



Capers

August 2013

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CARA Meeting Friday, August 9, 8 p.m. @ Stony Hill Fire Station



MINUTES

CARA Meeting Notes July 12, 2013

July and August meetings are not official so these are “Notes” not formal “Minutes”.

The meeting was opened by CARA President Roger Strong, KB1NYY, at 8 PM with 17 members present

Roger is a member of the Superstition Amateur Radio Club in Mesa, AZ. They

have a tee shirt with a “Radio Appropriate” silkscreen on the front and Roger suggested that we could do something along the same line for CARA. Contact Roger if you have any ideas for a CARA tee shirt.

Ron, AB1RJ, has some Field Day equipment in his truck and will schedule a time to return everything back to the storeroom at the Bethel EOC. Thanks to Ron for the use of his mobile storage unit (MSU).

Dan, W1QK, and Harlan, W1QH, have sliced and diced the Field Day information lurking in the many fields of the N1MM logging program and gave a slide show of the preliminary results. The final numbers will be published when they become available.

Thanks to Harlan and Dan for captaining a very successful Field Day.

Bill, N1PJG, brought in a "Cheap and Easy Software Defined Radio" that he has been working with. Bill referenced an article on page 30 in the January 2013 issue of QST which I took a quick look at. It looks like an interesting way of doing radio and maybe he could bring his system to one of our meetings. Does anyone else want to play with one of these?

Oscar, KO1F, gave a preview of a training video that the region 5 ESF-2 Committee has produced to encourage the incorporation of Amateur Radio into municipal Emergency Operation Centers. The DVD First outlines the capabilities of Amateur Radio operators and then shows how a specific radio, the Icom 7000, can be used to support the EOC mission.

Oscar also mentioned that a test of the ARES system is scheduled for August 3rd. A list of frequencies and modes has yet to be determined but 6 Meters will be an important part of the test.

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) information is available at www.ctares.org

Joe, AB1DO, reported that Hamfest plans are on schedule although he still needs someone to handle refreshments. Radio Oasis and KJI will be here again this year but, unfortunately, since our source is unavailable, there will be no large gel-cell batteries. Seminars have been popular in the past so if you have a program that you think would fit in please contact Joe.

The meeting closed at 9:20 PM

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 July 21, 2013:

7:30 PM (DST) to 7:46 PM (DST)

CARA repeater, 147.300 MHz, PL 100Hz

NOTE: 1) Net Script is on the CARA website

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

2) Net Log sheet is on the CARA website

Check-ins for the evening:

- 1 Net control N1TIW, Bill
- 2 NG1R, Roger
- 3 KO1F, Oscar
- 4 W1QK, Dan
- 5 W1QH, Harlan
- 6 KB1SPA, Jim
- 7 KB1NYY, Roger
- 8 KB1YHW, Gregory
- 9 N1GSA, Gary
- 10 KB1ZAC, David

Our thanks to all who checked in.

Bill, N1TIW, Net control

CARA Net August 04, 2013:

7:30 PM (DST) to 7:48 PM (DST)

CARA repeater, 147.300 MHz, PL 100Hz

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- 8 W1SOP, Sander

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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)

Send Check, Payable to "CARA"

TO: Carl Braun
64 Orchard Avenue, Woodbury, CT 06798

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Phone: (203) 263-4662



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Western CT Hamfest

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- **Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013** (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
- Free Parking

Commercial Vendors Include (tentative)

- KJI Electronics
- Sauder Electronics
- Radio Oasis

**Don't Miss the Raffle!
Win a New Mobile Rig.**

Seminars

- Bill Thoren, N1TIW: Samuel F.B. Morse - Artist and Inventor

Contact Information

- Joe de Groot - AB1DO: (203) 938-4880
- Email: ab1do@arrl.net
- Web site:
www.hamfest.cararadioclub.org

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.

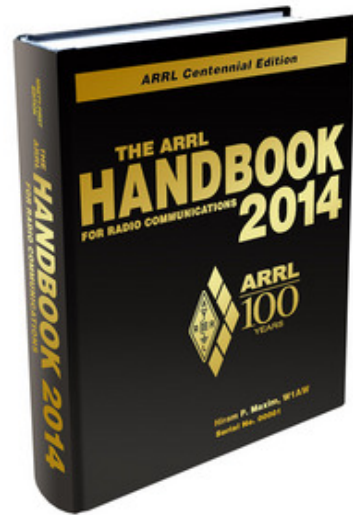
Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA) Hamfest, Sept. 8, 2013
c/o Joe de Groot - AB1DO, 30 Sunnyview Drive, Redding, CT 06896. Phone # (203) 938-4880

Name _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Address _____ Evening Phone # _____

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

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