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CARA Meeting Friday, October 11, 8 p.m. @ Stony Hill Fire Station



Our friend and leader, Roger Strong, is gone.
Roger passed away October 1, 2013.
He was a friend, a mentor, a leader, a ham.



Photo by Gregory Davis

ROGER STRONG --- KB1NYY --- SK

APRIL 16, 1945 --- OCTOBER 1, 2013

Good-By Dear Friend - You will be missed by all.

Link to Roger's Obituary:

[http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newstimes/obituary.aspx?
n=roger-strong&pid=167328708&fhid=12027#sthash.S1jpi5KJ.dpbs](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newstimes/obituary.aspx?n=roger-strong&pid=167328708&fhid=12027#sthash.S1jpi5KJ.dpbs)

CARA Meeting September 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8PM by CARA President Roger Strong, KB1NYY, with 16 members and guests present.

A harbinger of fall is the CARA Hamfest which was held on September 8th. Treasurer Bill Webb, W1AFX, reported \$1,133.65 after expenses, which is quite good considering we had no batteries for sale this year. Everyone pitched in and all went smoothly. I did not take any pictures but if anyone did, please pass them on to Tom Cheslock, K1TJC, to put in the Capers.

The members of CARA would like to thank Hamfest Chairman Joe, AB1DO, for a very well-run event!

An observation that I have is that in addition to commercial vendors and tailgaters it would be good to have two or three seminars/programs. My program on Samuel Morse was well attended and afterwards people kept stopping by with questions, comments and suggestions for further study. Let's see what we can come up with for next year.

The program for the evening was a Connecticut Light and Power safety video "Your Safety on the Line" presented by Harlan, W1QH. I have seen this video before so knew when to turn away and stop looking! There are some rather graphic examples of what happens when a person tangles with thousands of volts.

When you see all those nice neat power lines 30 or 40 feet in the air on poles they are probably "hot". OK, after a storm goes through and those same power lines are now on the ground are they hot or are they not? You do not know but it's probably a good idea to consider them "live".

After the presentation several people around the table brought up personal experiences and also events that had made the news over the years.

Thanks to Harlan for reminding us that electricity demands our respect.

Putting together programs for future meetings is a topic that keeps coming up. During the discussion this evening Tony, KB1YNB, and others mentioned building cables or a kit of some kind, either during the meeting or at some other time and place. The major kit companies such as Heathkit are no more but there are a lot of smaller outfits out there. Sander, W1SOP, built a 4:1 balun and put pictures and notes on line. The June 2013 *Nuts and Volts* that I picked up at our Hamfest has a number of kits from various advertisers and also some projects that could qualify. Unless it pumps out too much RFI, Ramsey Kits has a Nixie tube clock kit that would dress up your shack!

Another area that CARA may want to explore is a tie-in with the Boy Scouts and/or the Bethel School System ROTC. Not sure how this could be done but before he moved to Auburn, Alabama, Jamie Mullis, KB1MQB, was a Boy Scout Merit Badge councilor so something along that line might work. We need to find out how to approach the ROTC.

There were no official Minutes for the unofficial August meeting. The Treasurer's report of \$10,335.69 was accepted. The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.

Bill Thoren, N1TIW, Secretary

From the desk of the Vice President:

A reminder that CARA will be meeting tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8PM at the Stony Hill Firehouse in Bethel (doors open at 7:30PM). Our general agenda for this meeting is outlined below.

If you have additional business items you would like discussed, please relay them to me or bring them up at the meeting.

Business Update: Items to discuss

- Additional Equipment/Supplies needed for Field Day
- CARA Program Committee volunteers
- Discussion of the process around electing a new President to fill the position held by Roger Strong, KB1NYY.

Meeting Presentation: CARA Repeater Project

Steve Simons, and Sander Pool will be conducting a program about the CARA repeater SYSTEM, discussing the history and all of the work they have been doing to enhance and stabilize its operations. They will be sharing a presentation and soliciting discussion on its operation as well as the next steps in the rebuilding process.

Event Reminder:

Saturday 9AM, Breakfast at Jacqueline's in Bethel on Greenwood Avenue for those who wish to attend.

Ron Cabral
AB1RJ
CARA - Vice President

ARRL CT Section Convention information:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/connecticut-state-convention-nutmeg-hamfest-1>

From CT ARRL Section News:

Please join me in welcoming Steve Simons W1SMS as our newly-appointed technical coordinator. For those of you new to the field organization, the TC appointment is a cabinet-level appointment. The leaders you see on the top of each of my letters are all members of my cabinet.

Steve grew up in Northeast Philadelphia (Fox Chase section) and was first licensed in 1974 as WN3WAS and soon upgraded to WA3WAS.

His interests started in experimentation and equipment/antenna construction. Joining the Mt. Airy VHF RC in 1977 enabled him to expand his station designing and building efforts into VHF contesting. Relocating to Silicon Valley to pursue a career in industrial RF power resulted in a call change to KF6AJ.

Danbury, Connecticut has been his home since 1984 with a larger piece of property to build the station. Holding an Advanced license, his efforts in VHF DX and contesting continue with new interests in the HF spectrum and membership in the Frankford Radio Club. He is also active in two local clubs: Candlewood ARC and Greater Norwalk ARC.

Currently under construction is a 130' Rohn 55 rotating tower system (to replace the tower damaged in storm Sandy). Planned rotary antenna population will include HF through microwave frequencies. Additionally, he plans to install various (HF) wire and vertical antennas. On the rig end, he runs a pair of 756 Pro II + SDR. Welcome aboard Steve!



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