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November - 2018

The Monthly Newsletter of The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association
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Next CARA Meeting:
Friday, November 9 - Stony Hill Fire Station

Election Day: November 6



Veterans Day: November 11



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

Agenda:

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Reading of Minutes from last meeting – N1GSA**
- **Treasurer's report – WX1T**
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **Brief refreshment break & 50/50**
- **Short Presentation**
- **Adjourn**

President's Message - de AB1WV



All,

I hope this finds you all cozy in your homes as Fall sets in and leaves drop.

I have been extremely busy with all things kids and home, with little time for playing radio of late.

Contesting is in full swing, with the ARRL CW Sweepstakes happening this last weekend, and I hope others were able to make some great contacts.

We sure had a great meeting this last month, and I hope that everyone will make it to this month's meeting to help catch up on some business.

This week, we will have a full business meeting, with several important discussions including items for the holidays, getting a jump on FD, and our Hamfest, as well as other operating opportunities.

We will also have a short presentation.

Hope to see you all there.

Marcus, AB1WV

Vice-President's Message de N1NRP



Photo Credit: WR1Z

Greetings CARA members and friends of CARA:

October was an action-packed month, and the weather was exceptionally mild; with lots of sunny days.

It's not all about me, but my ALS progression is getting worse - but I'm doing the best I can to be active.

Unfortunately, not being able to speak, I made the decision to sell all my ham gear except for a mobile rig and HT. I used the proceeds from the sale of the radios to buy a cool electric wheel chair.

I've made many friends in this hobby over the years. I want to thank all of you for being there for me.

I especially want to thank my wife, Juliana Albano, for all that she does for me, and to Marlon -KC1EHW and his family for putting up with me. And to my Elmer for over twenty-seven years, Dan-W1QK, a true friend and teacher.

We had a great October meeting with the YCCC contest Club and our guest speakers were very informative.

I hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. I just love those leftovers; especially with lots of cranberry sauce.

This year, we're having a holiday sit down dinner at the Two Steps Down Town Grill at 6 pm. December 4th in Danbury CT. The cost is \$40.00 per person. I want to thank the Northville Amateur radio club for their purchase of 10 tickets and to NARA president, Gregg Davis - WR1Z, for donating tickets for my family to attend.

I received an anonymous donation for an additional 10 tickets. There are 4 paid tickets left. If you want them, please email me at jjalbano@aol.com, and let me know how many tickets you need.

PASSED OR'DOUVERS

Stuffed Mushrooms filled with Italian sausage and pecorino Romano.

Baby Crab cakes served with remoulade sauce.

Bruschetta with Oven-Roasted Tomatoes topped with fresh basil, goat cheese and mozzarella.

Petite Beef Wellingtons wrapped in pastry with a wild mushroom duxelle.

Sesame Chicken Sticks marinated in fresh ginger, soy, and pineapple.

SIT-DOWN DINNER

(Please choose one of four entrees)

Served with Fresh Bread and a House Salad

Parmesan Crusted Chicken dusted with parmesan bread crumbs sauced with artichokes, tomatoes and fresh herbs served with fresh vegetables and mashed potatoes.

Half Rack of BBQ Baby Back Ribs so tender the meat falls right off the bone! served with fresh vegetables and steak fries.

Grilled New York Strip served with fresh vegetables and mashed potatoes.

Fresh Grilled Salmon on a bed of spinach, sauced with an orange-ginger glaze served with fresh vegetables and rice pilaf.

DESSERT

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

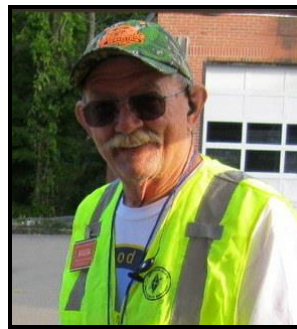
Jay - N1NRP, CARA VP

See you at the meeting.

73 – Jay



September 14 CARA Meeting Minutes de N1GSA



CARA Monthly Meeting October 9, 2018

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm by Pres. Marcus Swearingen.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes of the Sept meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$5389.40.

Round Robin introductions followed.

29 people were present.

Frank Sileo was presented with a Plaque from the club for his 34yrs of service as CARA's Volunteer Examiner Coordinator. A history of

his ham radio activities was given. He has given his time in 113 exam sessions as a VE.

A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented to Jonathan Bernon - AJ1U. Jon will take over as CARA's Volunteer Examiner Coordinator. Rob Waldo, Roger Mitchell, and Harlan Ford, were also presented Certificates of Appreciation for their VE service.

The meeting was then turned over to Joel Halas, W1ZR, for his presentation. Joel has a long history of submitting articles and podcasts about Ham Radio. He also regularly answers reader questions in "The Doctor is IN" section of QST.

Joel's program was all about various antennas and the benefits and faults of each.

He went over Dipoles, Inverted Vee's, Trap Dipoles, and Half Squares. This was very informative and well received.

Respectfully submitted:
Gary S. Adams - N1GSA, Secretary

CARA October 26 Planning Meeting Minutes:

Meeting not held.

CARA Repeater Committee Update: de W1JGM & W1QK



The new CARA Yaesu System Fusion DR-2X CARA 70Cm repeater has been relocated and is now operational from the Spruce mountain site as of Tuesday (10/2) afternoon.

The team consisted of Marcus – AB1WV, Gregory – WR1Z. Thank you both for your contribution of your time and talents to complete this task. Thank you to John – W1JGM and Gregory – WR1Z for your efforts in preparing the repeater for this move.

This was done to allow coverage to the south. The repeater is in standalone mode, therefore, there's no courtesy tone, and the squelch tail is very short.

In addition, the CARA 70Cm and 2M repeaters have been linked to the NARA repeater system, to provide coverage for the 2018 ARRL ARES SET test, which was held on October 6. This enabled coverage for a greater part of Region 5.

The repeater output frequency is 447.775 Mhz., Minus offset of 5Mhz. PL 100.

Please let us know if you experience any issues. Enjoy and try it out, it will be nice to see the coverage.

The CARA 2 Meter repeater is still operational from our test site in New Fairfield. 147.300 +600 PL 100



Last month's meeting & program:

CARA Recognizes N1PE and VE's

Photo Credits: W1JGM, WR1Z, W1QK



At the October 12 CARA/YCCC meeting, CARA recognized Frank Sileo – N1PE, on his retirement as CARA's Volunteer Examiner Team Coordinator for the past twenty- five years.



Other CARA Volunteer Examiner Team Members were recognized.

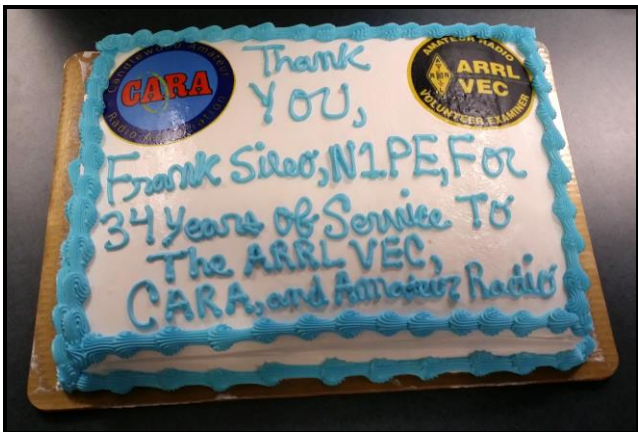


(L-R) Harlan-W1QH, Roger-NG1R, Frank-N1PE, Jonathan-AJ1U, Rob-NA1O.

Congratulations, and Thank You: Frank, and the entire CARA VE Team for your service to our hobby.



Thank you, Jonathan Bernon - AJ1U, for accepting the position as CARA's new Volunteer Examiner Coordinator.



These 10 members of the CARA VE Team have a combined VE Session count of 222.

That's an impressive grand total of 335 including N1PE's 113.

N1PE (Frank R Sileo)	113
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AJ1U (Jonathan R Bernon)	36
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W1QH (Harlan A Ford)	50
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N1CWV (Scott J Bertrand)	6
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KK1DF (Donald E Ferguson)	66
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NA1O (Robert C Waldo Jr)	37
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NG1R (Roger A Mitchell)	20
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AB1WV (Marcus Swearingen)	7
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KB1LVW (Leslie Murray)	43
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N1MG (Mark R Gilbert)	3
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N1GS (George M Slater)	4
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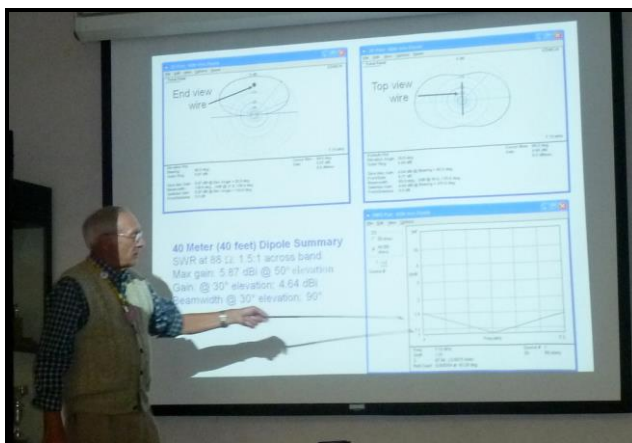
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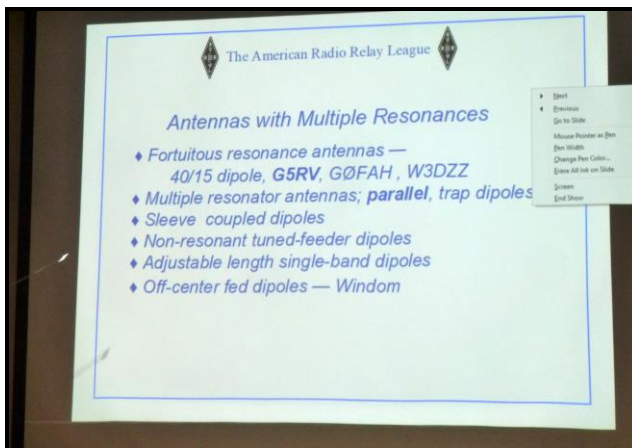
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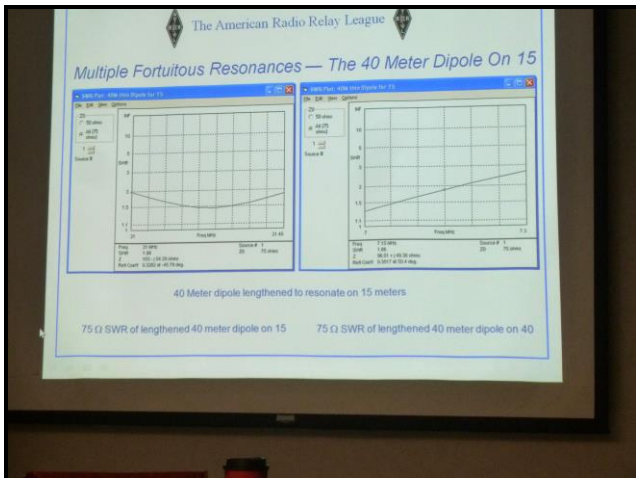
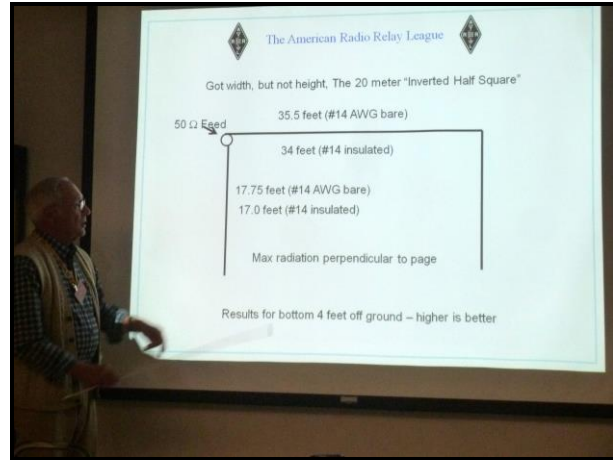
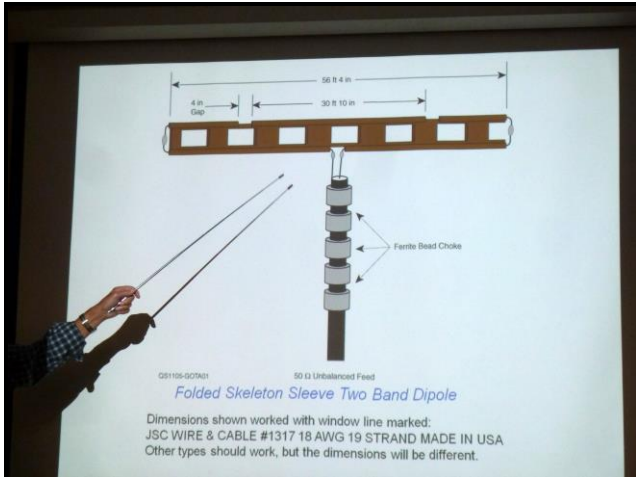
Dennis Egan – W1UE, YCCC President



Joel Hallas – W1ZR

Joel Hallas, a.k.a. “The Doctor Is In”, presented: “A Comparison Between Two Approaches to Multiband Antennas and other topics”





Thank you, Joel for your outstanding presentation to the joint CARA & YCCC meeting.

Joel's presentation was added to the CARA Website by CARA Webmaster – Jim, KD1YV:

<http://www.cararadioclub.org/archives/129-the-doctor-discusses-multiband-antennas>

CARA raffles two mobile antennas & HRO Gift Certificate:



MFJ antenna winners: AB1WV & N1PE

CARA Hamfest Co-Chairman, John – W1JGM, accepted the donation of two Dual-Band (2M/440) mag-mount MFJ Mobile antennas from Gene- K2KJI, of KJI Electronics in Cedar Grove, NJ during the CARA hamfest. They were raffled at the joint CARA/YCCC October 12 meeting. Thank you, Gene, for your continued support of CARA's Hamfest. Visit Gene's website at: <https://www.kjielelectronics.com/>



HRO Gift Certificate winner: W1QK
WX1T was the 50/50 winner.

In addition, a \$50 Gift Certificate from Ham Radio Outlet, HRO in Salem, New Hampshire was also donated and raffled at the meeting.

Thank you, HRO, for your support of CARA.



Tori Swearingen assisting John – W1JGM, with the raffle drawings.



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:**

- Nov. 5: NARA Meeting
 - Nov. 9: November CARA monthly meeting
 - Nov. 11: WAE DX - RTTY
 - Nov. 12: ARES Region 5 South meeting – Danbury EOC
 - Nov. 17-18: ARRL Sweepstakes – SSB
 - Nov. 23-25: CQWW DX CW
 - Nov. 26: ARES Region 5 monthly meeting
 - Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28: 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>

Upcoming CARA Calendar:

- Nov. 9: CARA November Monthly meeting
 - Nov. 23: Monthly planning meeting – SHFD
 - Dec. 1: December Capers input deadline
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YCCC News

Next Meeting ...

Ninth Annual Holiday Celebration & Yankee Swap
Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Auburn Elks' Hall

Auburn, MA

Program includes: Topics and speakers are to be determined Camaraderie Yankee Swap

More information on the YCCC website:

www.yccc.org



CT ARES News:

**ARES Region 5 members participated in the
Simulated Emergency Test – SET on October 6.**

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

New Milford: 146.730 MHz -600 kHz PL 192.8 Hz

NARA analog repeaters for this net:

Washington: 441.850 MHz +5 MHz **PL 203.5 Hz**

Woodbury: 444.800 +5 MHz PL 192.8 Hz

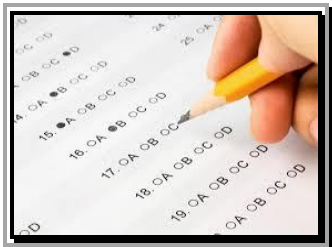
Warren: 53.970 MHz –1 MHz PL 110.9 Hz

Please check in – All are welcome.



<http://www.ctares.org/>

2018 CARA Ham Exam Schedule:



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

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

Other upcoming VE exam sessions:

Trumbull CT 06611-1944

11/08/2018
Sponsor: CT Regional Testing Center
Date: Nov 08 2018
Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Kevin W. Cellini
(203) 209-6495
Email: kevin.cellini@gmail.com
VEC: [W5YI VEC](#)
Location: <http://441700.org/CRTC/crtc.htm>
49 Sunrise Ave
VE's Residence
Trumbull CT 06611-1944

Litchfield CT 06759-3404

11/13/2018
Sponsor: Northwest Amt
Date: Nov 13 2018
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Lawrence S. Polowy
(860) 283-4089
Email: lspolowy@snet.net
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: Litchfield Firehouse
258 West St
Park in Rear
Litchfield CT 06759-3404

Bethel CT 06801-9999

12/01/2018
Sponsor: Candlewood ARA
Date: Dec 01 2018
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Frank R. Sileo
(203) 438-0218
Email: frsileo@att.net
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: Stony Hill Fire House (Public Meeting Room)
59 Stony Hill Road
Route 6
Bethel CT 06801-9999



CARA used N1MM+ Contest Logger during the ARRL 2018 Field Day.

For a free download, visit:

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



NEW HF OPERATORS -- THINGS TO DO

If you haven't set up for HF operation yet, Bob, K0NR, [discusses some of the barriers](#) you might face, as well as ways to overcome them. One of the suggestions is to find a mentor to help you get on the air, which should be the first thing to try.

If you haven't already, give one of the ARRL Sweepstakes Contests (Phone or CW) a try. The CW version can be daunting, with many stations sending the long exchange at 30-plus words per minute. While you can always ask stations to QRS, it can be less stressful to listen for stations that are already sending at a speed you can copy. The best way to get better at CW Sweepstakes is to participate. The [ARRL Sweepstakes web page](#) has pointers, and a link to the 2018 Operating Guide that can help to

explain some of the nuances of the contest, and why it's a perennial favorite.

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Interested in learning CW or improving your skills?

Check out www.cwops.org

CW Ops “CWT” Every Wednesday Regular Tests. Full Speed Start: 13Z, 19Z, 03Z (+1), 1-hour each session Exchange: name/number (members) name/SPC (non-members) Avoid DX pileups!

CW Ops CW Practice Sessions:

For: On-air practice at 13+ wpm for CWA students, graduates, others wishing to have real-time CW practice with others similarly afflicted with a love of CW and a need to improve proficiency, with a goal of 25+ wpm.

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.

Reminder:

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**Ducie Island
2018**



VP6D

Weather has forced an early shutdown of the [VP6D Ducie Island DXpedition](#). The team announced just after 1600 UTC on October 31 that, "due to an expected worsening in landing conditions," it would cease operations. The final contact count was 121,136. Most contacts -- 67,686 -- were on CW, with 28,736 on SSB, and 24,714 on digital modes. "It's been raining all night, with 20+ knot winds," an October 31 news bulletin from the team said. "The ship is about 300 meters off shore, the forecast indicates continuing 20+ knot winds, 2 - 3 meter seas. We want to thank everyone for their support, and hope we met your expectations."



Member and Station News:

Your news or story could be included here in the next issue of CARA Capers. Contact W1QK, Capers editor.

There's always some blank space that could be filled with text, pictures, stories, tall tales, and whatever else you've got to contribute.

Just snap a pix of your station, antennas, mobile installation, etc. and send it in!



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A brief word from our editor...

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Ideas for and contributions to the CAPERS should be submitted to: w1qk@snet.net.

Submissions must be received no later than the last Friday of the month preceding month of issue, *unless otherwise specified*.

Submissions should be in MS Word format or ASCII text. Photos should be in .jpg format.

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<http://www.mvara.org/News/Current.pdf>

NOTICE TO CAPERS READERS

CAPERS is an important aspect of our club.

It's time for **more participation** with this publication.

CAPERS is looking for ANY and ALL input. Don't be shy, just send a few words, a picture, link, or short message to Dan Fegley, your Editor. If possible, text should be submitted in Microsoft Word format, and images in .jpg format. Please use picture files that are sized for publication.

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.



The American Radio Relay League



HEADQUARTERS: NEWINGTON, CT 06111 ELECTION CIRCULAR (2018 ELECTION—FOR 2019-2021 TERM)



Newington, CT, September 14, 2018

Dear Fellow Member:

The Charter of our League provides for the government of our affairs by a Board of Directors consisting of one director elected from each of the divisions in the United States. In addition to electing the director, each division has the duty of electing a vice-director, who assumes all the powers of director in the event of death, resignation, or disability of the latter.

In accordance with the By-Laws, an election is now being held in your division to elect a director, and/or a vice-director for a term of three years beginning at noon on January 1, 2019. Enclosed is an official ballot listing nominees in your division, and statements of not more than 300 words prepared by the candidates. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes, in each case, is to be declared elected.

For the Ethics and Elections Committee:
Barry Shelley, N1VXY
Secretary, ARRL

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3. After marking the ballot/s, please insert them in the return envelope provided.
4. If there are multiple voting members in the family, please return each person's ballots in their own return envelope. Only one member's vote per envelope please.
5. To be valid, the ballot must be received at the Hartford, Connecticut office of the accounting firm of CohnReznick LLP, not later than noon on November 16, 2018.
6. Ballot envelopes are held unopened at CohnReznick LLP until November 16th.
7. DO NOT ENCLOSE MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS OR ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE IN THE BALLOT ENVELOPE.

CARA is an ARRL-Affiliated club. If you're an ARRL member like many of your fellow CARA members, you've received an Official Ballot in the mail recently for the ARRL New England Division Director election.

Please read the Ballot Instructions, mark your ballot with one choice, and return it to the accounting firm, who will determine the results of this election for a three-year term. **Your ballot must be received in Hartford no later than Friday, November 16, 2018.**

NEW ENGLAND 2018 Elections Statements of Candidates DIRECTOR



TOM FRENAYE, K1KI

This is a challenging time for Amateur Radio and I ask for your support so I can represent you during the next three years on the ARRL Board of Directors.

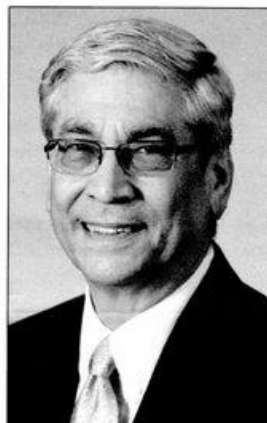
My professional background consists of more than twenty years as an Information Technology manager, First Selectman (mayor) of my town, service on multiple town boards, almost four years at ARRL running the contest program, and I spent a year as a communications specialist in Antarctica.

I've been licensed since I was 14 years old. My experience includes service in the ARRL Field Organization as an ORS/traffic handler and Official Observer. I'm an active DXer and contester and served two different terms as president of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club. I've been a competitor and judge at World Radiosport Team Championship events and was the volunteer and site coordinator for WRTC-2014 in the Boston area. I started and continue to run the New England QSO Party. I've served multiple terms as ARRL Director and am currently on the Board's Executive, Historical and Entry Level Licensing Committees. I'm also the President of the ARRL Foundation.

I intend to strongly support these key policy objectives the ARRL is working on today:

- 1) Modernization of the Technician license (digital modes and some SSB on 80-40-15m).
- 2) Federal support for those wanting to install effective antennas in condominiums and neighborhoods with deed restrictions.
- 3) Pushing the FCC to take action on the increasing amount of RF interference and pollution from consumer electronic devices.

I really appreciate your strong support in the past and look forward to serving as your representative, along with Vice Director Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, on the ARRL Board for the next term. Please feel free to call me at 860-668-5444 or send an e-mail to frenaye@arrl.net if you have questions.



FRED HOPENGARTEN, K1VR

I'm running for ARRL New England Division Director.

Born and raised in the Boston area, I've been an active ham since 1956, with stops at Colby, BC Law and Harvard Business School. Throughout, the ARRL was there for me; I've been a Life Member since 1975 and Diamond Club-level donor to the League. I wrote *Antenna Zoning for the Radio Amateur* – in cooperation with the ARRL, and highly-acclaimed. As Volunteer Counsel, I've helped hams around the country get tower permits. I've guided hams throughout our hobby – in EMCOMM, experimenting, contesting, and public service.

In my view, the ARRL Board is not delivering on its historic mission:

Restrictive governance proposals were not shared with the members in advance.

Some top traffic handlers left the ARRL's National Traffic System and formed a competing organization.

The League has spent considerable political capital promoting the Amateur Radio Parity Act, which I see as deeply flawed.

Membership is declining and aging. I believe we can do better at attracting new, younger members, particularly among Technician licensees.

We should embrace greater transparency, become more member-driven, and devote more attention to issues that are critical to the future of our hobby.

Amateur Radio should be a modern, relevant, vibrant and nationally important resource – with new leadership from an enlightened Board that is open and invites membership participation on important issues.

I will use my ham radio and professional background to promote an ARRL that is a healthy and viable organization for the benefit of Amateur Radio. Together, we will chart a new path for the ARRL – an invaluable organization that must succeed if Amateur Radio is to prosper. To vote for ham radio's future, please vote for me as New England Division Director. More? See www.Hams4NewEngland.org.

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11/01/2018 - from ARRL News

The Reverend Paul Bittner, WOAIH, of Fall Creek, Wisconsin, died doing what he loved on October 31, when a tower-climbing mishap claimed his life at his well-known [antenna farm](#). The ARRL Life Member and Maxim Society member was 84. A member of the CQ Contesting Hall of Fame and retired Lutheran pastor, Bittner was a well-known and respected figure within the Amateur Radio community and a prolific contester and DXer. His call sign was nearly always present in most major operating events, and even in a few lesser-known contests, and news of his tragic death and condolences and accolades quickly spread among those who knew him best.

“No one was more generous, loving, and encouraging to others than the Reverend Paul Bittner,” said Mike Lonneke, W4AAW, in a post to the Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC). “He called me last week to chat about what he and Mary were up to, like getting material together for their always long and hilarious Christmas newsletter. He also knocked me out with the latest of his funny experiences in his ‘Rent-a-Rev’ sideline.” Bittner officiated at the June 2 wedding of two well-known midwestern contesters.

Bittner was licensed in 1949 and held the same call sign ever since. He and his wife, Mary, WBOPXM, moved in 2000 to “The Farm,” a 120-acre spread in west-central Wisconsin. The first of the more than 50 towers began sprouting there before their arrival in 1982. As a ham, he enjoyed multi-multi contesting and DXing. His favorite band was 160 meters, and his favorite contest was the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest. Bittner’s son-in-law — Paul Husby, WOUC — operated VHF contests from The Farm and was a multi-multi regular as well.

“His station stands as a great monument to a selfless man of great grace and remarkable achievements,” Lonneke said. “Paul once told me that AIH stands for ‘already in heaven.’”

Contester and former ARRL staffer Dave Patton, NN1N, described Bittner as “such a good man and truly great ham.” W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, noted that Bittner had volunteered to operate as W1AW/9 as a headquarters station in the 2019 IARU HF Championship to celebrate his decades in ham radio.

NCJ Editor Scott Wright, KOMD, said that Bittner helped to build stations for many midwestern hams. “He was a mentor to hundreds of hams, and his enthusiasm for contesting was infectious,” Wright said. Bittner had said he wanted to be buried with a bible, a telegraph key, and a climbing belt.

“Thank you for giving so much of yourself to me and the rest of the ham community,” said contester Scott Neader. “We will never forget you.”

Other threads on QRZ appeared first at these links, but I feel that Paul deserves to be on the Zed front page too.

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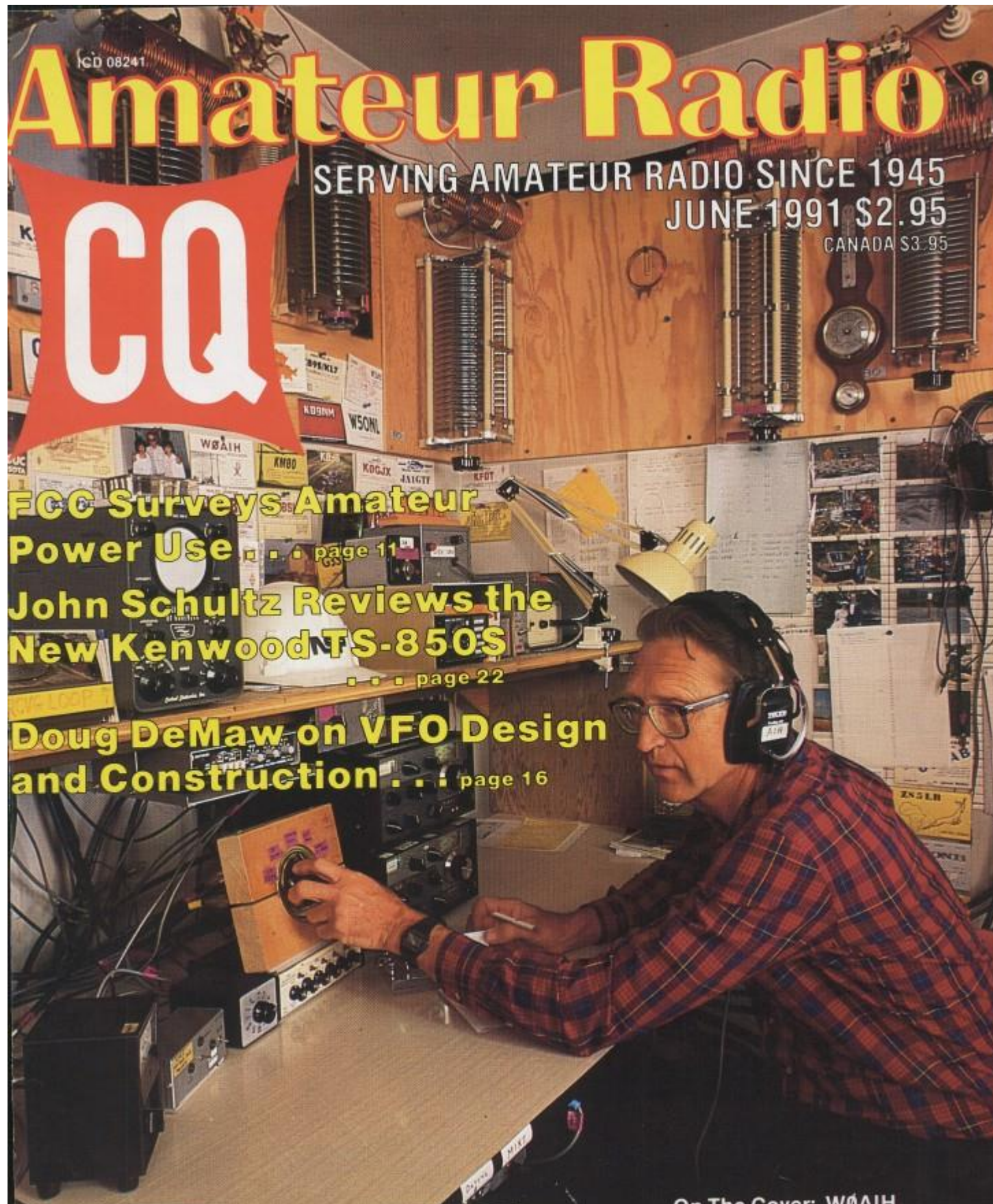
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