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July- 2021



The Monthly Newsletter of The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association
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Next CARA Meeting: Friday, July 9

**This meeting will be conducted *via Microsoft TEAMS* Video Conferencing
Sign onto TEAMS at 7:00 for socializing and conversation**

Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Teams conference invitation emailed to CARA membership.



**Annual Election of Executive Committee & Directors
Field Day Review**

President's Message – de W1NSK



Welcome to Summer! Things have certainly changed for the better! With many vaccinated, the stricter protocols surrounding the pandemic have been lifted. As a result, what many thought would not be possible was a great CARA Field Day the last weekend in June! I want to thank all who worked to accomplish this event and make it a success. I as well as all of you who participated, had a great weekend!

This coming Friday evening is our Monthly CARA Club Meeting at 7PM. Look for the notice in your mailbox with the Teams Link. This is an especially important meeting as we will be electing officers for the next year. We are still looking to fill some positions. Contact me to see what you can do! Most importantly is you joining us at the meeting and voting!

With an eye toward next month, we have the Annual CARA Hamfest late in the month. This is our major fundraising event of the year and takes a lot of work by all to have things run smoothly. Besides, it is a good chance to see old friends and make new ones as well. Volunteer to help with some aspect of the event. Your help is needed!

The upcoming Ham Exposition / New England ARRL Convention will be held September 10,11,12 in Marlborough, Mass. Information is available at: <https://hamexposition.org/> . This is a well-run and attended event. Take a trip up and check out the seminars and Flea Market. Carpooling with CARA members is entirely possible.

See you at Friday's meeting and on the Air!

73, Bud – W1NSK
CARA President

July 9 - Meeting Agenda:

Pledge of Allegiance

Business Meeting

- Acceptance of Minutes as Published in CAPERS
- Treasurers Report
- Committee Reports
- Repeaters
- HamFest
- Website

Old Business

- Pool Antenna Take Down.
- Certificates of Appreciation for CARA Meeting presenters:
 - October 2020 to May 2021 – W1QK
- CARA - related logo items from Cafe Press - K1CKD
- CARA W1QI QSL card update labels - W1QK

New Business

- Annual Election of Executive Committee and Directors – W1QH, NG1R,
WA1JGA (quorum required)
- 2021 ARRL Field Day Submission Report – W1QK, W1QH, NG1R
- Return to Stony Hill Firehouse – W1QH
- Review of CARA Standing Committees at Planning Meeting - Executive
Committee & Directors

- New Event Planning & Update of CARA 2021 Preliminary Calendar– W1NSK,
W1JGM

- New Fairfield Fire Dept. Car Show – July
- New Fairfield Day Special Event station
- W/VE Islands QSO Party
- W1QI 75th anniversary as an ARRL-Affiliated club Special Event
- Annual CARA Pasta Night at the Italian American Club in Danbury
- Summer Fox Hunt(s)

Announcements

Adjournment

Vice- President's Message:
de W1JGM



Welcome to July and summer 2021.

First, I'd like to thank all that participated in the CARA 2021 Field Day event.

Thanks to all, the event was a success in several ways.

1. We got together as an organization.
2. Renewed some old friendships - in person, made some new friends.
3. Had excellent food.
4. Brought the club some public awareness - front page of the local New Fairfield newspaper.
5. We even made some radio contacts, and had a good time doing it.
6. We did it on battery power.

There are several more possibilities for public on – the - air events coming up.

The New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department's Car show is scheduled for July 25 at the Company A fire house in the center of New Fairfield.

We're going to try for the W/VE Islands QSO Party and New Fairfield Day / Fire Prevention event along with others. If you know of an event that we may be involved with, let's discuss it and maybe get involved.

We were unable to hold our annual elections for Association officers in June because of the lack of a quorum, so it's important that you attend the July 9 meeting when we'll have the election.

The club positions that are open include Treasurer and two members for Director.

Remember, our constitution states that candidates for Director must have five years of prior club membership to qualify.

Contact Director, Harlan Ford – W1QH, with your nominations (after confirming first that your candidate is willing to accept the nomination and serve if elected) or, if you're interested in these important club positions.

Just a reminder, the club still has four back-up batteries left for sale. See information in this Capers newsletter. Don't let them slip away. They've been fully recharged after the Field Day workout.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me or any club officer.

Stay safe and get on the radio. The original social distancing!

73 - John G. Morelli, W1JGM

VP, Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA)

Chairman; Western Connecticut Hamfest

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June 11 Monthly Meeting Minutes de N1GSA



Meeting called to order at 7:50pm by V.P. John Morelli.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were 10 people present.

Motion made and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting to be accepted as printed in CAPERS. Motion passed.

Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$5158.97 and a closing balance of \$5522.64.

Gregory of the Repeater Committee reported that he had visited John's home and acquired the batteries that NARA purchased.

John attended the Goshen Hamfest where he handed out over 50 flyers and spoke with many of the vendors that were there. They were all very receptive and interested in attending. We should think about acquiring Hand Sanitizer to be used at this event. John did mention that we could possibly look for other places to have this event. John asked for \$1500 to seed the Hamfest. This will be used for prizes and other necessary

expenses. Gregory made this a motion, this was seconded and passed.

Dan did not have any news about the Website. Roger Mitchell, John Ahle, and Dan Fegley are on this Committee.

There were no other reports available at this time. We need to have our various Committees activate and get started with each intended purpose.

OLD Business:

The antenna project at the Pool residence is still in need of completion. This has been going on for almost a year. This does involve some roof work. We really need to complete this project.

The Certificates of Appreciation for our presenters of recent months is a work in progress.

CARA merchandise that had been listed on our old website. This was done thru Café Press. They have our Logo and other graphics.

Dan and Gary will work on labels to update our existing QSL cards with the new PO Box and address.

NEW Business:

Elections were not held due to lack of quorum for this activity.

Harlan has heard nothing from Stony Hill Fire Dept. As to when it may be open for our meetings.

Field Day was next on the agenda. Harlan feels that the computers will be ready for the event. He will activate the 756 Pro 3 this weekend on a couple nets to be sure they will work. John and Marcus will bring radios for the event.

We need an Event Chairman, Safety Officer and Food Chairman. Gary will again be Food Chairman. Marcus is checking into availability for Safety Officer. Charlie will once again take care of the ARRL site information. We need to get some equipment from the Bethel EOC storage. Barry Connely has offered to get some of this. Marcus has the Club Banners.

Next issue was the location for this event. Consensus was taken and the Ball Pond Firehouse was the clear winner.

Motion and seconded to allocate a maximum of \$200 for food. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Motion to allocate \$50.00 for misc. expenses. This will be given to the Chairman for dispersement if needed.

There will be a Special Meeting on the 18th for the purpose of finalizing Field Day plans.

The Planning Meeting will be held at the Ball Pond Firehouse on the 25th.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary S. Adams - N1GSA, Secretary



CARA ARRL Field Day: June 26-27, 2021 Ball Pond Volunteer Fire Company, New Fairfield

Photo credits: N1GSA, KC1IBR, W1QH, W1JGM



June 18 Monthly Planning Meeting Minutes

Meeting moved from June 25 to June 18.

No planning meeting minutes submitted to Capers.











CARA has been an
ARRL-Affiliated Club
75 Years: 1946 – 2021



Connecticut Phone Net – CPN

This net starts at 6:00 pm DST Monday through Saturday on 3.973 MHz.. Sunday: 10:00 a.m. 3.965 MHz.

CARA Contributions:
Tom Coury, WX1T: CPN manager
Wednesday Net control: Harlan, W1QH



Weekly CARA Sunday club NETS:
28.490 MHz. USB 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

W1QI 2M FM Repeater – 7:30 pm

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

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



**Upcoming Contests, Hamfests &
Meetings:**

- July 9: CARA Monthly meeting **via TEAMS**
- July 10-11: IARU HF World Championship
- July 12: ARES Region 5 South meeting **via Zoom**
- July 16-18: CQWW VHF Contest
- July 17-18: NAQP RTTY Contest
- July 23: CARA Monthly Planning meeting **via TEAMS**
- July 23-25: RSGB IOTA (Islands On The Air) Contest
- June 26: CT ARES Region 5 Monthly meeting **via TEAMS**
- July 31- Aug. 1: MO QSO Party
- July 7, 14, 21, 28: CWOps CWT Minitest Regular Sessions - 1300Z, 1900Z
Wednesday, 0300Z Thursday

August 5, August 2021 Capers input deadline

Complete Contest calendar at:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

New England and other local hamfests:

<http://web.mit.edu/w1gsl/Public/ne-fleas>

Upcoming CARA Calendar:

- July 9: CARA July monthly meeting **via TEAMS**
- July 23: CARA July monthly planning meeting **via TEAMS**

August 5: August 2021 Capers input deadline

**The Annual 13 Colonies On-Air
Week: July 1-7, 2021**

Want to have some ham radio fun? From July 1-7, the Annual 13-Colonies On-Air event will take place and Pete Chamalian, W1RM, has tentatively agreed to be the net manager in Connecticut.

The fun part is this – you get to be on a DXpedition to a very rare and sought-after location, Connecticut, signing K2D. In this event the whole world is looking to work each of the original 13-colonies, and we are one of them!

Full details on the event can be found here:
<http://www.13colonies.us/>

No matter if you are a seasoned contester or DXpeditioner or if you want to try your hand at being on the receiving end of a pileup, this is a great place to start. The best part is you get to operate from your home station, and you get to set your own hours, bands (160-2) and modes (CW, Phone, Digital).

The only requirement is that you keep the log electronically so contacts can be exported in the ADIF format. It makes no difference which program you use.

If you are interested or would like to volunteer, please contact Pete, W1RM at w1rm@comcast.net

This looks to be an interesting project, and open to lots of Connecticut ham radio operators. Try it!

ARRL Connecticut Section Manager: Charles I Motes Jr, K1DFS k1dfs@arrl.org

2021 Ham Exam Schedule



Litchfield CT 06759-3404

07/13/2021

Sponsor: Northwest Amt

Date: Jul 13 2021

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

Upcoming 2021 Amateur radio exams:

Hi everyone,

Hope you are all doing well.

I was informed that the Stony Hill Firehouse in Bethel, CT will not be available to outside groups.

If and when the firehouse becomes available, I will come up with a testing schedule and e-mail it to you.

As an alternative, if there is interest I may periodically offer testing sessions in Woodbury, CT if I can get access to the Woodbury Firehouse (through Glen - W1GHD).

Thanks and 73, Jon - AJ1U



The Yankee Clipper Contest Club is a special purpose amateur radio club devoted to the pursuit of operating and technical excellence.

More information about the YCCC at:

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

Wallingford CT 06492-2327

07/10/2021

Sponsor: Meriden Amateur Radio Club

Date: Jul 10 2021

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

Contact: Donald G. Mitchell
(203) 239-2077

Email: Dmitchell1273@sbcglobal.net

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: Hope Hill Firehouse

143 Hope Hill Rd

Wallingford CT 06492-6232

Source: YCCC Reflector with credit to all contributors
– Editor

13 Colonies Event

From: Pete W1RM

Date: Tue, 27 Apr 2021 15:51:31 EDT

If you aren't familiar with this event, it's a 7-day contest that runs July 1-7. During this event, special calls are provided to each of the original 13 colony states and the world goes after these 13! We in New England are fortunate to be one of them. This year, K2D (Connecticut) will again be activated by as many contesters as we can get. This is a phone, CW, digital event and you can spend as much or as little time as you can. All bands, 160-2 can be used.

I have tentatively volunteered to be the K2D manager which means I have to come up as many ops to put K2D on the air as possible. The beauty of it is you can operate from your own station or visit one that might be made available to you. The only requirement is all operating must be from Connecticut.

This is a fantastic opportunity to have some fun and get warmed up for IARU, try out a new antenna or radio, see what it's like to be on a DXpedition without having to leave your home.

If you are interested, please contact me off-line at w1rm@comcast.net

Pete Chamalian, W1RM, w1rm@comcast.net

K1P Special Event Station Invitation from Dave Robbins – K1TTT

From: David Robbins
Date: Wed, 02 Jun 2021 09:15:48 EDT

Looking for something to do in the slow summer weeks between Field Day and IARU HF weekends? Want to get away for a day, see some nice green scenery that you don't have to cut? Need a fix running some DX that you don't have to QSL to?? Don't want to bother with long trips? Want to try out SO2R operating or just some different band or mode with good antennas and amps??

Well, the event you are looking for starts in less than 4 weeks!

This July 4th is the 250th anniversary of Peru Ma. being incorporated (originally known as Partridgefield). To commemorate that event I will be running a special event station using the callsign **K1P from June 28th through July 9th**. There will be a special QSL card featuring the new town seal. There will also be pewter medallions of the new town seal for those who work us on the most bands/modes during that event and for the most productive guest operators from the station.

I will have at least 7 stations set up for 24/7 operating so there should be plenty of seat time and contacts to be made on many different bands and modes. Now that the big spring contests are all over I am looking for operators to fill those seats! This is your chance to sit down at the SuperStation and just have fun. Don't want to drive back at night, bring a sleeping bag or blanket, there are several spare beds and a big couch

to curl up on. There will be some food and drink available, but donations and help cooking would be appreciated.

Bands: 160m, 80m, 40m, 30m, 20m, 17m, 15m, 12m, 10m, 6m, 2m, 70cm.

Modes: SSB, CW, RTTY, FT-8/4, maybe FM on VHF/UHF (no repeaters)

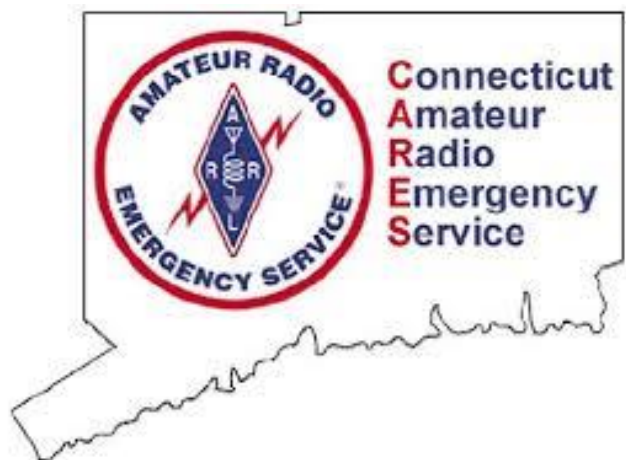
QSL: LOTW or SASE(to K1TTT) (no bureau unless I get a volunteer to handle them, or should I use one of the outgoing bulk services??)

Check out my web page at: <http://wiki.k1ttt.net/Peru250thAnniversary.ashx> for all the most recent information before and during the event. (too much to type? go to k1ttt.net, link is on left side of page)

Please email me at: k1ttt@arrl.net if you are interested in operating during the event.

Please forward to ham friends and club lists.

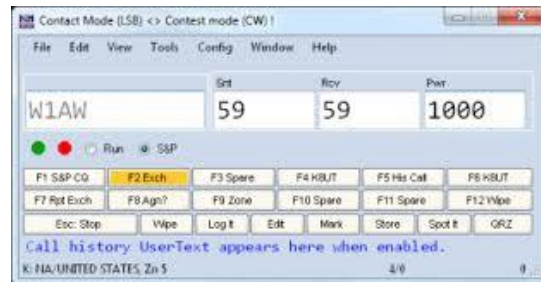
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Next CT ARES Winlink Wednesday:
Wednesday, July 7



N1MM Logger is the world's most popular free ham radio contest logging program. For CW, phone and digital modes, its combination of contest-optimized features is unmatched. The program's features are continually changing.



CT ARES News:

Mike Walters W8ZY <w8zy@hotmail.com>
To: announce@ct-ares.groups.io
Sun, Jun 13 at 2:53 PM
Hello,

Well, if you have been keeping up with the announcements coming from ARRL you might have seen my name in one of them. As of June 7th I have joined the HQ staff and am now the Field Services Manager. Unfortunately, there is room in my life for only one position like this, so I have submitted my resignation as SEC to our section manager. I will still be around and am assisting in the selection of my replacement. I will still be a CT ARES member and will participate where I can in drills and deployments.

This has been a very enjoyable and often very fulfilling position for me, and I want to thank all of the ARES volunteers who give their time and resources for the job. Without all of you there would be no ARES.

Thank you for your support and dedication.

Thanks

Mike, W8ZY

<https://n1mmwp.hamdocs.com/n1mm-features/>

The Amateur's Code The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE...never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY...slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

--The original Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928.



STRAYS...

“CW’s Corner”

de W1QK & WA1KRG



CW

Hello Capers readers.

This column was named “Strays” for two reasons. It mirrors one that appears in the ARRL’s QST magazine, and includes unusual topics in a Ham Radio journal. It’s also an easy way to introduce various topics to Capers readers.



STRAYS



Seven-year-old Sharon Pakinas, of Bothell, Washington is undoubtedly the youngest YL amateur radio licensee.

Sharon, who passed her Novice exam together with father Nick, starts third grade this fall.

Sharon's kid brother Mike, only three, may be another fellow to keep an eye on!



(Seattle Post-Intelligencer photo)

Source:

<https://www.rfcafe.com/references/gst/youngest-yl-amateur-radio-licensee-gst-october-1953.htm>

Introducing QSL



QSL – June 25, 2019

Our family celebrated the second anniversary of adopting QSL, my Tuxedo brother, on June 25, 2021.

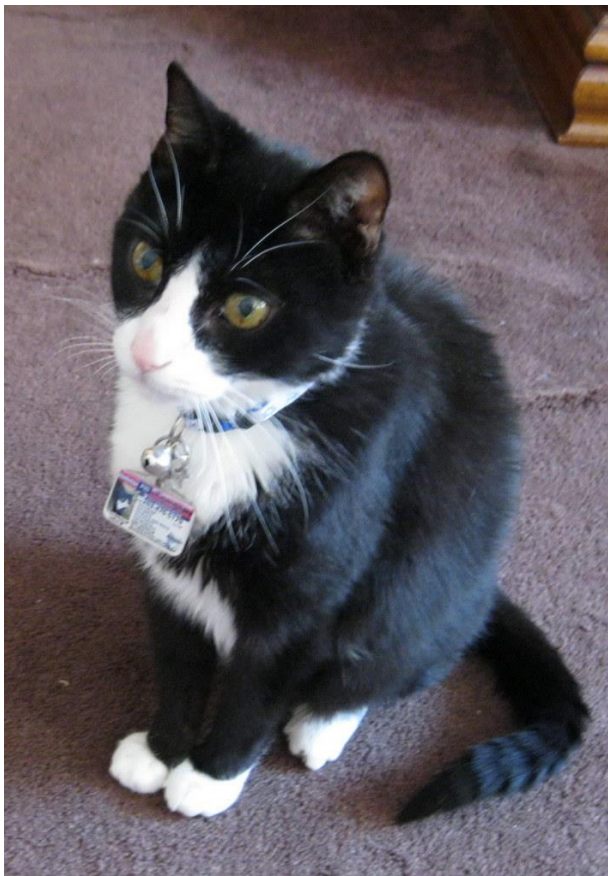
Papa Cat found him wandering around the driveway at our QTH in 2019.

He was wearing only a ragged collar and no other type of identification – and had no microchip.

He's very gentle and friendly, and stuck around after his first meal. We suspect he was "dropped off".

After checking with the neighbors and without finding his owners, they decided to visit the vet to have him checked out - plus had him microchipped before adopting him.

The vet suspects that he's at least ten years old.



He's enjoying his new family and our home.

Since he's always looking for those tasty "Greenie" kitty treats, he's earned the nickname of "Moochie".

My Tabby brother, CQ, who made an unexpected trip to the Cat Clinic in June is feeling much better now too.

Mama Cat posted photos of us on her WA1KRG QRZ.com web page.

Submit your "Strays" to the CARA Capers.



The CW Operators' Club

cwops.org

The CW Operators' Club, commonly known as CWops, is an international organization, in membership and management, for amateur radio operators who enjoy communicating using Morse Code. Its mission is to foster the use of CW, whether for contesting, DXing, traffic handling, or engaging in conversations

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<https://cwops.org/cw-academy/cw-academy-options/>

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<https://cwops.org/membership/>



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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!



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A brief word from our editor...

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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

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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 date indicated in the preceding month of issue, *unless otherwise specified*.

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

The input deadline is announced in the previous issue and again at the monthly planning meeting.

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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CARA Standing Committees:

Last Updated: January 3, 2021 by the CARA Executive Committee

Just a reminder to all members that these are the standing committees that help make CARA run and fun.

Our members and their ideas are our strength.

Please step forward to serve your club with one of these committees. You'll notice that several CARA members serve on multiple committees.

Talk to any member of the Executive Committee or Director to volunteer!

We're hoping to see your name on at least one of these important committees.

CARA Repeater and Digital Equipment:

Repeater coordination
Repeater maintenance
Other digital equipment

Chairman: Gregory Davis – WR1Z

Committee Members:

John Morelli – W1JGM

Marcus Swearingen – AB1WV

Vincent Tompkins – N2OHH

Charles Setaro – KC1IBR

Dan Fegley – W1QK

CARA Operating Activities:

Winter Field Day, New England QSO Party,
ARRL Field Day, New Fairfield Day Special
Event Station, Peter Weinberger New Fairfield
Car Show Scholarship Fundraiser Special Event
Station, 2M Fox Hunt (hidden transmitter).

Chairman:

Committee Members:

Annual CARA Hamfest Fund-Raising event:

Chairman: John Morelli – W1JGM

Committee Members:

Marcus Swearingen – AB1WV

Bill Webb – W1AFX

Charles Setaro – KC1IBR

Membership:

Annual dues notification and follow up
Annual new member drive

Chairman: John Morelli – W1JGM

Education and Elmering:

Organize or sponsor class for entry-level license
Organize Elmer support network for new hams
Organize two 3-person ARES deployment teams

Committee Chairman:

Committee Members:

Youth Committee:

Committee Chairman: Keith Iwanicki -W1KRI

Committee Members:

Connor Matthews – KC1OKJ

Program and Activities:

Organize and arrange monthly program

Organize activities

Annual Holiday Gathering

Summer Pasta Party

Committee Members:

Bud Kozloff – W1NSK

Marcus Swearingen – AB1WV

Weekly CARA Sunday 7:30 PM Net:

Committee Chairman: David Teagarden –
KB1ZAC

Committee Members:

Tom Coury – WX1T

Charles Setaro – KC1IBR

CARA Capers:

Monthly newsletter staff

CARA Capers Editor:

Dan Fegley – W1QK

Development Committee:

Seek and obtain alternative sources of funding for club events and activities

Committee Chairman:

Committee Members:

Website Committee:

Maintain the CARA Website

Committee Chairman:

Committee Members:

Charles Setaro – KC1IBR

John Ahle – W1JMA

Roger Mitchell – NG1R

Dan Fegley – W1QK

Please advise the CARA Executive Committee of any changes to this list.

THE POWER OF TEAMWORK:

Video Motivasi – Kerjasama Team (Team Work)

<https://youtu.be/oqRX02uhicc>



Preliminary CARA 2021 Calendar

July	9 – Monthly meeting 23 – Monthly planning meeting
August	13 – Monthly meeting 27 – Monthly planning meeting 29 - CARA Western CT Hamfest
December	10 - CARA Annual Holiday Party (Tentative)



W1QI – CARA 2021 Field Day Results

Submission of W1QI 2021 Field Day entry to ARRL including bonus point evidence
coordinated by: W1QK, W1QH, and NG1R

Operator	CW 3.5	CW 7	CW 14	CW 21	LSB 3.5	LSB 7	USB 14	USB 21	Tot	Accum
AB1WV	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	10
KB1ZAC	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	11	21
KC1IBR	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	27
KD2CXK	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	34	61
N1GSA	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	3	60	121
N1RV	0	0	0	0	115	0	1	0	116	237
W1JGM	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	50	287
W1NSK	0	0	290	0	0	0	0	0	290	577
W1QH	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	578
W1QK	87	160	84	80	0	0	0	0	411	989
Total	87	161	374	80	115	153	16	3	989	989

Acknowledgement and thanks to these CARA members who contributed to
making the 2021 Field Day event a success:

John Morelli – W1JGM
Dan Fegley – W1QK
Harlan Ford – W1QH
Marcus Swearingen – AB1WV
Rosty Slabicky – W2ROS
Charles Setaro – KC1IBR
Gary Adams – N1GSA
Eric Kozlowski – N1RV
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New Fairfield Hosts Local 2021 Amateur Radio Field Day (CARA)

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NEW FAIRFIELD - "You can just put on the radio and everything else melts away," said Candlewood Amateur Radio Association's (CARA) President Mr. Bud Kozloff of his passion for ham radio. Kozloff, along with dozens of other local enthusiasts, kept a steady 24-hour vigil--from 2pm on June 26 to 2pm on the 27th--to make contacts with other ham radio users, aka "hams," around the world. A bi-annual event, the Radio Field Day was based at the New Fairfield Ball Pond Fire Department with setups both indoors and out, when the weather accommodated.

A trending hobby, Mr. John Morelli, of New Fairfield, said that there are approximately 750K ham radio users in the United States and nearly 2.5M worldwide. With exponential growth in the last 10 years, ham radio attracts a wide range of users, including those who are inspired by its connection to public service and others who may be attracted to the communication capabilities, from technology buffs to preppers and survivalists. Morelli describes the exchanges with all ham radio users, which often consist of a swapping of weather conditions and always a summary of location and connection type, as remarkably friendly and kind. He loves that the fraternity--it's definitely a male-dominated hobby--never strays into politics or religion and that there are no social or racial barriers. They make connections, log them, and then often send a physical postcard to each other, though that process is slowly being replaced by electronic logs. All CARA members expressed appreciation for the great sense of community in the world of ham radio.

Mr. Dan Fegley, of Brookfield, explained that he and his wife, Brenda, are avid ham radio users with a primary goal to provide public service. In fact, the Radio Field Day event was sponsored by the National Association for Amateur Radio (ARRL) with the

aim to demonstrate how amateur radio can be a vital link in local or worldwide communications. The 49 members of CARA can be mobilized by local, state or federal officials to provide a conduit of information in times of need. They often pass along news to local family members following far flung natural disasters, such as hurricanes in the Carribean, and provide a critical service during extended power outages, from the eastern seaboard blackout in the summer of 2003 to all of the extreme storms in recent years. Ham radio users were essential in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. Ad-



Harlen Ford and Dan Fegley at the ham radio station.

hering to all rules, including no swearing, singing, or music playing, they and others take very seriously the commitment to check frequencies at 6pm every evening in case there is critical information to pass along.

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CARA members at the ham radio L-R: John Morelli, Harlen Ford, Dan Fegley.

During quieter times, ham radio operators primarily attempt to make connections with other users. The extent of the connection's distance greatly depends on the user's certification level (which unlocks the frequencies a user is allowed) and the equipment of the user. An entry-level user can get started in the hobby with as little as a \$100 investment and can speak to other ham radio operators worldwide, especially with the capabilities that are made possible when a user taps into the internet's streaming audio technology. While there are hobbyists of all levels, hams can all be involved as much or as little as they'd like. Some users prefer to make and log connections, others may want to try interesting

connections, such as connecting to the International Space Station when it's in their area, and still more may participate in the frequent contests and other personal challenges that are held throughout the nation and worldwide.

There's a large contingent of Amateur Extras--the users with the highest proficiency in ham radio--who often have technological setups that are worth thousands of dollars and who prefer to keep the process traditional. Kozloff, for example, had tapped out morse code for nearly three hours straight when he took a well-deserved break and understandably said, "My brain is kind of fried right now." Morelli explained that the licensing, which used to require morse code training for all levels, has relaxed a bit, allowing for more entry-level users to enter



Ham radio station

the hobby.

For Kozloff--who got started over 50 years ago when he discovered his uncle's short-wave radio and was amazed with the technology after contacting Moscow--and many others, ham radio is far more than just a hobby, it's definitely a way of life.

For more information on CARA and ham radios, visit Cararadio-club.org.



Harlen Ford and Dan Fegley demonstrate ham radio outside Ball Pond FD

For Sale: Backup Batteries

Attention Club Members, **4 available immediately** for Pickup in New Fairfield.

Energys 12HX300-FR "DataSafe" HX batteries.

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The Batteries are available for a **Donation of \$100 each** to the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA). payment can be made using the clubs PayPal account, (Preferred), check or cash. Payment is expected at time of pickup.

Please feel free to pass this notice on to other clubs or individuals.

Support the club now! - Delivery can be negotiated. - Each battery weights 60 LB.

73,
John G. Morelli (W1JGM)
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Includes 1 admission

Admission at the door \$7 (**\$1 discount with flyer**)

Children under 12 Free

See you at the Hamfest "73"

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