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The Monthly Newsletter of The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association
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Next CARA Meeting:
Friday, October 11 - Stony Hill Fire Station, Rte. 6. Bethel, CT

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



CARA October Monthly Meeting Agenda Friday – October 11, 2019 Stony Hill Fire Dept

Informal Meet & Greet 7:30– 8:00 pm

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance 8:00 pm

1. Introduction of guest(s) – AB1WV
2. Roll call and sign in
3. Secretary Report (Minutes review: August 2019) – N1GSA
4. Treasury Report
 1. CARA Financial report – KC1IBR
5. Committee Reports:
 1. Repeaters – WR1Z, W1JGM
 2. Report on membership lists – W1JGM, AB1WV, KC1IBR
 3. Events
 - i. New Fairfield Fair Day (Sept 7)
6. Old Business:
 - i. Awards - Paul Estefan plaque (City of Danbury) – AB1WV, W1QH
7. New business:
 1. Discussion and vote on proposal to change meeting time **from** 7:30 PM gathering and 8:00 PM meeting start time **to** 7:00 PM gathering and 7:30 PM meeting start time - AB1WV
 2. Secretary Election - AB1WV
 3. CARA's participation in JOTA, Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air – K1RHH
 4. CARA Website update – W1JMA, W1NSK, W1QK
 5. Discussion/planning – combined CARA/YCCC meeting
 6. CARA December Holiday Gathering planning – W1JMA, W1NSK, W1QK
 7. Warren Fall Festival - NARA event October 12-13 Warren FD – WR1Z, AB1WV, W1JGM
 8. Completion of CARA President's Plaque and proposed new President's Plaque – W1QH, W1QK
8. For the good of the Association:
 1. General Q & A (as time permits): Discussion of any member questions regarding any aspect of ham radio or the club
 2. Reminders: Monthly planning meeting – October 25, Input deadline for November Capers - October 31
9. Break for refreshments
10. Monthly presentation: Nashua Amateur Radio Society - Dayton Hamvention Club of the Year display at Northeast HamXpostion@Boxboro – W1QK
11. Discussion of future meeting presentations – AB1WV
12. Closing of meeting

President's Message - de AB1WV



All,

This month we will address the motion to change the meeting time from 8:00 pm to 7:30 pm. A notice was sent out last Thursday, per the requirements in our Constitution to change our Policies and Procedures document.

We will also discuss future presentations at our meetings through the motion that was passed last meeting that everyone come prepared with an idea for a presentation, that they can prepare and are willing to present.

Involvement in our club is important and we really need help with this item. It should only take a small commitment from each of us and we could fill the calendar for a couple of years maybe.

I also look forward to Dan presenting his photos and anecdotes about the Boxboro Hamfest this year. As always, Dan is sure to teach us something new.

I hope to see you all there.

Marcus
AB1WV

Vice- President's Message:
de W1JGM



Good Day to all;
I trust all are well.

On September 7, CARA several CARA members set up a Special Event station at the New Fairfield Fair Day. The main purpose of this annual event is to promote the businesses and organizations within town and the local area. We met several active radio amateurs, and some that came by to say their father or uncle was an amateur. We also had several youths visit the station, who got a chance to talk on the radio. Their smiles were incredible. I can't say we made a lot of radio contacts, but Harlan -W1QH, Tony -KB1YNB, Gary-N1GSA, and I had a great time.

Another chance to promote the hobby is coming up at the Warren Fall Festival, with the Northville Amateur Radio Association, NARA - our neighboring club.

The annual Fall Festival is sponsored by the Warren Fire Dept., in Warren, CT. <https://warrenfirecompany.org/custom.html?id=17165>

Please contact Steve Sant Andrea - AG1YK, NARA Vice-President at ag1yk@arrl.org to assist.

Your CARA Executive Committee is working on updating our files and membership information. Look for a membership update form on the CARA reflector in the next few weeks, and please respond promptly to assist with this project.

Please make every effort to attend the October monthly meeting. There will be several important issues discussed and voted on that impact the club.

Please give some thought to ideas for presentations (15 to 45 minutes in length) that would be of interest to the membership.

73 - John Morelli - W1JGM

September 13 CARA Monthly Meeting Minutes

de N1GSA



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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Round robin introductions were given with 15 people present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and had some discrepancies with the Capers version and those sent to the President. John Morelli made a motion to table the minutes until this is straightened out. Seconded and passed.

Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$3967.08. Ending balance of \$6742.40. Repeater Committee reported that directly after the Hamfest, the repeater controller locked up. Various members made the trip to the hill and the controller was changed out. Problem solved. The time has also been properly adjusted. John clarified his comments that he is hoping for new blood to assist with the repeater. There has been someone making this trek at least 4 times over the summer.

John reported on the Hamfest and is very glad that it is over. This event takes up

many, many hours of time to coordinate. He thanked everyone for their help and assistance with this event. He thought that this was certainly the best event in the last 4 or 5 yrs. This was surely a well-attended event both from the vendors and attendees. Door prizes were given out every 15 or 20 minutes. There are various items left over.

There were 6 who took part in the VE session and 5 passed their tests. The one who failed will be here to retake this test at our VE session.

An addition battery has been sold. We still have 2 remaining. Again, Thanks To All, who helped make this a wonderful event.

The Treasurer had a nice excel presentation detailing all the monies spent and received for the Hamfest. This gave a very detailed account so that we can see what does and does not add value to this event.

John spoke about a current and accurate membership list. He has been in discussion with Charlie to update and keep this fresh. He asked if all present are getting the email, reflector, and CAPERS publication. Some of the names on the list are unknown to many of the current members. The list is being worked on and updated by John, Charlie, and Marcus.

There has also been a sign-in list for all who participate in various events. Meetings, Hamfest, Activations, etc. This will give us an accounting of man-hours of service, that we can total for months and years.

Harlan, Tony, Gary, and John attended New Fairfield Day. There were many who stopped by and ask questions about ham Radio as well as some who are going to make donations to the club of gear that their family may have had in the basement.

Warren Woods is upcoming. Gregory spoke on this and stated that the food concession is very close to the radio area. There are various fun things for attendees to participate with. There is a maze that is both fun and educational which will end right in front of the NARA Communications Van. There is also a Pumpkin Launcher, wood cutting demonstration.

Ken spoke about JOTA. (Jamboree on the Air) He has reserved an area at Putnam Park for the weekend. The radio portion will take place on Saturday the 19th. He has a flyer that is being distributed throughout the Scouting Troops. Discussion followed about setting up a station or stations. We would need power, as this location is just a bit lower than our old Field Day location that we used 5yrs ago. Ken will coordinate with those interested, for times and equipment needed.

John spoke about the possibility of a Christmas Party like last year or revert to the Potluck that has been done in the past. Dan spoke about using the Italian American Club on a Tuesday or getting something from Anthony's Lake Club. Other possibilities were discussed. This is something to think about as December is just around the corner. This will be revisited in the future.

Islands on the Air was done in Sherwood Isle in Westport. Dan, Harlan activated this. There were 100 contacts made which included a CW contact with Hawaii. Dan also made contacts on SSB, hard as this could be to believe. Dan thanked Roger for the loan of his OCF dipole for this event.

Bud spoke with Dave Sumner and he will be out of the area and not available for presentations at our fall meeting nights.

Fridays are also a hard night for him to clear on his schedule. There was mention of the possibility of a combined YCCC – CARA meeting, on a night other than a Friday.

There are no scheduled programs for the next few months. There are some topics that might be formulated into a program.

Motion has been made and seconded that everyone come with a suggestion for a presentation that they would be willing to present at a future meeting this would be discussed at the next meeting. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

John spoke about the meeting time. With the meeting time of 8:00pm it makes it a late night on numerous meeting nights. John made a motion to change the start time of the Monthly meetings to 7:30pm. After referring to the By-Laws it was determined that this could be brought up at this meeting and voted on to require an approval vote at the next meeting.

It is required that a 7-day written notification to all members be given prior to this vote.

The upcoming meeting, to have this vote, will also require a legal quorum which consists of Pres or Vice Pres, Secretary, minimum of 2 Directors, and minimum of 10 additional voting members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

Respectfully submitted
Gary S. Adams, N1GSA
Secretary Pro tem

September 27 CARA Planning Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 8:00pm. 5 present.

Christmas Party was discussed. John Ahle is looking into the possibility of having our party at the Vespucci Lodge on a Tuesday night. This would include a meal and a cash bar. This would eliminate the liability for the club.

The plaque for Paul Estefan will be ready for the October meeting. This is to Thank him for his help with the Field Day location as well as the use of the EOC radios.

The program for Oct has been taken care of. We still need a program for November. Bart Jannke – W9JJ, from the ARRL, could be a possible for a future program.

A program on CARA's ICOM IC-756Ppro III radio would be a nice refresher program, possibly prior to Field Day.

JOTA is coming up on Oct 20. We need to speak with Ken about our participation.

Warren Woods is on the 12th. We should help our neighboring club, if possible. NARA

It has been brought up that the website needs to be updated with some more interesting and exciting content. Updating the pictures with some newer content. It could be possible that we need to pay someone to help with this.

The ARRL website needs to be updated with our new officers and other content checked for corrections.

Membership list needs to be updated. There are some that have not paid dues for 2019.

We need to contact the delinquent members with a reminder.

Must bring up for a special vote to elect a Secretary at the regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted
Gary S. Adams, N1GSA
Secretary Pro tem



CARA is an ARRL- designated
Special Service Club

Important Meeting time change discussion & vote:

Editor – From the September Monthly Meeting minutes.

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This Month's Program: 2019 Hamvention's Club of the Year HamXposition2019@Boxboro display:

Photos de W1QK
Text provided by NARS.



Club of the Year

The Nashua Area Radio Society (NARS) is Dayton's Hamvention 2019's Club of the Year.

The ARRL Special Service club in southern New Hampshire focuses on mentoring and youth outreach to bring newcomers into the hobby and help them to get on the air.



The club has raised more than \$8,000 to enable its Amateur Radio mentoring and outreach activities.

The club offers Technician, General, and Amateur Extra-class licensing classes twice yearly and has helped more 210 individuals earn a license or to upgrade with a success rate exceeding 90 percent.



Field Day provides members with ample opportunity to develop practical emergency communication skills, station-building expertise, and on-air operating skills.

The club holds a monthly "Tech Night," in which members provide hands-on training to help new and experienced amateurs build stations, develop technical skills, and try new activities. NARS holds Amateur Radio Youth Expos at local events including the New England Division Convention, NEAR-Fest, and local schools and libraries.



The club has partnered with four local high schools and middle schools to develop and deliver STEM learning programs based upon Amateur Radio.



Through the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program, NARS partnered with Hudson Memorial School to help students speak via ham radio with astronaut Serena Auñón-Chancellor, KG5TMT.



One such project provides 14 hours of classroom presentations about Amateur Radio and high-altitude balloons.



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

CPN Net Manager: Tom - WX1T



Weekly CARA NETS:

CARA 2M NET:

W1QI 2M Repeater – 7:30 pm Sunday

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

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

Upcoming Contests, Hamfests & Meetings:

- October 12-13: Pennsylvania QSO Party
- October 13: Warren Fall Festival, Nutmeg Hamfest/ARRL CT Section Convention
- October 19: ALS Walk – Sherwood Island State Park, Westport, JOTA Putnam Park, YCCC meeting – Sturbridge, NY QSO Party, IL QSO Party
- October 20: CSMA meeting
- October 21: ARES Region 5 meeting – Newtown EOC
- October 25-27: CQWW SSB DX Contest
- October 25: CARA monthly planning meeting
- October 26: ARES Annual Simulated Emergency Test
- October 21: September 9: ARES Region 5 South meeting – Danbury EOC
- October 9, 16, 23, 30: CWOps CWT Minitest
Regular Sessions: 1300Z, 1900Z, 0300Z

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:

Oct. 11: CARA October Monthly meeting

Oct. 25 Monthly planning meeting – SHFD

Oct 31: November Capers input deadline



YCCC News

Club members stay in touch through the club newsletter called the *Scuttlebutt*, and through the Internet.

The value of YCCC membership is the opportunity to work side by side with the best. Cooperation and teamwork spiced with the strong spirit of competition is at the heart of YCCC accomplishments and contest victories.

The YCCC is an [ARRL](#)-affiliated club.

Next YCCC Meeting:
October 20, 2019
Sturbridge, MA

Upcoming Meetings

From: [Dennis Egan](#)

Date: Thu, 19 Sep 2019 17:29:39 EDT

There will be a YCCC Meeting on Sunday Oct 20 at Sturbridge, from 1pm to 4pm. Accent for the meeting will be on operating.

Speakers haven't all been lined up yet, so if you would like to make a presentation- or there's a topic that you particularly

would like to see covered- let me know.

Some topics that have been requested:

1. SO2R Operation
2. Use of Telnet filters

Dennis W1UE - YCCC Pres.

More information on the YCCC website:

www.yccc.org

From the YCCC Reflector:

Here's one method to bring down a broadcast tower – fast:

<https://i.imgur.com/ClrZT1b.gifv>

From the VHF Contesting Reflector:

Date: Sun, 22 Sep 2019 23:27:25 +0000

From: Dennis Allen

Subject: [VHFcontesting] Digital and Q arrangement contesting

I had written this a while back but had not posted it yet but its time, should have sent it before!

At this point I do not do any digital mode contesting and I would think there are others in the same category. So without one doing FT8 and alike there chances of doing well in contests is pretty limited. So I am wondering if they are going to create a non digital class in the VHF/UHF contests?

I also do not think the ability to talk to other stations to make Q's via chat rooms, phone and such is NOT good. To me it has removed the radio related skills that one had learned to locate other stations and make Q's. There just are not allot of guys looking around trying to make Q's as before because they are on chat rooms and such making arrangements to make Q's instead of being on the radio which to me has greatly hurt VHF/UHF contesting!! It has turned into a computer social operating contest not a radio operating contest!!

Dennis Allen N9TZL

Date: Sun, 22 Sep 2019 20:20:51 -0500

From: "Mike (KA5CVH) Ulrich"

Subject: [VHFcontesting] Fwd: Digital and Q arrangement contesting

Mike wrote

I tend to largely agree. "To me" ... there there is nothing more gratifying than spinning across the dial ... hearing that weak signal work another station. You strain to listen to them work two maybe three other stations so you can pull out the call and grid so you know you've got them right and them make your call. You may have to call them several times before they pull you out of the noise but when you've completed the Q and you are proud of your abilities to listen into the noise pull out the info, and repeatedly call them until you make the exchange.

Now "that's" a Q

Mike Ulrich KA5CVH

Message: 3

Date: Mon, 23 Sep 2019 02:18:15 +0000

From: Marshall-K5QE

Hello everyone interested in this topic: The essence of legacy contesting is "spin the dial and turn the antenna" and hope that you can find someone to work. Legacy contesting (HF contesting) is all about how you find stations not about how you work stations. This is only a workable solution, because there is a seemingly endless parade of little stations to work on HF--think 100W and a dipole on 20M or 40M.? In the world of weak signal VHF, especially where the digital modes are concerned, you can "spin the dial and turn the antenna" and you will not find anyone to work(or at least very few).

JT65 digital EME signals are VERY weak, most of the time. If you can actually hear a signal with your ear, it is a strong one. You can tune the 2M EME band and hear one or two stations, but if you let WSJT "look" for signals, there might be dozens of stations there. What I am trying to say is that "spinning the dial and turning the antenna" will not do very much.? Actually, in the case of EME, you know where to point the antenna. The EME chat room(s) will let you know who is on, what frequency they are on, and what sequence. This is critical information for stations that are quite workable, but below the noise level.

Meteor scatter signals are often somewhat stronger than EME signals.

But they are completely random in time. So, you can "spin the dial" and you will not hear anything, so you continue up the band. A few seconds later, a big burn occurs, but you are now not listening on the

frequency where the burn happened. The same can be said for turning the antenna. You may be pointed out west and then decide to turn the antenna slowly to the east. That is when a ping will occur out west. The situation for meteor scatter is somewhat better than EME, because by agreement there are now established "watering holes" where folks hang out for digital meteor scatter, at least for 6M and 2M.? Still, it really helps to know that W7XYZ/R is in DN12, calling CQ on 50.265MHz.

FT8 is somewhat similar to digital meteor scatter (MSK144). Signals are weak, often below what can be heard with the ear. So, "spinning the dial and turning the antenna" is not going to work.? Only because we have the agreed upon watering holes and the chat rooms can we figure out where anyone is....and what sequence they are on.

Several years ago, the ARRL removed the legacy HF type rules from VHF contesting. The result has been a renaissance in VHF contesting. The contests are much better now than under the old, restrictive HF type rules. The rovers are MUCH happier as are the smaller stations who now have a chance to maximize the potential of their stations. There were numerous problems with the old HF style rules for the VHF contests. I don't know of any problems now. Unless some serious problem can be found, LEAVE THE RULES ALONE! Don't try to fix something that is NOT broken.

73 Marshall K5QE



Reminder:

CARA is registered for ARRL Affiliated Club Competition. Use: **Candlewood ARA** when submitting your Cabrillo Log.

In order to make sure the club results are accurate and fair to all, the ARRL Contest Branch is renewing its effort to help clubs comply with the rules. ([See section 8 of the General Rules for All Contests at www.arrrl.org/general-rules-for-all-arrrl-contests.](#))

Here are the three changes:

- Online uploading of club "Eligibility Lists",
- Use of six-character grid locators as locations, and
- Deadline for submitting eligibility is now the contest start time



CT ARES News:

The annual CT ARES Statewide drill will be held on Saturday, October 26.

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

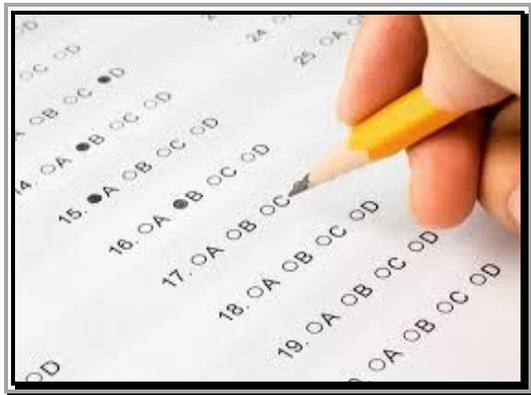
Please check in – All are welcome.



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



2019 CARA Ham Exam Schedule:



2019 Amateur radio exams sponsored by CARA at the Stony Hill FD. Bethel:

Starting at 11:30 a.m.
Walk-ins are welcome, but it's helpful if candidates e-mail Jonathan Bernon, AJ1U, to AJ1U@arrl.net

The following dates (Saturdays) for 2019 have been coordinated with the Stony Hill Firehouse Meeting Room scheduler:

December 7

Thanks & 73,

Jon - AJ1U
CARA VE Team Coordinator

Other upcoming VE exam sessions:

Litchfield CT

10/08/2019
Sponsor: Northwest Amt
Date: Oct 08 2019
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Lawrence S. Polowy
(860) 283-4089
Email: lspolowy@snet.net
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](http://www.arrl.org)
Location: Litchfield Firehouse
258 West St
Park in Rear
Litchfield CT 06759-3404

Trumbull CT

10/10/2019
Sponsor: CT Regional Testing Center
Date: Oct 10 2019
Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Kevin W. Cellini
(203) 209-6495
Email: kevin.cellini@gmail.com
VEC: [W5YI VEC](http://www.w5yi.com)
Location: <http://441700.org/CRTC/crtc.htm>
49 Sunrise Ave
VE's Residence
Trumbull CT 06611-1944

Washington Depot CT

10/19/2019
Sponsor: Northville ARA
Date: Oct 19 2019
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Gary Michael. Walters
(860) 938-2030
Email: w8zy@outlook.com
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](http://www.arrl.org)
Location: Washington Volunteer Fire Station
109 Bee Brook Rd
Washington Depot CT 06794-1201



CARA used N1MM+ Contest Logger during the ARRL 2019 Field Day.

For a free download, visit:

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

Excerpt From: N1MMLoggerPlus@groups.io

I can't speak for Bill, but for me: As dot pitch has gotten smaller as resolution of screens has gone up, the entry window now seems uncomfortably small on a modern high-dot-pitch high-resolution screen.

This isn't such a problem for the other N1MM windows, which can be dragged to resize them then hit the "up arrow" in the upper right to make all the fonts bigger.

To a limited extent using bigger fonts in the entry window helps, but the font size choices are very limited for the entry window and there is no "up arrow" to make everything bigger beyond that.

Tim N3QE

I added a 32" monitor at AK7O and have no problem seeing info. Also got a pair of computer glasses that make even small print readable!

Photo of station on AK7O page at QRZ.

73 Jack AK7O



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ARLB021 Ad Hoc Legislative Advocacy Committee to Meet with Lawmakers

QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 21 ARLB021
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT September 20, 2019
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB021
ARLB021 Ad Hoc Legislative Advocacy Committee to Meet with Lawmakers

ARRL's Ad Hoc Legislative Advisory Committee will meet with several members of Congress later this month in Washington to introduce new Committee members, reacquaint the lawmakers with Amateur Radio's most-pressing issues, seek their input on the best ways to achieve ARRL's objectives in Congress, and request their continuing support.

Committee members have completed a comprehensive analysis of Amateur Radio Parity Act deficiencies for dissemination to Amateur Radio's backers on The Hill. The panel now is following up on this process with the meetings later this month.

The Committee has contracted with The Keelen Group to provide advice and recommendations regarding ARRL's legislative relationships. Keelen Group advisors also will aid in organizing and guiding the meetings between ARRL representatives and key congressional allies in support of Amateur Radio initiatives.

On June 12, the Legislative Advisory Committee held the first of a series of meetings in DC with ARRL Washington Counsel David Siddall, K3ZJ, The Keelen Group, and a small contingent of radio amateurs

associated with various governmental and nongovernmental partners to solicit their perspectives and assistance in charting a future course of action. Pacific Division Director and Committee Chair Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT, described these individuals as "critical allies in ARRL's efforts to achieve its legislative objectives."

The process of analyzing and clarifying ARRL's aims began when the Committee was reconstituted with new members at the ARRL Board of Directors' January meeting. The Board had determined a need to "review, reexamine, and reappraise the ARRL's regulatory and legislative policy with regard to private land-use restrictions," with the aim of renewing, continuing, and strengthening ARRL's effort to achieve relief from such restrictions.

"There seems to be no countervailing policy that could justify arbitrary conditions, covenants and restrictions," Tiemstra said. "Indeed, public policy should clearly favor the needs of the Amateur Radio operator."

Amateur Radio's role in public service and emergency communication will be the Committee's strongest argument in seeking relief from private land-use restrictions that limit amateurs' ability to operate effectively.

The Committee will analyze the outcomes of this month's meetings and draft a report with recommendations for the ARRL Executive Committee to review and consider at its October 12 meeting. The full Board is expected to take up the issue at its January 2020 meeting.

ARLX008 ARRL and IARU President Emeritus Larry Price, W4RA (SK)

QST de W1AW

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From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT September 11, 2019
To all radio amateurs

SB SPCL ARL ARLX008
ARLX008 ARRL and IARU President Emeritus Larry Price, W4RA (SK)

ARRL and International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) President Emeritus Larry E. Price, W4RA, of Statesboro, Georgia, died on September 10. An ARRL Life Member, he was 85.

A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Price was first licensed as WN5TIA at age 16 and subsequently held several other call signs before becoming W4RA. After earning BSEE, MBA, and PhD degrees, he was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the US Army Signal Corps and honorably discharged with the rank of captain.

Price spent most of his career as a professor of finance and economics at Georgia Southern University. Upon retirement, he was named emeritus professor and emeritus head of the Department of Finance and Law.

Elected as ARRL Southeastern Division Vice Director in 1973, Price became Director later that year and was elected as an ARRL Vice President by Board of Directors in 1980. In 1983 he became First Vice President following the death of ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC, and was elected President by the Board the following year.

He served four 2-year terms as ARRL President, serving simultaneously as IARU Secretary from 1989 until 1992, and continuing as IARU Secretary and ARRL International Affairs Vice President until his election as IARU President in 1999, a post he held for 10 years. The IARU Administrative Council named him President Emeritus upon his retirement in 2009. The ARRL Board named him ARRL President Emeritus in 2011.

In 1973, Price was one of three incorporators of the ARRL Foundation and served for several years as Secretary and Director.

IARU Secretary and retired ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, enjoyed a 46-year relationship with Price.

"As a young ARRL staffer, I had the good fortune to be asked to serve as Assistant Secretary of the ARRL Foundation in 1973 and worked closely with Larry from that point on," Sumner said. "His accomplishments as President of the ARRL and the IARU are too many to list, but neither organization would be what it is today without his vision, dedication, and hard work. We all owe a great debt to Larry and his family for their many sacrifices on our behalf."

IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH, recalls his many years of association with Price. "The Amateur Radio fraternity has lost a valued colleague today," Ellam

said. "Larry Price was the Dean of the IARU, and under his leadership the organization not only achieved great success for the Amateur Radio services but the respect of those we work with in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). His work and tenacity on a number of issues gave the IARU the admiration of many administrations and senior leadership at the ITU, which we continue to enjoy today."

Ellam said Price was "an excellent mentor to me and many others" over the years, and that during his 10 years as IARU President, he's tried to maintain the ideals that Price instilled in the organization.

In 2014, Dayton Hamvention honored Price as Amateur of the Year. At the ARRL Centennial Convention that same year, Price was awarded the ARRL Medal of Honor.

Price's wife, Barbara Ann Parke Price, died in 1990. He is survived by their three children and several grandchildren.





CW Ops CW Academy:
Interested in learning CW or improving your skills?

Check out www.cwops.org

So Now What? Podcast

"Demystifying the Language of Morse Code" is the focus of the new (September 19) episode of the [So Now What?](#) podcast for Amateur Radio newcomers.

If you're a newly licensed Amateur Radio operator, chances are you have lots of questions. This biweekly podcast has answers! *So Now What?* offers insights from those who've been just where you are now. New episodes will be posted every other Thursday, alternating new-episode weeks with the [ARRL The Doctor is In](#) podcast. *So Now What?* is sponsored by [LDG Electronics](#), a family owned and operated business with laboratories in southern Maryland that offers a wide array of antenna tuners and other Amateur Radio products.

ARRL Communications Content Producer Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and ARRL Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, co-host the podcast. Presented as a lively conversation, with Patnode representing newer hams and Carcia the veteran operators, the podcast will explore questions that newer hams may have and the issues that keep participants from staying active in the hobby. Some episodes will feature guests to answer questions on specific topic areas.

Listeners can find *So Now What?* on [Apple iTunes](#), [Blubrry](#), [Stitcher](#) (free registration required, or browse the site as a guest) and through the free [Stitcher](#) app for iOS, Kindle, or Android devices. Episodes will be archived on the ARRL website.

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.

CW training is available, and details can be found at

www.cwops.org/cwacademy.



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Member and Station News:

Your news or story could be included here in the next issue of CARA Capers. Contact W1QK, Capers editor. Just snap a pix of your station, antennas, mobile installation, etc. and send it in!

Carolina Albano via

CARA <cara@cararadioclub.org>

To: cara@cararadioclub.org

Sep 17 at 10:20 PM

Hello!

This is Carolina Albano, KC1JGV, N1NRP's daughter. I wanted to email and invite the Cara club members and any additional parties to the Westport walk organized by the ALS Association. I have created a team and fundraising page in my father's honor.

Below please find what has been posted onto Facebook.

Hi all! In memory of my father, Jay, who recently passed away, I have organized a team through the ALS Association to participate in a walk on October 19th, 2019 in Westport, CT. (Walk details below)

For those of you that don't know, ALS is a disease affecting motor neurons of the spinal cord, which causes progressive weakness of the muscles. Currently there is no cure.

The walk is meant to raise awareness and to collect donations to put towards finding a cure, and supporting those diagnosed.

The team name would be "Jay's Birds."

I am hoping that you will consider joining me in this walk to fight the fight against ALS in his memory.

For those that would like to walk, I am taking orders for shirts I have made for the team. On the day of the walk, please arrive at check in time to collect your shirt.

I have linked my Paypal and Venmo account, for those interested. When ordering please state your size through the PayPal or Venmo comment section as you pay.

As the walk is soon, LAST day to order a T-shirt will be on Monday, SEPTEMBER 30th, as I will need to put the order in.

Shirts are \$25. Sizes go from Small- 3XL. Please note that when you decide to buy a shirt, an extra \$3 will be contributed towards the Team's goal.

The team's goal is currently \$1,000. I am aware that this is a large goal for a short amount of time, but I am hoping with an army of support, the donations given and the shirts bought, will combine and help us achieve this amount. Every donation counts! No donation is too small.

For those that would like to attend the walk but only make a donation, and not purchase a shirt, please consider wearing blue to show support.

I will be giving out homemade blue-ribbon pins, on the day of the walk, to the first ten people to donate to my cause!!!! Thank you for being EXTRA awesome!!

For those that aren't able to attend the walk, but would be able to contribute to my fundraiser, I have attached the link to the donation page.
Thank you ahead of time for supporting the cause!!

WALK details :
Where: Sherwood Island State Park,
Westport, CT tel:06880
When: October 19th, 2019
Time: check in at 10am, walk at 11am

PAYMENT information:
PayPal: <https://www.paypal.me/carolinaalbano>
Venmo: @Carolina-Albano-1

DIRECT LINK to fundraising page:
[Http://web.alsa.org/goto/Jayalbano](http://web.alsa.org/goto/Jayalbano)

Thank you again ahead of time for being so amazing, hope to see you all there !

Please feel free to share with all who knew my father, and any that would like to attend in his memory.

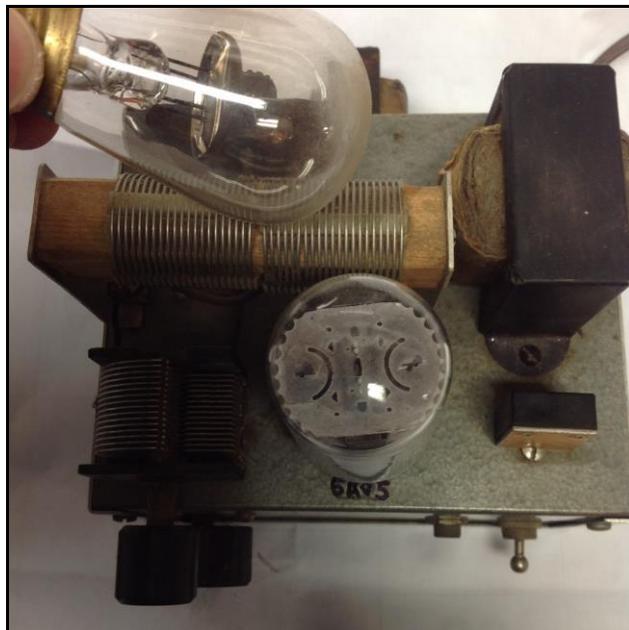
I appreciate it tremendously. I hope to see some of you there !

73, KC1JGV - Carolina

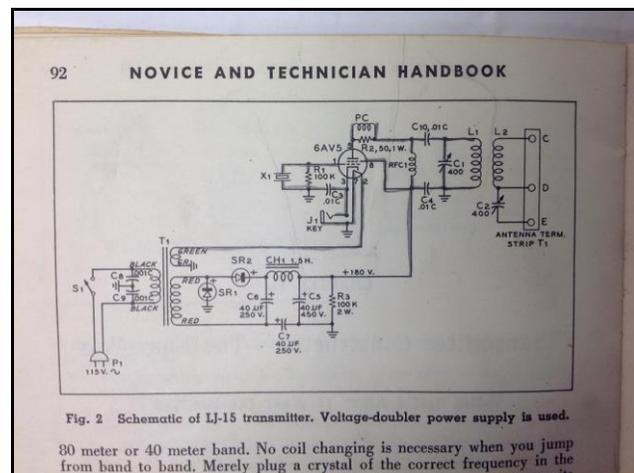
Great Memories - de WA1JGA:



My first rig was a home brew one tube 15-watt transmitter for 80 meter CW only. I used a light bulb to tune for maximum output power. Still have it!



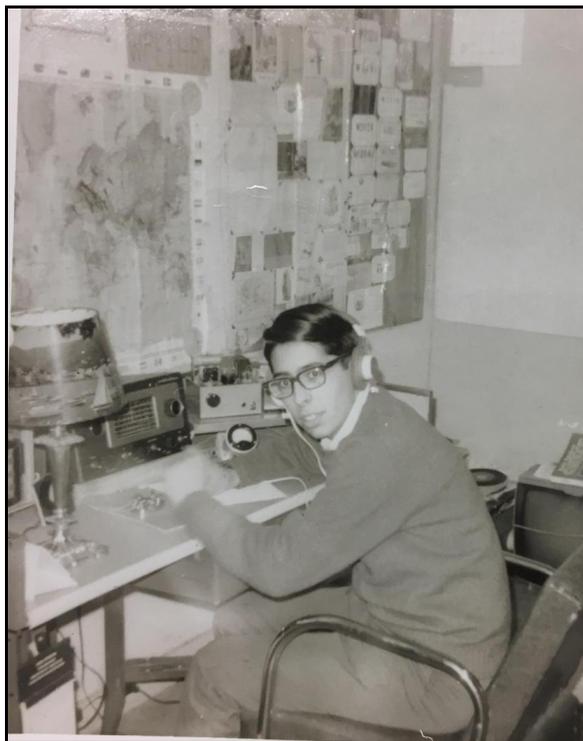
Then I borrowed a 30 watt Heathkit AT-1 CW Transmitter from Ray Feeley- K1CSB (SK). The CW Key had high voltage at the key terminals....ouch!!!! (Plate voltage power – Editor)



My first antenna was approximately 150 ft long wire. No coax... I just stuck the end of the wire

into the center of the SO239 connector! It worked!
 Then I put up a normal 80 meter wire dipole fed with RG-58 coax.

For 15 meters, I built a 3 element 15-meter beam with a transmatch on one element. It was in QST. It was a Doug DeMaw's design. He was great. He had articles in QST that you could easily build!



My last regular Novice contact was with WA3HUT/1 (became WA1KRG, now WIQK – Editor) on Nov 15, 1968.

Got my Novice license on March 1, 1968 – WN1JGA. My first contact was with Joe Feeley – W1ADW, my mentor and one of CARA's co-founders.

DATE	STATION CALLED	CALLED BY	TIME FROM QUIL	TIME SHUTTLER	BY SIGNALS	FREQ. MHz	MODE	POWER WATTS	TIME OF ENDING QSO	OTHER DATA	NAME	CLASS
11/15/68												
20:30	CQ					21.11	A1	75	20:44			
20:45	CQ	W4AQL	21.11	5:29	5:29	21.11			21:08	Atlanta, Georgia	Joe	
21:20	CQ					21.11			21:35			
11/15/68												
21:30	CQ					21.11			21:40			
22:04	WA3HUT/1	Y	3:25	5:29	5:29	3:25		15	23:24	CAMPBELL BLDG BARNESVILLE, CONN.	Don	

DATE	STATION CALLED	CALLED BY	TIME FROM QUIL	TIME SHUTTLER	BY SIGNALS	FREQ. MHz	MODE	POWER WATTS	TIME OF ENDING QSO	OTHER DATA	NAME	CLASS
3/1/68												
16:30	X	W1ADW	3:25	5:29	5:29	3:25	A1	15	16:40	First QSO	Joe Feeley	
17:40	WN1JGA	X	3:25	5:29	5:29				17:04		Steve Sorensen	
18:05	CQ	WN1JGA	3:25	5:29	5:29				18:10	Repeating contact	W1ADW	
18:50	CQ	Y							2:05			
20:47	CQ	X							2:20			
2:05	CQ	X							6:50			
16:20	CQ	X							17:05			
17:45	X	W1ADW	3:25	5:29	5:29				18:00		Ray Smith	
18:20	WN1JGA	X	3:25	5:29	5:29				18:30		Thomas Child	
21:00	WN1JGA	X	3:25	5:29	5:29				21:30			
23:31	CQ								7:25			
3/1/68												
15:30	CQ								7:25			
16:30	CQ	K2AKS	3:25	5:29	5:29				16:40			
18:40	WN1JGA	X	3:25	5:29	5:29				17:40	F.R. High School - Hyde Park		
19:40	WN1JGA	X	3:25	5:29	5:29				19:05	not at Geo.	MT	
19:30	CQ								20:04			
20:00	WN1JGA	X	3:25	5:29	5:29				20:10		Steve Sorensen	
23:00	CQ								23:55			
3/1/68												
00:40	X	WN1JGA	3:25	5:29	5:29				00:45			
21:00	CQ								21:25			
21:20	WB2ZK	X	3:25	5:29	5:29				21:30	Ratonon, NY	Park	
22:45	CQ								22:58			
23:30	CQ								23:40			
24:40	CQ	WA2BTW	3:25	5:29	5:29				24:55	Rescue A-5	Andy	
23:00	CQ								23:00			

But the next day, I worked CW Sweepstakes.

DATE	STATION CALLED	CALLED BY	TIME FROM QUIL	TIME SHUTTLER	BY SIGNALS	FREQ. MHz	MODE	POWER WATTS	TIME OF ENDING QSO	OTHER DATA	NAME	CLASS
11/16/68												
23:17	CQSS	WB2BXL							23:15	ARRL SWEEPSTAKES		
23:16		WB2HAD										
23:26		WB2S06										
23:24		WN1JTV										
23:48		WB2RY										
11/16/68												
01:08		WB2R20										
01:17		WA3HUT/1										
01:27		WB2ASJ										
01:30		WN1JTV										
01:49		WN1JNT										
01:53		W1EFS										
02:21		WA2R20										
04:29		WA2R17										
04:57		WB2K0M										
04:59		WB2TEL										
05:08		WB2JH7										
05:48		WA1JCT										
05:55		WA2H0F										
21:00		WN1JCT										
21:02		WA2JED										
21:32		WB2RY										

Got my General license on air as WA1JGA on November 29, 1968.

I worked WA3HUT/1 on Nov 19, 1968.

DATE	STATION CALLED	CALLED	FREQ FROM CALL	FREQ TO CALL	MY SIGNAL	FROM	END TIME	POWER USED WATTS	TIME OF LOGGING	OTHER DATA	NAME	QSL
11/19/68												
21:00	CG	X				2100	A1 150	31.25				
21:26	CG	VE7AZV	2100	579	579	2100		21.75		Victoria, Canada	Rob	XX
21:43	CG	W6LQZ	2100	579	579	2100		22.00		Reseda, Calif	George	
22:37	W2PVO	X	2.69	579	579	3.69		22.53		McLeod, Del	George	
22:57	WA3HUT	X	3.69	589	589	3.69		23:11			Dave	
11/20/68												
20:34	W1ZZY	X	3.68	579	579	3.68		20.54		Westerly, R.I.	Dave	
21:20	CG							21.08				
21:48	WB4AVI	Y	21.68	579	589	21.68		21:53		Jacksonville, Florida	Don	
22:01	CG	W4KMR	21.69	569	579	21.69		22:16		Duluth, Minn	Bill	
22:18	CG							22:24				
22:28	W2JIT	X	3.695	579	579	3.695		22:44		Amityville, N.Y.	Hook	
22:50	CG							23:14				

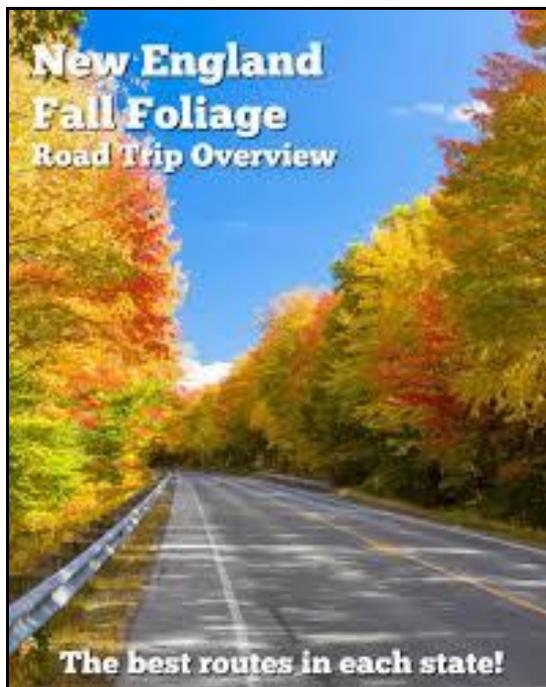
This Time I used my Knight-Kit model T-150 transmitter at 150 watts! 3.69 MHz with the built-in VFO!

ENDING QSO	OTHER DATA	NAME	QSLs
			S R
	EQUIP		
	TRANS - AT-1	30 wts	
	Homebrew	15 WATTS	
	T-150	75 WTS	
	RX - S-53		
	HR 10		
	HQ-100		
	ANTENNAS - 80 mtr Dipole		
	- Long wire (2wks)		
	- 15 mtr Dipole		
	- 2 el 15 mtr Beam		

More next time.

73 - Dave, WA1JGA

Thanks for sharing Dave - Editor



Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont Peak Season

You will find that [New England Fall foliage](#) peaks from the top of New England down the states in order. Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont peak foliage season around the last week of September through the first week or two in October.

Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island Peak Season

In this area of New England, the Fall foliage peaks around the three-day holiday weekend of Columbus Day. While this can't be guaranteed, overall that should be the best time to take a New England Fall foliage road trip in these three New England states.

Maine Fall Foliage Road Trip

Route 17 is a great route to check out New England Fall foliage in Maine. You can visit Grafton Notch State Park near Richardson Lake and Bigelow Preserve to witness the most beautiful Fall foliage in the state. Route 27/16 is also another good route for a Fall foliage road trip in Maine.

New Hampshire Fall Foliage Road Trip

The best place to take a Fall foliage road trip in New Hampshire would be the Kancamangus Highway (route 112) which goes from Lincoln to Conway. This is the White Mountains area where you can see mountains full of colorful Fall foliage around the start of October.

Vermont Fall Foliage Road Trip

The Green Mountain Byway which is also known as Vermont Route 100 has the best views of Fall foliage in the state. You will enjoy a trip passed many farms and other Vermont scenery as you venture towards Scenic Vermont route 125. With maple trees and lots of open land, you will be able to witness tons of foliage.

Massachusetts Fall Foliage Road Trip

Travel through the artsy towns of Williamstown and North Adams when you take Route 2 to follow the Mohawk Trail through the Berkshires. Included in this Massachusetts Fall foliage road trip is a 160-foot long covered bridge on route 8A, which always makes a gorgeous Fall foliage photo opp.

Connecticut Fall Foliage Road Trip

The lower Connecticut Valley on Route 9 is your best option at checking out the New England Fall foliage this year. Take a trip on the Essex Steam Train to experience Connecticut Fall foliage in a whole new way. This scenic train ride will allow you to see more pretty leaves than you may see on your car road trip.

Maker Movement: Innovation to Productization



https://www.mouser.com/applications/maker-movement-innovation-to-productization/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=elq-19.0925-techapp-devkits-en&utm_source=eloqua&subid=27b47fbe11a8487293fe926d0ea770af&utm_content=5233016

Source: Mouser Newsletter.



Elecraft co-founder, Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ and Capers Editor, W1QK discuss the new Elecraft K4 high performance transceiver at Northeast HamEpostion@Boxboro 2019



CARA Treasurer, Charlie – KC1IBR, and CARA member, Joe – KC1BQ set up in the flea market at HamExposition@Boxboro 2019



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CARA Swap & Shop Policies:

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CAPERS EDITORIAL:

Excerpt from the September 13 meeting minutes:

“Motion has been made and seconded that everyone come with a suggestion for a presentation that they would be willing to present at a future meeting this would be discussed at the next meeting. Discussion followed. Motion carried.”

It would be very helpful for those who propose and plan presentations and

programs to have some input from the membership, as well as more participation.

Same goes for club activities such as Fox Hunts, Special Event Stations, special projects, etc.

Maybe you have a suggestion that you're willing to mention? Maybe you'd be willing to plan and present something about your latest ham radio project, operating event, visit to a nearby hamfest, meeting up with some ham buddies for a social event?

We're not expecting polished PowerPoint presentations, just offer to say a few words, and share with the rest of us.

Please advise the CARA Program & Activity Committee so they'll schedule you in.

From the CARA Constitution:
Article II – Purpose:

Our purpose is to encourage and further the exchange of information and cooperation amongst our members and interested parties; to promote amateur radio knowledge, fellowship and individual operating efficiency; to support emergency communications whenever possible and to operate in the interest and welfare of Amateur Radio and the community.

73 – W1QK
CARA Capers Editor

A brief word from our editor...

CARA CAPERS is the monthly publication of the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (CARA) and is intended to present news, issues, and opinions of interest to CARA members and the Amateur Radio Community.

We encourage contributions of articles, letters to the editor, etc. and welcome newsletter exchanges with other clubs from around the country and around the world. Permission is granted to reprint material contained herein as long as proper credit is given to this newsletter and the author.

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.

Material received after the deadline will be used in the next month's CAPERS if it's still current and /or newsworthy.

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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.

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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.

Preliminary CARA 2019 Calendar – 2019

CARA Program and Activities Committee: Marcus – ABIWV, Bud – WINSK

October

- 2 – Deadline for October CARA Capers input
- 7 – Scheduled release of October Capers
- 11 – Monthly meeting – Presentation:
- 25 – October planning meeting
 Fall Fox Hunt?
- 31 – Deadline for November CARA Capers input

November

- 4 – Scheduled release of November Capers
- 8 – Monthly meeting – Presentation: Open
- 22 – November planning meeting

December

- 2 – Deadline for December CARA Capers input
- 9 – Scheduled release of December Capers
- 13 – Monthly meeting – Presentation: Open
 CARA Annual Holiday Gathering?
- 27 – December planning meeting

