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CARA Meeting Friday, May 10, 8 p.m. @ Stony Hill Fire Station

MINUTES

CARA Meeting April 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by CARA President Roger Strong, KB1NYY, with 22 members and guests present.

The program for the evening was a discussion of emergency power presented by Mark DeWolfe, Connecticut Telecommunications Manager for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mark is a member of the Newtown, CT, Fire Department along with John Will, KB1LYP, who arranged for Mark to give his talk this evening.

Some program highlights to keep in mind when setting up an emergency / backup power system:

- Determine the required system capacity including start up loads for,

for instance, the refrigerator and furnace oil burner.

- Select a source of power and, in the case of a generator, the type of fuel.
- Install a Transfer Switch or other device for isolating the load(s) to eliminate the danger of back-feeding the power grid.
- Reliability depends on a good maintenance program. In the case of a generator, use high quality lubricating oil and keep a supply of fresh or "stabilized" fuel.
- WARNING: Internal combustion engines produce carbon monoxide (CO). Be sure to vent exhaust outside and keep fumes away from open windows and ventilation air intakes!
- Something I had not considered was 2-pole (3600 RPM) vs. 4-pole (1800 RPM) generators and the effect on noise and service life; slower is

better. I do not yet have a generator so this is something I am going to look into.

- There are 'Honda' generators and then there are "True Honda" generators.

We would like to thank Mark for a very interesting program and perhaps we could talk him into giving it as a seminar at the CARA Hamfest.

After a short break we went on to the business part of the meeting.

The Treasurer's report of \$10,066.22 was accepted.

The Secretary's report, as published in the Capers, was accepted.

Field Day is coming up on June 22 and 23. Dan, W1QK, Harlan, W1QH, and Bill, N1PJG, will have signup sheets for 1) setup, 2) your favorite operating time(s) and 3) tear down.

Repeater Committee Chairman Steve, W1SMS, reported that upgrades are being worked on and as the weather improves a trip to the repeater site will be scheduled. John, KB1LYP, is arranging for pickup of the packet radio system.

Our other major event is the Hamfest on September 8th and Joe, AB1DO, reported that preparations are on schedule.

I (Bill, N1TIW) am working on the Constitution and Bylaws revision.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 pm.

--Bill Thoren, N1TIW, Secretary

Ham Exam Schedule...

Here are the dates for upcoming ham radio exams at the Stony Hill FD:

June 8, September 7, December 7.

All are Saturdays, starting at 11:30 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but it's helpful if candidates call or e-mail Frank Sileo, N1PE, at 203-438-0218, or send a message to frsileo at att.net.

CARA Net April 28, 2013:

7:30 PM (DST) to 8:05 PM (DST)

CARA repeater, 147.300 MHz, PL 100Hz

NOTE: Net Script is on the CARA website

http://cararadioclub.org/images/documents/CARA_netscript.pdf

Check-ins for the evening:

- 1 Net control N1TIW, Bill
- 2 NG1R, Roger
- 3 N1PJG, Bill
- 4 W1JMA, John
- 5 KO1F, Oscar
- 6 KB1ZAC, Dave
- 7 W1LCR, Frank

- 8 W1QH, Harlan
- 9 W1QK, Dan
- 10 K2ZZ, George
- 11 N2OHH, Vin
- 12 KB1LVW, Leslie
- 13 KB1YHW, Gregory
- 14 KB1ZIR, Eric
- 15 N1XLY, Fred
- 16 KB1EPA, Efrain
- 17 W1KAY, Ken
- 18 KB1QAU, Andre

18 in 2013 -- the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will be conducted on May 11 to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention, scheduled for May 17-19.

The annual celebration features traditional military-to-amateur crossband communications SSB voice and Morse code tests. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and short wave listeners an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills and to receive recognition from the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise. QSL cards will be provided to stations making contact with the military stations.

Military-to-amateur crossband operations will take place on the dates and time in UTC on the frequencies listed for the Army, Air Force and Navy/Marine Corps and Coast Guard MARS stations. Voice contacts will include operations in single sideband voice (SSB); some stations will use CW to provide the opportunity to check in by Morse code. Depending on propagation and staffing, some stations may not operate the entire period. Participating military stations will transmit on selected military MARS frequencies and listen for Amateur Radio stations in the amateur bands. The military station operator will announce the specific amateur band frequency being monitored. Duration of each voice contact should be limited to 1-2 minutes. The annual Secretary of Defense message will be transmitted via digital modes, including RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, PSK-31, MFSK and MT63 from certain stations.

Our thanks to all who checked in.

Bill, N1TIW, Net control

**QST de W1AW
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From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT May 2, 2013
To all radio amateurs

SB SPCL ARL ARLX005
ARLX005 Annual Armed Forces Day
Crossband Test Scheduled for May 11

In celebration of the 63rd anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD), the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual Military/Amateur Radio Crossband Communications Test. Although Armed Forces Day is traditionally celebrated on the third Saturday in May -- May

Check the MARS Armed Forces Crossband Test website at <http://www.usarmymars.org/home/announcements> for schedules and frequencies of participating military stations, including a list of stations that will be transmitting the annual Secretary of Defense message. Instructions on how to copy and submit the message are also included.



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2013 Membership/Dues Application

		Date: _____	
Name:	_____		
Address:	_____		
City:	_____	State:	_____
E-Mail:	_____		Zip Code: _____
E-Mail Capers? (CARA News Letter):		Y	N
(Default = "Y")		Phone:	_____
Call Sign:	_____	ARRL Member?:	Y N
Class:	E A G T N	VE?:	Y N

Membership Rates:

\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Member	\$45.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 Members)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior (65+)/Student (Under 18)	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (3 Members)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate Member (Non-Ham)	\$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (4 Members)

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