



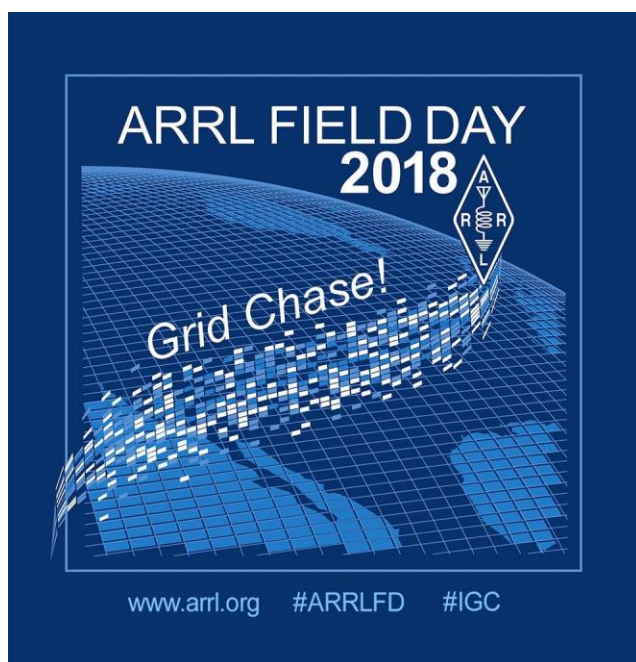
# Capers

## June - 2018

The Monthly Newsletter of The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association  
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**Next CARA Meeting:**  
**Friday, June 8, Stony Hill Fire Station**



**Doors open at 7:30 for socializing and conversation.**  
**Business meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.**

### **Agenda:**

- **Pledge of Allegiance - Introductions**
- **Reading of Minutes – N1GSA**
- **Treasurer's Report – WX1T**
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **CARA Field Day Planning – Field Day Committee**

## *President's Message - de AB1WV*



All,

Well, this has been quite the 2 weeks since the Great Storm of Spring, 2018. I hope that all of you are nearly cleaned up by now. We lost a few trees in the back, but none into the house thank goodness. I am almost done cutting and chopping the wood to the tune of nearly 2 full cords. I guess we will start using the fireplace, hi hi.

This month we have our final meeting before Field Day, so final prep is in full swing.

We also have elections for officers and directors. If you have any nominations, or would like to run yourself, please put your name in the hat. Remember, this is all of our club and it works best when we all participate. Also, on the agenda are some more prep for our hamfest in August.

Our July meeting will feature a remote presentation from a representative from DX Engineering. It should be very informative.

Hope to see you all at this month's meeting.

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Marcus  
AB1WV

## Vice-President's Message de N1NRP



Greetings CARA Members and friends of CARA:

I'd like to first express my thanks to those CARA members who participated in activating W1AW during the New England QSO Party.

I hope everyone had a good Memorial Day weekend; even though the weather wasn't the greatest. My family along with Marlon KC1EHW's family attended a good 'ole fashioned barbeque at Emily N1DID and Chery's house, where we enjoyed the company of ham friends from several area clubs.

I hope everyone is doing OK after that wild storm. I know many had power knocked out and several trees come down on your property.

Any club member needing assistance in getting antenna reinstalled - let us know so we may set up the team to come to your house. We ask that you have all the rope and swivels, coax, and other supplies you may need to re-install your antenna(s), and get you back on the air.

June is upon us, and Field Day is approaching fast. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone to participate.

Comprehensive planning will ensure adequate preparation with "no surprises". The focus for FD '18 is for CARA members to Elmer each other, so everyone has the opportunity to learn

something new. We intend to have all the planning completed by the June meeting.

I hope the bands will cooperate for lots of contacts to be made.

At the meeting, we'll finalize all the detailed planning, including an opportunity to review how to use the N1MM+ logging program, and the "must know information" about the ICOM 756 Pro III HF Transceiver.

At this important meeting, we'll also be holding our annual election for Executive Committee Officers and Directors.

73 - Jay

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## May 11 CARA Meeting Minutes de N1GSA



The meeting was called to order by President Marcus Swearingen at 8:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A Round Robin introduction was performed.  
16 People were present.

The minutes of last meeting were accepted with one spelling correction.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$5826.54.

Under Old Business: Charlie reported that the Field Day pins have been received, to be given out to those participating.

A small group has made the trip to the Bethel EOC where the bins have been inspected for content.

There will be invitations sent to the local Fire and Police chiefs to stop by our Field Day event. Hugh has made progress on building the new antenna for Field Day, and will be testing and tuning it in the next few weeks.

Dan brought up about contacting Tarrywile Park to firm up plans for Field Day. Harlan has made arrangements to use the Danbury EOC radios for this event.

Hugh reported on the repeaters. The Motorola machine was working fine until such time as they left the New Fairfield site. The controller is still giving intermittent problems.

There has been an offer from Yaesu to upgrade our present machines to the latest models for a trade-in price of \$1000. We would trade in both the 2 meter and the 440 machines. The new radios would have capability of both frequencies. They would come with a 3yr warranty. This would make the system completely linkable with the surrounding areas. This is a full duty cycle system. This price is only good until June 30th. Kevin should be contacted about the Arcom controller and any possibility of warranty on this equipment. Our present Yaesu machine is running at a full 50-watt output.

The Hamfest was reported on by Marcus. There has been a room reserved to use as a testing area to be used for license testing, for a nominal fee. Marcus has spoken with Bethel School System STEM Coordinator, who will bring the proposal of an ARISS contact to the school board and

report back. She was very interested in the possibility of moving forward with this.

There will be a Foxhunt in Peekskill this weekend with Jay and Marcus as the Fox. All are encouraged to attend. 146.565 will be the frequency used for this event.

Harlan stated that nominations are now open for officers for the upcoming year. Nominations will be accepted at the June meeting, after which elections will be held.

Formal meeting adjourned at 8:35pm, after which we had a short break and proceeded with the presentation by FLYRC on radio-controlled airplanes.

Respectfully Submitted.  
Gary S. Adams - N1GSA,  
Secretary

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**May 25 - CARA Planning Meeting  
Minutes**  
de N1GSA

Meeting called to order at 8PM by Gary Adams, Secretary.

John – W1JGM, reported that Candlewood Isle has been contacted about using the facility for Islands on the Air in August. Waiting for confirmation from them. Probably won't be until after their meeting.

Many members have been affected by the recent storm. A work party was proposed to help with replacing antennas in the air. The Air Cannon, Slingshot, Drone, Fishing Pole could be used to get ropes for antennas back in the air. We will coordinate this in the coming week and try to help each other become Radio-Active again.

Field Day preparations are in progress. Charlie has contacted Home Depot, who now has our 501c3 number for future purchases. Costo has a

donation program for non-profits. We have applied and are waiting to see what is available.

Our Air Cannon reels have been broken and replacements are not available. Repairs or alterations are being worked on. David will check again regarding the manpower schedule for the event. Harlan has the CARA awning and tripods which we will again use for antenna setup. The Bethel EOC has been visited and the containers inventoried. These seem to be in reasonable shape.

The Repeater issues were discussed. The Motorola has continued to give issues intermittently. We are presently running the Yaesu machine on Spruce Mtn. The Arcom controller will be sent back to be repaired. This will be at a cost of \$100. This is NOT under warranty as it was originally purchased in 2013. Yaesu has the program running thru the end of June to replace our two present machines, 2meter and 440, with the latest models for \$1000. These new machines have linking, and remote control built in. This would come complete with a 3 yr warranty on both. These are also rated for full power output as our present machines are not.

Mt Beacon Hamfest is coming up along with many others. Please make sure to circulate flyers at any of these events to promote our upcoming Hamfest.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10  
Respectfully Submitted  
Gary S. Adams N1GSA  
Secretary



## *May CARA Meeting Flashback: Presentation by FlyRC club*

de W1QK

Photo credits: KC1IBR

CARA was very pleased to host a presentation at our May meeting by FlyRC, which is an RC Flight club. The presentation was coordinated with Chris Vargo-KB1QM, by Marcus-AB1WV.

The FlyRC Club (Fairfield League Of Yankee Radio Controllers) is celebrating its 50th year as a charter member of the national AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics).

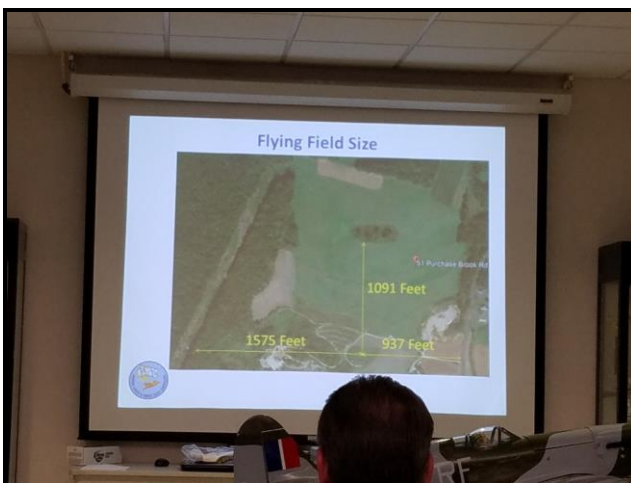
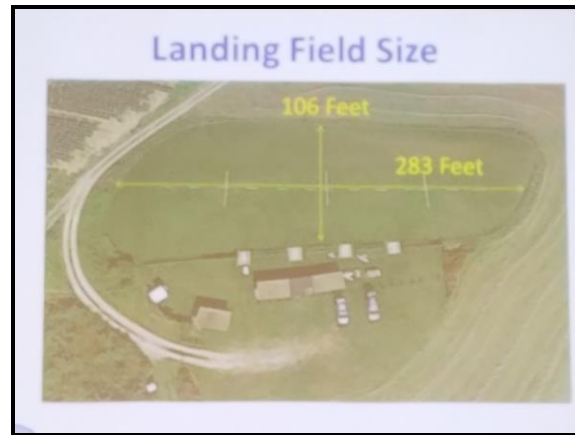
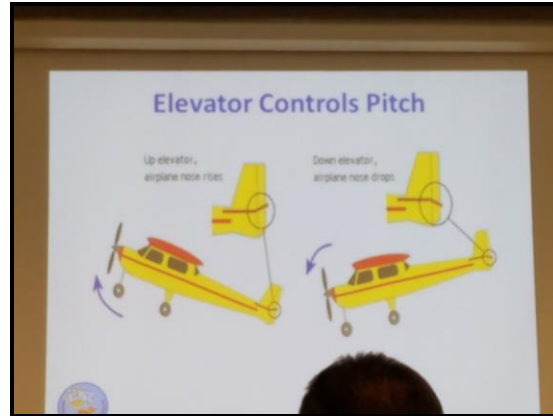
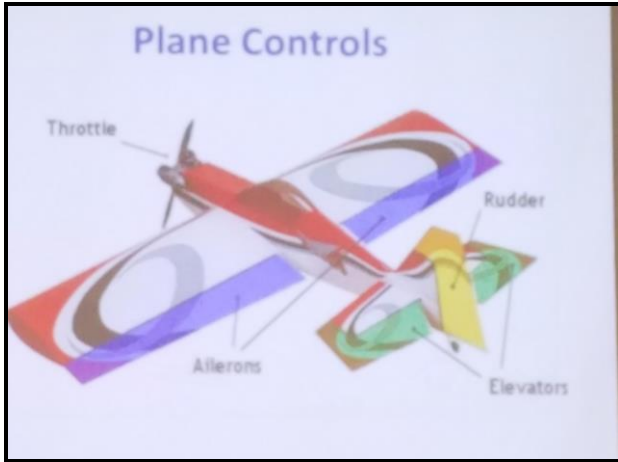
FlyRC members presented information about the history of the FlyRC organization, the electronic equipment utilized, aircraft assembly, and flight training.



FlyRC club representatives and presenters:

(L-R) Noel Wheate – KE2FI, Cliff Becker -  
FlyRC President, Chris Vargo – KB1QM, Nino  
Desposati – Member & Corporate jet pilot.





The presentation covered information about the origins of radio-controlled aircraft, power types, a background of flight controls, plus many details about building and flying planes. They showed several videos of club members flying their planes, as well as a description and information about the FlyRC Field, which is located at Mitchell Farm in Southbury.

There's plenty of additional information at their website: [www.FlyRC.org](http://www.FlyRC.org).



*Editor:*  
*Here's a follow up email received from Chris Vargo, KB1QM:*



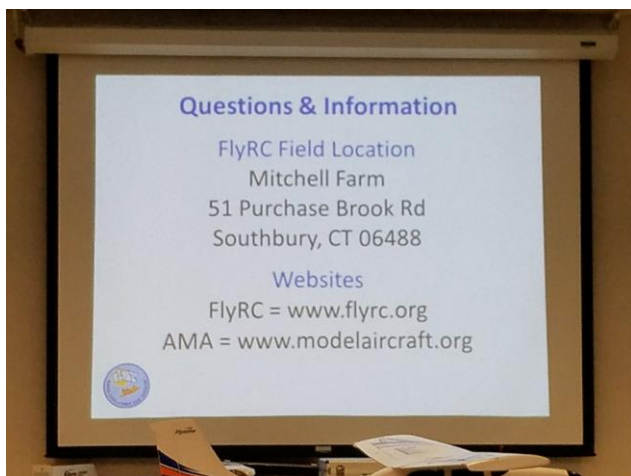
Hi Marcus,  
Attached is the presentation so you can send out with your next newsletter.

What FlyRC has previously done was to arrange a date end of June or in July for a Saturday Fly-In gathering with a rain date as a backup.

Doing a group gathering is a way the members from both clubs can get together and share experiences.

If you have a club member that wants to experience earlier, please have them contact Cliff or myself via email to arrange a 1 on 1 experience with one of our Introductory Pilots.

Chris Vargo, KB1QM [vargochris@gmail.com](mailto:vargochris@gmail.com)  
Cliff Becker [agape1461@yahoo.com](mailto:agape1461@yahoo.com)



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# ATTENTION CARA!

de W1QH for the Nominating Committee, which consists of current CARA Directors: NG1R, W1QH, and W1QK.

It's that time of year again!

Annual Executive Committee and Director elections will be held at the June meeting.

Nominations will be accepted starting with the May meeting for:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 3 Directors

If you wish to nominate someone, please confirm that they will accept your nomination.

This is YOUR club and you choose your leadership.

See you there!

## CARA Repeater Committee:

No update submitted from this committee.

## ARRL Connecticut Section News:



ARRL CT Section Manager, Chuck Motes - K1DFS.

No May SM message available.



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## Connecticut Phone Net – CPN

Meets daily: M-F 6:00 p.m. 3.973 MHz.  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. 3.965 MHz.  
CARA Contributions:  
Wednesday Net control: Harlan, W1QH  
Net Manager: Tom, WX1T



## Weekly CARA NETS:

**CARA 10M “Rag Chew Net”:**  
28.490 MHz. 7:00 pm Sunday

**CARA 2M NET:**  
W1QI 2M Repeater – 7:30 pm Sunday

**CARA PSK31 Digital NET:**  
28.100 MHz. 7:00 pm Tuesday; 1500 Hz.

## Worked All Connecticut Counties Award, WACC – Sponsored by CARA:

<http://www.cararadioclub.org/activities>

## Upcoming Contests, Hamfests & Meetings:

- June 8: CARA Monthly meeting
- June 9-10: ARRL June VHF Contest
- June 11: ARES meeting – Danbury EOC
- June 16: Iowa QSO Party
- June 23-24: ARRL Field Day
- June 25: ARES Region 5 Monthly meeting – Newtown EOC
- June 6, 13, 20, 27 CWOps CWT 1300Z, 1900Z, 0300Z



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**New England and other local hamfests:**  
<http://web.mit.edu/w1gsl/Public/ne-fleas>

**Complete Contest calendar at:**  
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

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**Upcoming CARA Calendar:**

June 8: CARA Monthly meeting – Final FD planning  
June 23-24: ARRL Field Day Tarrywile Park – Danbury  
Monthly CARA planning meeting – SHFD – TBD  
July 1: July Capers input deadline

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**YCCC News**

The next scheduled meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held at the ARRL Boxboro New England Division Convention in September.

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Connecticut ARES Region 5 conducts a weekly net each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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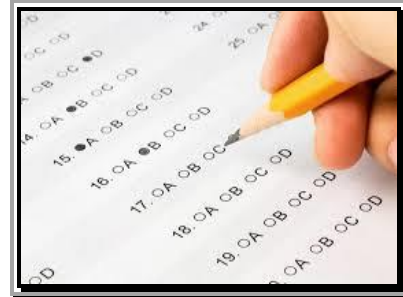
Washington: 441.850 MHz +5 MHz PL 77 Hz

Woodbury: 444.800 +5 MHz PL 192.8 Hz  
Warren: 53.970 MHz -1 MHz PL 110.9 Hz  
Please check in – All are welcome.

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**2018 CARA Ham Exam Schedule:**



**2018 Amateur radio exams sponsored by CARA at the Stony Hill FD:**

June 9, September 8  
December 1. 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 @ att.net](mailto:frsileo@att.net)

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**Upcoming VE exam sessions:**

**Bethel CT 06801-9999**  
**EXAM SESSION**  
**06/09/2018**  
**Sponsor: Candlewood ARA**  
**Date: Jun 09 2018**  
**Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
**Contact: Frank R. Sileo**  
**(203) 438-0218**  
**Email: [frsileo@att.net](mailto:frsileo@att.net)**  
**VEC: [ARRL/VEC](http://www.arrl.org/vec)**  
**Location: Stony Hill Fire House (Public Meeting Room)**  
**59 Stony Hill Road**  
**Route 6**  
**Bethel CT 06801-9999**  
**Litchfield CT 06759-3404**

**EXAM SESSION**

06/12/2018

Sponsor: Northwest Amt

Date: Jun 12 2018

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Lawrence S. Polowy  
(860) 283-4089

Email: [lspolowy@snet.net](mailto:lspolowy@snet.net)

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: Litchfield Firehouse

258 West St

Park in Rear

Litchfield CT 06759-3404

Trumbull CT 06611-1944

**EXAM SESSION**

06/14/2018

Sponsor: CT Regional Test Center

Date: Jun 14 2018

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Kevin W. Cellini  
(203) 209-6495

Email: [kevin.cellini@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.cellini@gmail.com)

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: <http://441700.org/CRTC/crtc.htm>

VE's Residence

49 Sunrise Ave

Trumbull CT 06611-1944

Norwalk CT 06854-2164

**EXAM SESSION**

07/07/2018

Sponsor: Greater Norwalk ARC

Date: Jul 07 2018

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Tom J. Alessi  
(203) 253-7745

Email: [k1ta@arrl.net](mailto:k1ta@arrl.net)

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: Greater Norwalk ARC

100 Fairfield Ave

Norwalk CT 06854-2164



CARA will be using N1MM+ Contest Logger during the ARRL 2018 Field Day.

For a free download, visit:

<https://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php>



**NEWS, PRESS RELEASES, AND GENERAL INTEREST**

The Dayton Contest Dinner featured the induction of Andy, N2NT, and Tom, N1MM, into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame. Andy has a number of world-class contest wins going back to 1979 and is known for being able to get on the air to be competitive despite adverse conditions. He's been the director of the CQ WW 160 Meter DX Contest for the last decade. Tom is known by the contest community and beyond for the N1MM Logger+ program, which supports hundreds of different radio contests, and is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers.

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Purpose: To improve CW through on-air practice at a time and place when others are likely available.

Time and place: 7035-7045 kHz every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday around 6-8 pm local time.

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## For Sale:

### ICOM IC-756 Pro III

I'm selling my Icom 756 Pro III. Very Good Condition. I have the original Box. Harlan recently used this radio and can vouch on its condition. This is the same model radio that CARA uses (from the Danbury EOC) for Field Day. I will also include the Heil HC 5 headset/with mike. Just updated: the package will include a second Heil desk mike. Asking price is \$1050. John - W1JMA w1jma@aol.com 203-610-5335.

If interested let me know.  
73, John - W1JMA



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### Member and Station News:

Your news or story could go here in the next Issue of *CARA Capers*. Contact W1QK, *Capers* editor.

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**CARA 2018 Calendar – Updated at May 25  
Planning meeting:**

- June  
8 – Annual Elections  
Field Day Preparations  
23-24 – Field Day at Tarrywile Park, Danbury
- July  
13 – Skype presentation from DX Engineering,  
Teri Grizer  
19 – New Fairfield Car Show – Special Event  
station: W1QI  
25 – US/VE Islands QSO Party – Candlewood  
Isle, New Fairfield - W1QI  
27 – July Planning Meeting
- August  
10 – Hamfest Prep, open  
24 – August Planning Meeting  
25 – W/VE Islands QSO Party with W1QI  
operating from Candlewood Isle, New  
Fairfield  
26 – CARA WCT Hamfest – Edmond Town Hall,  
Newtown
- September  
14 – EMCOMM - ARES event – still in the  
planning phase  
16 – New Fairfield Days – Special Event station:  
N1F  
21 – September Planning Meeting
- October  
12 – YCCC/CARA Joint meeting – Still in the  
planning phase
- November  
9 – Open

**CARA Program & Activities Committee:**

Marcus – AB1WV, Jay – N1NRP, Dan – W1QK,  
Bud – W1NSK.

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**CAPERS** is looking for ANY and ALL input.

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**w1qk@snet.net**

**CAPERS** deadline for input:

LAST Friday of the Month preceding the meeting.

**CAPERS** will be released:

Monday before the scheduled Friday monthly meeting  
– or earlier if possible.

73- Dan, W1QK – CARA Capers Editor

The following article was written by Malcolm Pritchard - NM9J, PCARA member and editor of the PCARA Update.

It was submitted by Jay-N1NRP and was published in the May issue of the PCARA Update.



# Spring Foxhunt 2018

## Friendly foxes

During PCARA's fall Foxhunt of September 2017, first place had been awarded to the guest team from Candlewood Amateur Radio Association, based in Danbury, CT. CARA's Vice President Jay N1NRP and Marlon KC1EHW were first to find the PCARA fox, who was hiding out at Charles Point Park, overlooking the River Hudson.

Since then, Candlewood ARA's interest in Foxhunting has grown. Karl N2KZ gave an encore presentation of his "Foxhunt University" to CARA at their October 13th meeting. On October 21, CARA held a workshop to construct tape-measure Yagis, with outdoor barbecue and encouragement from visiting PCARA members. A live foxhunt took place on November 12, followed by socializing at a Danbury diner. (Does any of this sound familiar?)



*L to R: At the October meeting of CARA, Al K2DMV presents Marlon KC1EHW and Jay N1NRP with their certificate for first place in PCARA's fall Foxhunt of 2017. [K2DMV pic.]*

PCARA's latest foxhunt was organized for Saturday May 12, 2018, during *CQ Magazine* Foxhunt Weekend. Since the first competitor to find the fox is invited to assume the role for the next event, an invitation had been sent to Jay, N1NRP asking if he would like to re-visit Peekskill/Cortlandt on May 12. Jay's answer was "yes", once again accompanied by Marlon KC1EHW.

A few days before the event, Jay consulted PCARA's President Greg, KB2CQE in order to select a suitable location for the fox's lair and to decide on a nearby diner. As Greg was now privy to confidential information he planned to stay away from hunters and would keep the CARA foxes company at their secret rendezvous.

## Hunters from home and away

Saturday May 12 began cool and overcast, with a rainy morning. Fortunately, the worst of the rain stopped around noon, with just a hint of 'Scotch mist' as hunters began arriving at the Beach Shopping Center around 2:20 p.m. Representing PCARA were Karl N2KZ with daughter Laura, followed by Mike N2EAB, plus

your editor, who was busy signing in the other competitors. (We also had a visit from Jake, KD2MVN who came by to express interest in the proceedings.)

A large contingent of guest hunters came in from Connecticut. Teams representing CARA included David KB1LTW with Ken NE1CU; Jeff KB1MZL with Lawrence AB1JC plus Charles KC1IBR with David KB1ZAC.



*One of the first guest hunters from Connecticut at the Beach Shopping Center was Lawrence, AB1JC.*

Some interesting antenna designs were on view, including an Arrow II 146-3 portable 3-element Yagi with removable elements made from aluminum arrow shafts in anodized purple finish. (See: <http://www.arrowantennas.com/arrowii/146-3iii.html>.) David KB1LTW had an Elk Antennas 2M/440L5 5-element log-periodic Yagi which covers both 146 and 440 MHz. This was mounted on a length of PVC pipe poking through the sunroof of his vehicle. (See: <https://elkantennas.com/product/dual-band-2m44015-log-periodic-antenna/>)



*David KB1LTW adjusts his sunroof-mounted log-periodic by Elk Antennas shortly before the hunt.*

### **They're off. Or are they?**

A few minutes before 3:00 p.m. the fox appeared on 146.565 MHz with the first transmission, lasting five

minutes. Jay N1NRP and Marlon KC1EHW were taking turns with the microphone, keying the transmitter for short periods as they talked, rather than leaving the carrier on continuously. The signal was reasonably strong at the Beach Shopping Center and alert hunters began swinging their antennas around for the best direction. Maximum signal appeared to be coming from due east. Some of the guest hunters were so engrossed in discussions that they failed to notice the early start to the fox's first appearance on-air. Five minutes later at

approximately 3:02:30 p.m., the first transmission ended — your editor shouted to the unwary that they could move off now — and if they had missed taking a bearing, the suggested direction was roughly 110 degrees.

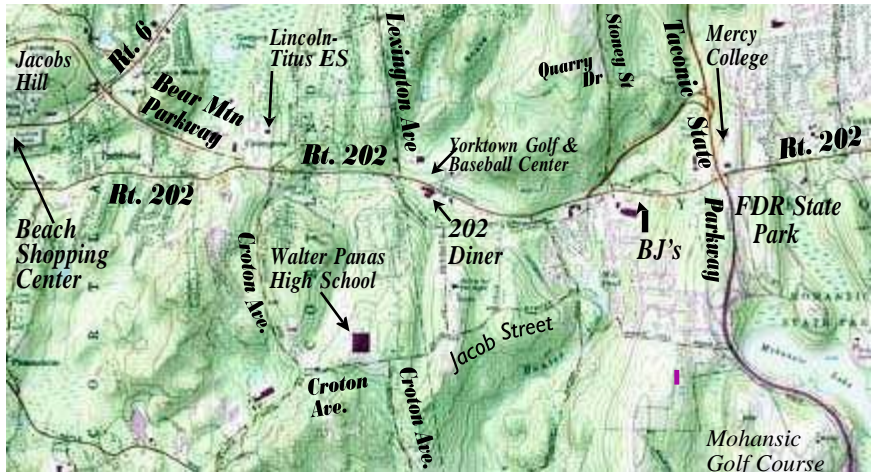
**After the fox**

Mike N2EAB told your editor that he set off down Route 202 making a first stop at Toddville Plaza for the next fox transmission, lasting just 3 minutes. He then proceeded to Walter Panas High School to obtain a cross bearing. Next stop was the BJ's parking lot on Route 202. Mike crossed under the Taconic State Parkway then turned left into Strang Boulevard. From there he entered the Mercy College parking lot and looking around, found some interesting vehicles at the highest point of the lot, 520 feet above sea level. Mike's time to find the fox was 39 minutes.



Mike N2EAB (right) was first to find the foxes, played by both Jay N1NRP (left) and Marlon KC1EHW — seen operating inside Jay's vehicle. [KB2CQE pic.]

Your editor followed a similar route eastward, but with more stops than Mike. My second bearing was taken just off Route 202 to confirm the direction. This



Map shows locations featured in PCARA's Spring foxhunt, starting from the Beach Shopping Center at left and ending just east of the Taconic SP at right.

was followed by a visit to Lincoln Titus Elementary School. Both Walter Panas and Lincoln Titus schools have been employed by PCARA foxes in the past. Next stop was at the Yorktown Golf and Baseball Center, near the intersection of Route 202 and Lexington Avenue. With my beam still peaking east, Marlon KC1EHW was reading out material about the history of Peekskill and Cortlandt — but with no obvious clue to the fox location. Continuing eastward, my next stop was at Old Crompond Road, near 'Signs Ink'. The signal was really strong now, and I needed an additional 10 dB attenuator to augment the switched 22 dB attenuator in the antenna lead. The direction to the fox was now northeast, indicating a location on the other side of the Taconic State Parkway.

I followed Mike's route into Strang Boulevard and copied the 3:50 p.m. transmission from the north end of the Mercy College building. By now, the heading had swung around to west of south, so I continued round to the main parking lot behind the Northern Westchester Executive Park building. Tucked away in the southwest corner, looking over the Taconic State Parkway, I saw Greg's Subaru

alongside Jay's vehicle. The fox antennas were mounted horizontally on the southern side of Jay's GM Equinox. As I left the fox location, I spotted David KB1LTW's vehicle just turning into Strang Boule-



Greg (NM9J) found the foxes in the Northern Westchester Executive Park at 3:55 p.m. [KB2CQE pic.]



vard from Route 202. David's team had been taking a grand tour of FDR State Park, on the south side of Route 202. (One of the FDR parking lots was previously used by Mike N2EAB for hiding the fox in 2016.) Another echo of the 2016 hunt was subsequently voiced by Karl N2KZ.



David KB1LTW, assisted by Ken NE1CU found the foxes at 4:12 p.m. [KB2CQE pic.]

On that previous occasion, many hunters had worked their way from the Beach toward Mohansic Golf Course, with very strong signals coming from the direction of FDR State Park. Unfortunately, the Taconic

State Parkway acts as a physical barrier, and prevented any hunters from reaching the park in time. Two years later, with the

4:30 p.m. end time



Entrance to Northern Westchester Executive Park/Mercy College off Rt 202.

approaching, Karl and Laura were searching Quarry Drive, off Stoney Street, north of Route 202. Karl

found very strong signals coming from the southeast, but with precious little time to cross the Taconic State Parkway and explore the Executive Park.

**Hunt over**

As I left the Mercy College campus, Jay and Marlon were giving a clue to their location. "A little hint — we are in a place where they have higher education." At 4:30 p.m. Jay declared the hunt over, announced the winners and advised hunters to meet at the 202 Diner, located at 3825 Crompond Road. Here is Jay's listing of hunters and



teams who found the fox:

Posn.	Time	Hunter/team
1st	3:39 p.m.	Mike N2EAB
2nd	3:55 p.m.	Malcolm, NM9J
3rd	4:07 p.m.	David KB1LTW, Ken NE1CU
4th	4:12 p.m.	Laurence AB1JC, Jeff KB1MZL
5th	4:30 p.m.	Karl N2KZ, Laura

**Refreshment time**

Participants began arriving at the 202 Diner from around 4:15 p.m. I asked for a table to seat six to eight people — but more and more participants began arriving, so extra tables had to be added. The total number of hunters, foxes and assistants was



A large party of foxes and hunters from CARA and PCARA joined together at the 202 Diner to compare notes. Karl and Laura are in the foreground

twelve — possibly a record for a PCARA après-hunt activity. Notes were compared, routes were recalled and antennas were evaluated. The certificate for first place was awarded by Jay and Marvin to Mike N2EAB, then some excellent food from the diner was consumed

by hungry hunters.

Thanks to all who took part, especially to our guest foxes and to the sizeable contingent of hunters from Connecticut.



First place certificate was awarded by Marvin and Jay to Mike N2EAB (left).

Despite being on unfamiliar ground, they made great efforts to find the Candlewood foxes.

Here's to next time when Mike N2EAB will be invited to play the fox.