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CARA Meeting Friday, July 12, 8 p.m. @ Stony Hill Fire Station

MINUTES

CARA Meeting June 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by CARA President Roger Strong, KB1NYY, with 23 members and guests present.

There were two items on the agenda:

- 1) Election of CARA Officers for next year
- 2) Final preparations for Field Day.

The Nominating committee is made up of the Board of Directors: Dan, W1QK, Harlan, W1QH, and Joe, AB1DO. Speaking for the Committee, Harlan asked for nominations from the floor. There being no

additional nominations, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. The motion passed on a voice vote of the members present.

Harlan then presented the slate of officers which was as follows:

President-Roger Strong, KB1NYY

Vice President-Ron Cabral, AB1RJ

Secretary-Bill Thoren, N1TIW

Treasurer-Bill Webb, W1AFX

Directors (3)

Dan Fegley, W1QK

Harlan Ford, W1QH

Joe de Groot, AB1DO

The motion to accept the slate as presented was seconded and passed by a voice vote of the members present. It was further moved and seconded that the Secretary cast one vote for the Slate of Officers.

The Secretary cast one vote and the slate of officers as listed above was elected.

The officers would like to thank the membership and if you have any ideas or suggestions about the operation of CARA please contact us.

Next, Dan, W1QK, and Harlan, W1QH, gave a slide presentation and discussion of Field Day which is coming up on the 22nd and 23rd of June. Their slides are on the CARA website. Also on the website is a very good tutorial on the N1MM logging program that we will be using on Field Day. The video is narrated by Larry, K8UT.

Our thanks to Dan and Harlan for all their hard work and now it's up to all of us to make it happen. See you at Field Day next weekend!!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40PM.

Bill Thoren, N1TIW, Secretary

Ham Exam Schedule...

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

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 June 16, 2013:

7:30 PM (DST) to 7:42 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 W1QK, Dan
- 3 KB1ZAC, David
- 4 K2ZZ, George
- 5 KB1NYY, Roger
- 6 KB1ZIR, Eric

We would like to thank everyone who checked in. There were some good comments on the NVIS test.

Bill, N1TIW, Net control

CARA Net June 23, 2013:

7:30 PM (DST) to 7:55 PM (DST)

CARA repeater, 147.300 MHz, PL 100Hz

NOTE: Net Script is on the CARA website
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Check-ins for the evening:

- 1 Net control N1TIW, Bill
- 2 KO1F, Oscar
- 3 W1QH, Harlan
- 4 W1QK, Dan
- 5 KB1NYY, Roger
- 6 KB1SPA, Jim
- 7 KB1ZAC, David
- 8 K1TJC, Tom
- 9 KB1YHW, Greg
- 10 KB1ZIR, Eric
- 11 AB1DO, Joe

Our thanks to all who checked in. There were many favorable comments about Field Day, the planning, the station operation and the food. It's a club effort and it went well!!

Bill, N1TIW, Net control

Rules Change Sought to Permit Encryption of Sensitive Emergency Communications

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The FCC is inviting public comments on a proposal from a Massachusetts ham to amend the Part 97 Amateur Service rules to permit the encryption of certain amateur communications during emergency operations or related training exercises. On June 7 the FCC accepted for filing a [Petition for Rulemaking](#) (RM-11699) from Don Rolph, AB1PH, and put it on public notice. It will remain open for comment until July 8. Rolph, of E Walpole, petitioned the Commission in March to suggest an additional exception to §97.113, which currently prohibits “messages encoded for the purpose of obscuring their meaning.”

“As such, encryption cannot be effectively supported by the Amateur Service,” Rolph told the FCC in his *PRM*, “and this restriction has impacted the relationship of Amateur Radio volunteers and served agencies and significantly limited the effectiveness of amateurs in supporting emergency communications.” He pointed out that Part 97 already relaxes its encryption prohibitions with respect to satellite control link communications and model craft radio control.

Rolph cited rules already in place in Australia as a possible model for amending the rules in the US. The Australian Amateur Radio rules provide an exception for “intercommunications when participating in emergency services operations or related training exercises.” He suggested modifying Part 97 “to capture the intent of the Australian regulations” to relieve what he called “this impediment of Amateur Radio support of emergency communications.”

In his petition Rolph suggested excepting “intercommunications when participating in emergency services operations or related training exercises which may involve information covered by HIPAA [medical privacy requirements — *Ed*] or other

sensitive data, such as logistical information concerning medical supplies, personnel movement, other relief supplies or any other data designated by Federal authorities managing relief or training efforts.”

Commenters may use the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System ([ECFS](#)) to comment on RM-11699 online.



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2013 Membership/Dues Application

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City: _____	State: _____
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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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