule:

- September 11th
- December 4th

All dates are Saturdays. Sessions will continue to be held at the Stony Hill Fire Station at 59 Stony Hill Road (Route 6) in Bethel, CT.

Registration begins at 11:30 AM. Walk-ins are always welcome; pre-registration is not required.

For further info, contact Frank Sileo, N1PE, in Ridgefield, CT at 203-438-0218 or [frsileo@att.net](mailto:frsileo@att.net).

## **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*, 7 p.m., 3.640

*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.)

## ARRL Continuing Education Course Registration



Registration remains open through **Sunday, July 25, 2010**, for this [online](#)

[course session](#) beginning on **Friday, August 6, 2010**: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1. To learn more, visit the [CEP Course Listing page](#) or contact the [Continuing Education Program Coordinator](#).

**See photos from the CARA 2010 Field Day held at Cadigan Park in Brookfield in this month's Capers.**

*Photos courtesy of Oscar KO1F and Barry KA1JDD.*

### **ARRL Field Day: It's a Wrap!**

With more than 500 Field Day logs already received -- and more coming in every day -- it's safe to say that this year's ARRL Field Day was a smashing success! Conditions, at least on the East Coast, were quite good. Operators at W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, worked almost 3000 stations during Field Day, including a few California stations on 6 and 10 meters, as well as North Dakota on 10 meters on Saturday. Don't forget to send in your Field Day logs. Logs for 2010 ARRL Field Day must be postmarked, [e-mailed to the ARRL](#), posted to the [Field Day Web Submission Applet site](#) or submitted by 2059 UTC Tuesday, July 27, 2010. Late entries cannot be accepted. You can also post your Field Day stories and photos on the [Field Day Soapbox](#). The 2011 ARRL Field Day will be June 25-26.



**W1AW Station Manager Joe Garcia, NJ1Q, operates 6 meters on Sunday morning during Field Day. [Pete Gloistein, KC2PJH, Photo]**



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# Western CT Hamfest



Sanctioned by ARRL

- **Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010**  
(Rain or Shine)
- Edmond Town Hall  
45 Main St (Rt. 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**

- Admission \$6 (under 10 free)
- Tables \$15 (includes 1 admission)
- Tailgating \$10 (includes 1 admission)
- Ham Radio Equipment
- Computer Gear
- Door Prizes
- Refreshments
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## Commercial Vendors Include (tentative)

- KJI Electronics
- QuickSilver Radio Products
- Radio Oasis
- The Parent Shop

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Win a New Mobile Rig.**

## Seminars

- Raising Towers Safely (Steve Simons, W1SMS)
- (to be determined)

## Contact Information

- Joe de Groot - AB1DO: (203) 938-4880
- Email: ab1do@arrl.net
- Web site:  
[www.danbury.org/cara/Hamfest.html](http://www.danbury.org/cara/Hamfest.html)

## Directions

Take exit 10 off Rt. 84. Go West onto Rt. 6 (west bound make a right, east bound make a left). Approx.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile at flag pole make a right onto Main Street/Rt. 6/Rt. 25. Edmond Town Hall will be approx. 100 yds on left.

Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA) Hamfest, Sept. 12, 2010  
c/o Joe de Groot - AB1DO, 30 Sunnyview Drive, Redding, CT 06896. Phone # (203) 938-4880

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ indoor tables @ \$15.00 each. Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I need \_\_\_\_\_ / do not need \_\_\_\_\_ electricity. **Please make checks payable to CARA**

# FIELD DAY 2010





**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**