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The Monthly Newsletter of The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association
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Next CARA Meeting:
Friday, December 13 - Stony Hill Fire Station, Rte. 6. Bethel, CT

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



Christmas Wonderland at W1QK - as inspired by visiting "A Longwood Gardens Christmas"

This month's presentation – Microsoft Office 365 Essentials for non-profits by Mike Walters – W8ZY

CARA December Monthly Meeting Agenda **Friday – December 13, 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's Report (Minutes review: November 2019) – N1GSA
4. Treasurer's Report
 1. CARA Financial report – KC1IBR
5. Committee Reports:
 1. Repeaters – WR1Z, W1JGM
 2. Report on membership lists – W1JGM, AB1WV, KC1IBR
 3. Events
 - i. CARA December 5 Holiday Gathering – W1JMA, AB1WV
6. Old Business:
 1. Completion of CARA President's Plaque and proposed new President's Plaque – W1QK
 2. CARA Website update – W1JMA, W1NSK, W1QK
 3. Discussion/planning – combined CARA/YCCC meeting – W1NSK, W1QK
 4. Program & Presentations motion by NG1R – from September meeting - NG1R, AB1WV
7. New business:
 1. 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. CARA Participation in Winter Field Day Planning update - W1JGM
 3. January meeting – Annual W1-QSL Bureau card presort and pizza party
 4. February meeting – WR1Z: Program "Cut the Cable"
 5. March and beyond meetings
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 – December 27, Input deadline for January Capers – January 2.
9. Break for refreshments
10. Monthly presentation: Microsoft Office 365 for Non-profits, Mike Walters – W8ZY
11. Closing of meeting

President's Message - de AB1WV



Hello all,

Its Christmas again. My how time flies. We had a great Holiday Party last Thursday. There was plenty of great food and fellowship for the season. We were all regaled with Gregory's stories and pictures of his long road trip this last summer. It was very enjoyable and a nice time for all.

This month at our meeting we will be discussing Winter Field Day preparations and a new benefit that might be coming soon to all full members. It is a great opportunity and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Next month is our annual QSL Card Square Dance and Pizza party. Remember, we don't really dance (unless you want to). We volunteer our time to sort cards for the ARRL DX QSL Bureau System. If you have never participated before, it is a fun time that allows us to give back to the amateur radio community.

I hope to see you all there at the meeting this Friday, December 13.

Marcus

Vice- President's Message:
de W1JGM



Good Day to all;

Wow, December is here; the last few months have been accelerated, Thanksgiving, The Christmas Party, and life have been a blur.

The December meeting will be here shortly. Please try and join us December 13 at the Stony Hill Fire Department in Bethel, CT.

As always, the forward progression of the association depends on you. Ideas for presentations that would be of interest to the membership are still desired.

Try your hand at showing something you have done that may be an interest to the members. It could be as short or long as needed.

As the holiday season is upon us, I recommend that everyone check their electrical decorations and lights to be sure they're in good condition. If you haven't checked your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, please do it now. If you didn't change the battery at the time change, please do it now.

Have a safe holiday.
73, W1JGM - John Morelli

November 8 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 10 people present.

Secretary's report was read and accepted. Treasurers report was read with a starting balance of \$6877.40 and an ending balance of \$6888.18.

Gregory reported on the repeater Committee. Gregory and John have met and talked about the system and it's needs. John is recommending that we purchase a new machine for backup. Yaesu has a program running for significant discount. This program may have expired. The Motorola equipment could be sold to offset costs of replacements. This machine could be placed at NF Firehouse for backup. This is also much more convenient for access. Accurate inventory and planning are necessary to formulate any improvements needed on Spruce Mountain. It is not the most accessible location for occasional repairs. Dan suggested to use the time before winter really sets in, to inventory and

plan for spring improvements. Much discussion followed.

John has sent out letters to those on the membership list that are not current. As he was not present there were no reports on this.

Dan reported on the status of the President's plaque. There are a few callsign changes that need to be made.

He has not been able to make contacts about the website.

Dan spoke about setting up a meeting with YCCC. This is still in the idea stage with nothing definite.

The CARA Christmas dinner was discussed. There are only 14 firm reservations. The invitation will be opened to any interested people. The club is responsible for the 20-person guarantee.

Roger's motion that was made months ago to have everyone present a program was discussed:

- Tom: Beam renovation
- Dan: Antenna trailer rotator project
- Ron: Coast Guard calls and comms.
- Gregory: Cut the cord for the TV
- Roger: YouTube informational videos
- Harlan: Digital communications
- Charlie: Website content
- Marcus: Ham Radio on the Internet

Winter Field Day was the next topic on the list. Gregory mentioned that NARA has access to Woodbury Fire Dept for this event.

Charlie made a motion to participate in Winter Field Day. Dan seconded this. Discussion followed. This motion passed.

NARA has started using Microsoft Office 365. This is a product that is available for the use by any members of the club. Marcus is looking into the program and its content.

Roger and Dan participated in the CQWW RTTY contest last spring and were notified that they came in #1 for CT, New England, United States and 13th in the world.

Break at 9:15.

Roger gave a program about his Rig Expert Analyzer and its capabilities.

Respectfully submitted
Gary S. Adams, N1GSA
Secretary Pro tem

November 22 CARA Planning Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Pres. Marcus Swearingen.

6 members present.

Roger will be giving the presentation in Nov. about Antenna Analyzers.

John had the Autumn issue of QST that he mentioned had suggestions about programs for upcoming meetings.

Charlie brought up about changing the PO box which has its renewal in January. We should update the listed officers to allow access. He also mentioned about changing locations to make it a more central location and increase accessibility. We should also get another key to open the box. At present we only have one key that Bill Webb oversees. Charlie will take care of this.

Charlie has received the Tax Registration Number. We also need to document our charitable donations to conform to our status. This could be a donation to the Fire House, the ALS walk, etc.

John spoke to Mike Walters about the Microsoft program that gives multiple email accounts as well as a .org designation for our club use. This would entail going thru a Microsoft Partner which does have a small cost. This would come with Microsoft Office Suite, passwords, updates, etc. We could in the future have small meetings using a Skype type program. This would have minimal cost to the club. Mike would be willing to come down and explain this further and answer questions about this program.

Charlie has \$100 that was a donation for the repeater upgrade. This was started by Jay and has been in the Paypal pool account, earmarked for the repeater.

John mentioned that we need to make a trip to the Mountain to bring down the Motorola machine and place it back in the NF FD. This would allow 24hr accessibility to turn it on or off in times of need. He has found more Yaesu radios like ours, that are available for \$600. This could be used on the hill to link with the NARA system. All these radios are supplied with battery backup. This site is a priority electrical site due to the Airport equipment that is also at this site.

Charlie said that there have been some dues payments from members in arrears.

Respectfully submitted
Gary S. Adams, N1GSA
Secretary Pro tem

CARA Policies & Procedures – Important Meeting time change discussion & vote:

Editor – From the September Monthly Meeting minutes.

John – W1JGM, 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.

This vote was rescheduled to the December meeting due to the quorum voting requirements.

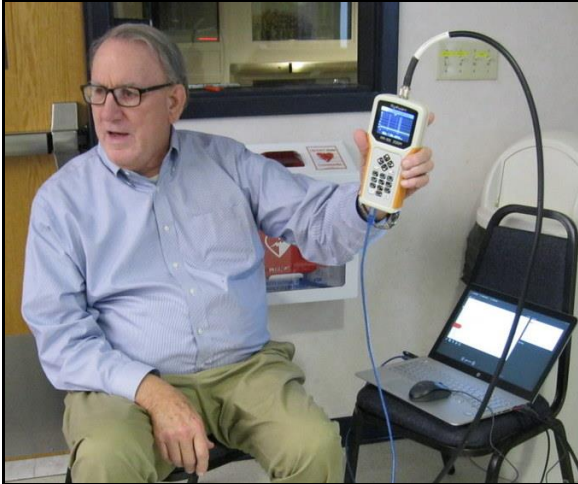
Please plan to attend the upcoming December Monthly meeting to discuss and vote on this important topic.

November Snapshot:



Last Month's Program:

The Rig Expert AA 55 Antenna Analyzer:
by Roger Mitchell – NG1R



Roger – NG1R, explained the functions of the analyzer which include SWR Charts, Smith Charts, tools to analyze transmission lines and cables, and create and adjust stubs.

He demonstrated the SWR chart function of the analyzer with the provided software.

The main focus was on the SWR charting.

Editor - Thank you, Roger, for your informative technical presentation and sharing your knowledge and experience, plus creating SWR sweeps of all my antennas.

This Month's Program:

de W8ZY

Microsoft Office 365 Essentials gives a non-profit organization the opportunity to take advantage of the latest in e-mail, creation and collaboration software in a way that the organization can afford.

The program brings hosted Exchange e-mail, Microsoft Office and Microsoft Teams to each member.

This will give the organization the ability to hold virtual meetings, have subject matter teams work together and all with the latest security features.



Mike Walters – W8ZY



“What a Great Party!”

Text: W1QK

Photos: W1QK & WR1Z

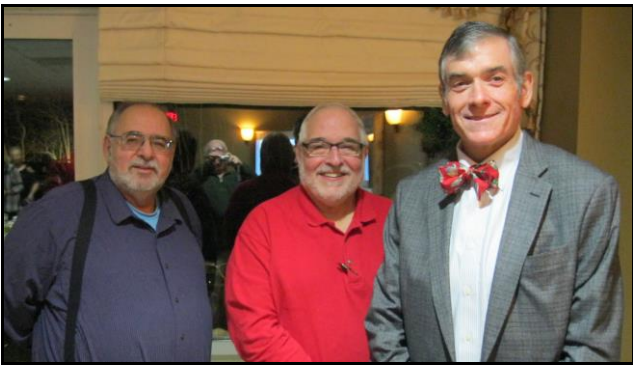


CARA members and their guests gathered at 7 pm on Thursday, December 5, for our annual Christmas/Holiday party - held at Armando's Restaurant in Bethel.





The party was organized and coordinated with Armando's management by John – WJMA.



Thanks go to CARA Treasurer, Charlie – KC1IBR for handling reservations.



Ample amounts of delicious penne ala vodka, chicken cutlets, roast beef, green beans, salad, plus bread & butter were served buffet style.



Marcus – AB1WV arranged for the appropriately decorated CARA Holiday cake and ice cream dessert – provided by the club.



A distinct highlight of the evening was photos and stories by Gregory – WR1Z.

He shared his multi-month-long “Now or Never” tour to the west coast that he and his wife, Silvia took this past spring.



We were treated to spectacular sunsets and a summary of their travels and tales, including how Gregory literally had to “change horses midstream” in Washington state due to safety concerns with his trusty, but aging Chevy Suburban tow vehicle.

We learned that Gregory & Silvia almost drove into a small lake in Western Pennsylvania around midnight on the first travel day and backed their rig one-half mile the next morning to turn around; correcting a navigation error caused by their GPS. So much for thinking that he'd gone to his home state of Ohio so often that he knew the way.

Gregory and Sylvia both have family at various strategic points across the country, who cordially welcomed them to “stop by and visit for a while”.

They visited relocated former co-workers and high school classmates, and were treated to memorable family reunions, dinners, and parties – several on land and water.

Thank you; Gregory for sharing your images, experiences, and impressions; all benefits of travel across our amazing country.

It was a wonderful time to socialize, swap stories; some not radio - related, and share some time together at this annual CARA event.

Attendees:

Marcus – AB1WV, John – W1JMA, John – W1JGM, Gary – N1GSA and XYL, Bud – W1NSK and guest, Tom – WX1T and XYL, Vinny – N2OHH, Charlie – KC1IBR, Roger – NG1R, Gregory – WR1Z, Harlan – W1QH, Dan – W1QK.

CARA President's Plaque Project

de W1QK



The data has been researched and confirmed. Engraved plates need to be ordered and attached to the existing plaque. A new – larger second plaque will be ordered to accommodate all of them.



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 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:

Dec. 13: Monthly CARA meeting

Dec. 14-15: ARRL 10M contest (CW & SSB)

Dec. 16: ARES Region 5 South meeting –
Danbury EOC

December 23: ARES Region 5 meeting –
Newtown EOC

Dec. 27: December planning meeting

Dec. 28: RAC Winter contest

Dec. 28 Stew Perry 160M “Big Stew” contest

Dec. 3, 11, 18, 25: 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:

Dec. 13: CARA December Monthly meeting

Dec. 27: Monthly planning meeting – SHFD

Jan. 2, 2020: January 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 scheduled YCCC Meeting:
February, 2020

More information on the YCCC website:
www.yccc.org

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.arrl.org/general-rules-for-all-arrl-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
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CT ARES News:

W1QH receives Special Service ARRL CT ARES Award

Harlan Ford – W1QH, CT ARES ADEC, Assistant District Emergency Coordinator, and CARA Director, received a plaque from CT Section Emergency Manager, Mike Walters – W8ZY, at the November 25 ARES Region 5 monthly meeting held at the Litchfield EOC.

de W8ZY:

One of the underlying principles of ham radio is helping others, hams call it being an Elmer.

Harlan Ford, W1QH has been an Elmer to many in the ARES Region 5 community for some time by being a mentor for digital modes on HF, VHF and UHF.

Harlan has spent a great deal of time teaching and helping get stations set up to operate.

Harlan was also instrumental in getting ready for the recent SET that incorporated HF digital for the first time.

Harlan is always ready to help anyone who asks.



Photo: WR1Z

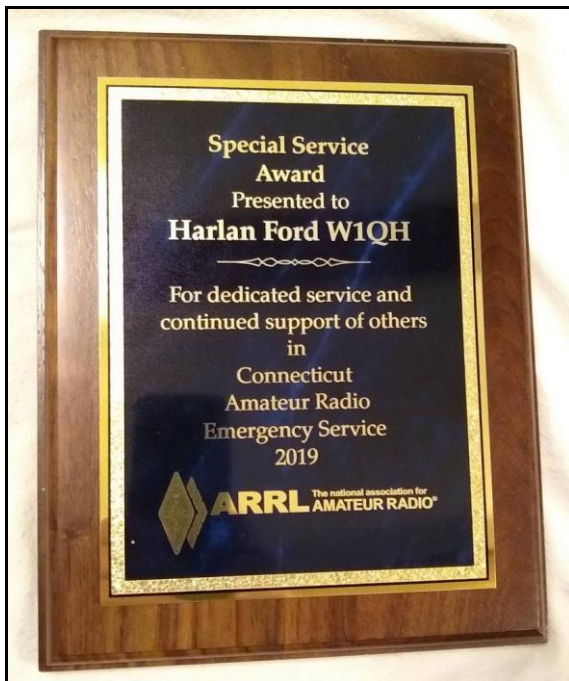


Photo: W1QH

de W1QK:

Working with Harlan, John Will – KB1LYP, Newtown Emergency Coordinator has been instrumental in promoting and coordinating the use of Winlink during the Monthly ARES Region 5 Digital net. Net control is KB1OVQ – the Newtown EOC.

The net meets at 7:00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month, and participating stations are encouraged to send digital messages to KB1OVQ via Winlink.

Sending messages using RF through the W1SP-N digital system is preferred, but Telnet internet is also acceptable.

The net has been growing in popularity with statewide check-ins.

All are invited to participate and test this mode – just another tool in the ARES emergency communications toolbox.

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.

<u>Repeater Site</u>	<u>Freq. (Mhz)</u>	<u>PL</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Barkhamsted	147.270 +	151.4	W1RWC/R	Linked Full Time
Meriden	224.800 -	77	K1HSN/R	Linked As Needed
Meriden	444.200 -	151.4	KB1AEV/R	Linked Full Time
New Milford	146.730 -	192.8	NA1RA/R	Linked As Needed
Somers	441.800 +	77	N1TUP/R	Linked Full Time
Torrington	147.240 +	151.4	KB1AEV/R	Linked Full Time
Torrington	447.225 -	77	KB1AEV/R	Linked Full Time
Vernon	147.345 +	151.4	KB1AEV/R	Linked Full Time
Vernon	224.360 -	151.4	KB1AEV/R	Linked Full Time
Vernon	442.600 +	151.4	KB1AEV/R	Linked Full Time
Washington	441.850 +	77	NA1RA/R	Linked As Needed
Watertown	441.650 +	151.4	KB1AEV/R	Linked Full Time
Woodbridge	442.500 +	DCS 073 or PL 77.0	W1WPD/R	Linked As Needed



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



Folks,

A couple of corrections for the below list:

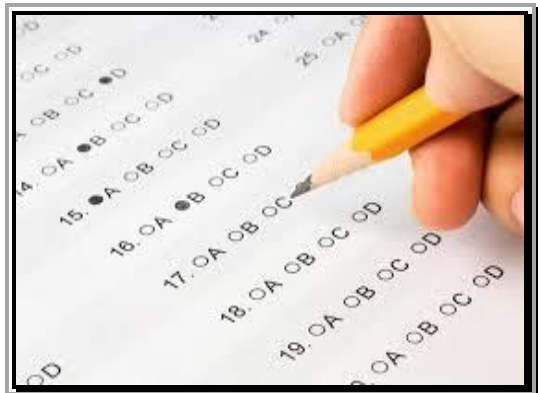
Torrington KB1AEV UHF frequency is not correct, it should be 442.250 + PL 151.4

Somers N1TUP 441.800 PL is not correct, it should be 151.4

73, Dana KB1AEV



2020 CARA Ham Exam Schedule:



2020 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 2020 have been coordinated with the Stony Hill Firehouse Meeting Room scheduler:

March 7, June 6, September 19, December 5

Thanks & 73,

Jon - AJ1U
CARA VE Team Coordinator

Other upcoming VE exam sessions: **Norwalk CT 06854-2164**

01/04/2020

Sponsor: Greater Norwalk ARC
Date: Jan 04 2020
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Tom J. Alessi
(203) 253-7745
Email: k1ta@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Norwalk Fire Dept
100 Fairfield Ave
Norwalk CT 06854-2164



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

For a free download, visit:

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

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So Now What? Podcast

<http://www.arrl.org/so-now-what>

People also ask:

What is 5g in simple terms?

5G is the **term** used to describe the next-generation of mobile networks beyond LTE mobile networks. ... According to ITU guidelines, **5G** network speeds should have a peak data rate of 20 Gb/s for the downlink and 10 Gb/s for the uplink. Sep 19, 2016



CW Ops CW Academy:

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.
CW training is available, and details can be found at www.cwops.org/cwacademy.

From the CWOps Reflector:

For Memorabilia Collectors

From: Mark Beckwith

Date: Sat, 02 Nov 2019 14:28:31 EDT
Heya CW Peeps.

I just came into this set:

https://archive.org/details/U.S._Armed_Forces_Institute_Basic_Radio_Code_ca1942

I have the actual set. I wonder if it is of any value to anyone on this channel?

See you in the (cw) Sweepstakes!

73 - Mark N5OT 2198

https://archive.org/details/U.S._Armed_Forces_Institute_Basic_Radio_Code_ca1942

4a.

FT8/4 - Reasons to dislike?

From: Stew GW0ETF

Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2019 04:02:42 EST

As someone who has used both FT8 and FT4 enough to find out I'm not much of a fan I do wonder what are the reasons behind others sharing my aversion.

Is it..

It restricts contacts to a brief exchange of a (true) signal report and confirmation only QSOs rely on, and would never happen, were it not for the computer?

If the latter it sounds like chucking stones in the

proverbial glasshouse as this is true these days of all data modes such as RTTY/PSK/cw code readers that don't receive hate mail. And what about remote? Not just the pc but the full force of the public internet system as well.

I do feel jealous though when my panadapter shows a mass of FT signals on an otherwise empty bottom 100KHz.

Just sayin'

Stew, GW0ETF

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4b.

Re: FT8/4 - Reasons to dislike?

From: K1dj

Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2019 05:41:20 EST

Good morning Stew -

I think you hit two nails on their heads with your last two comments!

CW is still my favorite mode, but:

(1) CW contesting particularly has become so automated/computer aided in recent years that there is a pretty fine line between it and particularly FT-4, which is a very fast mode requiring lots of hands-on-keyboard attention. Not saying that there isn't plenty of mental activity for those of us still decoding the code with our otherwise unaided brains, but when we are using call history files and clicking from spot to spot, even that is limited to verifying that the spots are accurate. My faster contesters rarely touch their keyer paddles, as they manage to sweep up contacts on two bands simultaneously. Could not be done without their computers. But nobody, at least on this reflector, is suggesting that their computers should share in their contest certificates and plaques.

(2) I think you captured a lot of the reason for FT-animus among CW operators with your last statement. One of the reasons I frequently end up on FT modes is that I can't find anybody on the CW bands, while the panadapter shows lots of activity on the FT frequencies. Plenty to envy there. And also a

good reason for us as a club to focus on our CW Academy program and other means of attracting some of those obviously active hams into using our favorite mode more often!

I agree with Rich VE3KI's recent comment.

Rather than constantly spinning up our members (many of whom use and enjoy the FT modes) to complain about FT modes, we should be accentuating the positive about our reasons for enjoying CW. We all love it now as much as we did 50-60 years ago when we got into ham radio. Let's focus on that without so much hostile and/or envious trash-talking about other modes.

73 -
Rich, K1DJ

4c.
Re: FT8/4 - Reasons to dislike?
From: VE9AA - Mike
Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2019 05:51:27 EST
I usually have lots to type,. but instead I'll just tell you why I don't use the FT modes: (that's different than dislike)
I decode by brain. I find that is most satisfying.
If I ever get old enough or whatever that I cannot, maybe I'd look at a code reader.
THAT is where my satisfaction lies.
Especially on 6m and 160m where many are making QSO's not even audible in the speaker.....speaking only for myself
I cannot imagine deriving any enjoyment or sense of accomplishment from that.
(guess I typed more than I thought)
Mike VE9AA



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!

CQ Worldwide WPX Contest: 2019 CW
Score: 1,276,752 points
Category: Single Op Low Power ALL BANDS

Call: NG1R Opr: W1QK
#2 United States 1st Call Area
#10 North America
#28 World

JimR via CARA <cara@cararadioclub.org>
To: cara@cararadioclub.org
Nov 8 at 1:48 PM

Please note my new callsign effective today, is WO4X. WO4X@oneyv.org will get to me!

I will continue to maintain the KD1YV@oneyv.org address for some extended time to catch all old address books.

73 de Jim, WO4X



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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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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 2019/2020 Calendar

CARA Program and Activities Committee: Marcus – AB1WV, Bud – W1NSK

December

- 2 – Deadline for December CARA Capers input
- 5 - CARA Annual Holiday Gathering – Armando's in Bethel. Pre-paid reservations required.
- 9 – Scheduled release of December Capers
- 13 – Monthly meeting – Presentation: Mike Walters: Microsoft Office 365 Essentials for non-profits
- 27 – December planning meeting

January

- 2 – Deadline for January CARA Capers input
- 6 – Scheduled release of January Capers
- 10 – Monthly meeting – Annual W1-QLS Bureau QSL card pre-sort and pizza party
- 24 – January planning meeting
- 25-26 – Winter Field Day



NOTE: 2020 Annual CARA Dues are due in January

