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The Monthly Newsletter of The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association
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Next CARA Meeting: Friday, August 14

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

***Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
Zoom conference invitation emailed to CARA membership.***



Photo Credit: News 8 - WTNH.com

Observing “Social Distancing” on an August CT beach day

Special Meeting Presentation:
2019 Pitcairn Island VP6R DXPedition by
Glenn Johnson, WØGJ

President's Message – de W1NSK



The dog days of August have arrived, this time in a very changed world.

We saw a Field Day 2020 like no other. Many fired up the generators to operate 1E or the solar panels and batteries on their deck. Field Day is about many things but underlying all the festivities of a “usual” Field Day is dealing with adverse situations and getting on the air. I think after all the talk throughout the ham community, we all recognized this as a major part of the reason for this exercise.

Unfortunately, as you all have heard by now, we have decided to cancel this year, our major fund-raising event for the club, our Ham fest in August. COVID-19 and resulting necessary restrictions would not only have been too onerous, but significantly reduced vendor and visitor participation. Our concern for all possible participants health was a major concern. Although this puts a pinch on our budget for the year, we are in fairly good shape to continue. The club is looking for any fund-raising ideas you may have. Be sure to bring them up at the August Meeting.

Speaking of which, the “New Normal” continues with our Monthly Club and Planning Meetings being held using the Online Zoom Format. Be sure to look for the email with the links the week of the meeting in your email box.

Some exciting things coming up. A Two-Day Virtual Ham fest, August 8-9, sanctioned by ARRL and sponsored by a multitude of Vendors. Many interesting seminars (1hr. each) starting at 11 AM both Days. I participated in the DX Engineering Virtual Ham fest Saturday July 25th and found it convenient as you could come and go depending on what you did and did not want to watch. Check it out!

We are putting a Fall speakers’ program together that should be interesting. September is a joint YCCC Meeting with guest Speaker Dennis Egan. In October, Mark Gilbert and I will be presenting on Boat Anchors and their restoration. This August Meeting may feature a special guest yet to be confirmed. Stay Tuned!

With that, I will close by mentioning some good news in that Cycle 25 may have arrived! I think we will all be happy when the bands come more alive than they have been.

See you on the air!

73's - Bud

August 14 - Meeting Agenda:

Socializing & conversation – 7:00 PM

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance – 7:30 PM

Roll Call

Review of agenda

Introduction of Guest Presenter – Glenn Johnson, W0GJ: W1NSK

Special Presentation: 2019 DXPedition to Pitcairn Island – VP6R

Q&A with Presenter

CARA Business meeting to follow:

Review and Acceptance of minutes from last meeting

Treasurer's report

Old Business:

New Business:

Announcements

Meeting adjournment

Socializing & conversation

Vice- President's Message:

de W1JGM



Welcome to the hot days of summer 2020.

As we're all still in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, I trust everyone is well. I encourage all to do the right thing and protect your family and friends from exposure - also, please check on your elderly neighbors.

As most of you are aware, we unfortunately had to cancel our 2020 CARA -sponsored Western Connecticut Hamfest which would have taken place later this month.

The New Fairfield Fire Department has canceled their annual memorial Peter Weinberger car show/ fund raiser, and the New Fairfield Day town-wide event is not certain.

Normal VE testing may have taken a "virtual turn" as well, because of the cancellation of our hamfest and since the Stony Hill Fire Department still remains closed. More to come as details are finalized.

The club is looking into organizing a socially-distanced Foxhunt in the near future.

There have been no new members this month. If you have a friend that is interested - licensed or not, introduce them to our club and mention all the benefits they'd enjoy from CARA membership.

Check the contest calendars at

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/weeklycont.php?mode=custom&week=next>

There are some interesting contests coming up - especially the NAQP (North American QSO Party) SSB on August 15.; a good way of filling in your Worked All States - WAS award.

Stay well and see you on the monthly Zoom meeting August 14th. The Zoom meeting platform opens at 7:00 PM, and the meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Check your e-mail for the invitation link.

Stay Safe!

73, John Morelli -W1JGM, CARA Vice-President

July 10 CARA Monthly Meeting Minutes

de N1GSA



Meeting started ~19:37 hrs.

Sixteen in attendance, see roster at end.

Bud W1NSK, new CARA President, offered praise and thanks to Marcus AB1WV for his serving as club president for the past years, and Jim WO4X for his Webmaster duties round of applause followed.

Minutes of previous meeting as printed in Capers ... Motion to accept passed. Gary N1GSA was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a power failure in his area.

Treasurer Report Charlie KC1IBR Begin balance \$5311.08, end balance of July 9 \$5331.08. Two members' dues were collected, one WACC (Worked All Connecticut Counties) certificate revenue \$6.00. Zoom fee paid.

Asset committee of Charlie KC1IBR and Harlan W1QH, has started a database and solicited the membership for input.

John W1JGM reported on 365 office progress, continues to attempt to contact a certain individual with much difficulty, setup fees quoted were \$450. Mike W8ZY said new fiscal year at Microsoft just started and non-profit benefit procedures is now streamlined. Would go faster if we did not need initially setup new email addresses. Discussion on email domain with Jim WO4X ensued. Mike (W8ZY) suggests if we do not have a ".net" domain we should buy it and then use that to setup office 365. He further added it would need two members to maintain the 365 platform/access. Many advantages were discussed, software, storage space, presentations, Teams collaborations. Mike would be assisting on this.

Repeater Committee Chairman Greg WR1Z reports Budget next to zero except for what has been approved, Arcom link controller, case, power supply \$900 or John W1JGM says \$450 alone otherwise nothing. Funds were previously approved, no new funding anticipated other than incidentals, like cable, connectors, etc. Repeater assets lists in progress. John W1JGM says he has the 220 at his house.

Hamfest Chair John W1JGM outdoor COVID regulations occupancy limit 100 we draw 400 to hamfest. We have the permits. Motion made by John W1JGM and seconded for \$35 to reimburse Bill Webb for Hamfest permits that had been obtained (\$25 of which is refundable). John W1JGM stated he will check on the return of our deposit from last year and call. When asked if vendors were enquiring on the hamfest status, John said he has had no correspondence from vendor enthusiasm. Motion made/seconded/passed to cancel hamfest due to COVID-19 and look at other concepts of fund raising.

New business

Migration to groups.io met with skepticism and is perhaps a moot point since MS 365 is in works. Bud W1NSK wanted to concentrate on one thing... MS 365 and to table groups.io. We can always bring up next month.

Monthly presentations discussed, nothing scheduled for next month. YCCC for September Zoom meeting. OCT & November open.

Bud brought up budget structure and fundraiser. It was generally agreed to project expenses for the year and the aspect of a formal budget would be cumbersome and it would not be necessary to tie a formal budget to the constitution or Policies and Procedures. The term forecast of revenue and expenses would be more valuable, commented John A.

Another idea expressed was a \$5.00 member assessment due to COVID-19 impact on our revenue. Ideas on increasing member benefits to justify increase in dues... e.g. set up a club station.

John W1JGM mentioned 4 new members joined and we are now at 51 members.

Marcus AB1WV expressed a round of tribute to former Director Dan W1QK for his long service to the club a round of applause followed.

Marcus AB1WV presentation SOTA Summit on the Air began approximately 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Charles Setaro - KC1IBR for Gary Adams - N1GSA

Meeting attendees:

Charlie, Bud, John M, Mike, Rosty, Dave, Harlan, Marcus, Roger, Tom, Dan, Jim, John. Eric, Ron, Gregory.

July 24 CARA Monthly Planning Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Pres. Bud Kosloff

There were 10 people present

Bud reiterated that the Hamfest is cancelled. John has had some inquiries about the Hamfest. He is planning on sending out an update to ensure that all know about this. The ARRL was notified and their website was updated the next day.

We do need to be thinking of some type of revenue fundraiser.

There can be a raffle held that will comply with our Non-Profit status. We must find something that will interest the largest group of people. Ham Radio items will restrict this to a relatively small group. John mentioned that his gun club just did a similar event and they made some \$4400 after expenses. Are there Grants available that may help with our finances? Then we would need someone that has experience with investigating and applying for these.

We do need a basic budget prior to either fundraising effort. This would show what our expected needs would be. We have spent \$1200 on repairs thus far for the 220 repeater.

Charlie mentioned that we had \$4400 prior to last year's Hamfest. After the event \$6700. Today we have \$5300.

There was a point brought up about a mailing to generate interest in becoming members of our club. Gregory spoke on the success of this with the NARA club. The ARRL has a service that will locate all licensed operators in each zip code. The only cost for us would be for the cost of the card and postage. He mentioned that a postcard was costing \$.37 each. While this is good public relations is it NOT cost effective looking at cost vs gain in membership.

Dan spoke about listing in Capers the Standing Committees and their Chairman. This could hopefully

generate interest and participation in the necessary positions.

Bud spoke about the gear and equipment that Sandor had. It is believed that this is a Go-Kit and an HF radio. This is all up for sale. There are also 2 tripods and vertical antennas that need to be taken down. He will send this out to the membership to see if there is interest in purchasing this. This could also be purchased by the club and available for use by a member on a loaner basis.

Bud spoke about future programs and how little response there is from the Section Manager. He has had no emails, phone calls, or other return communication from him.

John spoke about updating the website with a new calendar as well as other updates. We do need a new webmaster to fill the position left vacant when Jim Ritterbush resigned. Dan will forward contact info for a woman in Brookfield that he has contacted, that is willing to help.

John has started a spreadsheet listing our assets. This will probably also need to be supplemented by photos for verification for insurance purposes. We may want to consider insurance for our equipment. This cost is believed to be about \$1.40 per \$100 of replacement value from ARRL's vendor.

Bud again mentioned the need for an actual budget. Microsoft 365 is still a work in progress.

Dan mentioned about lining up presentations for the upcoming months.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,

Gary S. Adams - N1GSA, Secretary

CARA 2020 Hamfest Canceled

John Morelli via

CARA <cara@cararadioclub.org> Unsubscribe

To: cara@cararadioclub.org

Sun, Jul 12 at 2:13 AM

The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA) has canceled the 2020 Western Connecticut Hamfest due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Executive board and membership wish to keep everyone safe and feel that going forward with the event would not be in the best interest of our vendors and supporters. Thank you for your past and future support.

We will be back in 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any member of the executive board.

73, W1JGM
John Morelli, Hamfest Chairmen
CARA Vice-President

Last Month's program:

de W1QK

Summits on the Air – SOTA Presentation, by
Marcus Swearingen, AB1WV.



Welcome to **Summits on the Air!**

SOTA is an award scheme for radio amateurs that encourages portable operation in mountainous areas.



New to SOTA?

SOTA has been carefully designed to make participation possible for all Radio Amateurs and Shortwave Listeners - this is not just for mountaineers! There are awards for activators (those who ascend to the summits) and chasers (who either operate from home, a local hilltop or are even Activators on other summits).

See the 'Joining In' section of the website for lots of information, advice, rules, guidelines and our FAQs.

SOTA is fully operational in nearly a hundred countries across the world. Each country has its own Association which defines the recognized SOTA summits within that Association. Each summit earns the activators and chasers a score which is related to the height of the summit. Certificates are available for various scores, leading to the prestigious "Mountain Goat" and "Shack Sloth" trophies. An Honour Roll for Activators and Chasers is maintained at the SOTA online database.

SOTA Associations

177 active associations and growing!

SOTA is continually growing with new Associations regularly coming on board. Please click on an Association to find out more information, access the Association Reference

Manual (ARM) and view its regions & qualifying summits.

W1 USA 01 Jun 2009 13 1099 summits

<https://www.sota.org.uk/>

<https://www.sota.org.uk/Online-Resources>

<https://www.sotamaps.org/>

This Month's program:

Source: QRZ.com

From the EIDX January 2014 Newsletter (with 2019 updates) (Eastern Iowa DX Association) Member's Spotlight

Glenn Johnson, WØGJ

Glenn grew up near Marshalltown, Iowa.

After getting a degree in Forestry at Iowa State University, he then received his M.D. degree from the University of Iowa. After an internship in Seattle, and residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, he spent five years in the Air Force in Anchorage, Alaska.

He returned to practice orthopedic surgery in Minnesota and after 30-some years has returned full circle back to Iowa.

For the last 10 years Glenn has been working part-time for the Mayo Clinic Health System. In 2012, he and Vivien, KL7YL, made the move permanent to a "perfect" retirement QTH between Decorah and Calmar on top of the highest hill in Winneshiek County, in the very northeast corner of Iowa.

Glenn's interest in amateur radio started as a youngster listening to his grandfather's short-wave radio. He was licensed at age 15 and within three months had worked all 50 states with a homemade crystal transmitter...with three crystals, one for 80M, two for 40M, one of which worked on 15M.

He has always been interested in contesting and working DX. He has achieved #1 Honor Roll, 5BDXCC and 5BWAZ awards.

He has seven First Place World scores in the QRP category in the ARRL 160M Contest. He has co-led four major DXpeditions to #2 Most Wanted areas (Kingdom of Bhutan in the Himalayas (2000), Lakshadweep in the Arabian Sea (2007), Desecheo (2009), and Navassa (2015)). His first DXpedition was to Heard Island (1997) He was on the 2004 Andaman Island VU4AN DXpedition, the 2012 Malpelo DXpedition, and 2016 Palmyra Island in the Pacific and the most recent, 2018 Bouvet attempt near Antarctica. All of these DXpeditions (except Bouvet) were awarded DXpedition of the Year.

In 2003, Glenn was inducted into the CQ Magazine Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. In 2012, he was inducted into the DX Hall of Fame. He has been a director of the Northern California DX Foundation for the past ten years. He is currently secretary of NCDXF.

His wife and four children are all licensed hams and competed in ham radio contesting from their home. They have traveled to many countries, some quite remote, for contest activities. He and his wife have home-schooled their four children, all which have left home. Melissa, K1MJ, and husband Rolly, KOOLRH, who live in Kasson, MN. Mark, NOMJ, and his wife Emily, K4ON, live near Baltimore, MD. Paul, WØPJ, lives in Decorah, IA, and Carrie, NOCMJ, lives in Louisville, KY. Glenn & Vivien have six grandchildren.



Glenn has been a practicing orthopedic surgeon for over 44 years. He is currently works for the Mayo Clinic Health System in Minnesota and Iowa. His interest is in Minimally Invasive Surgery and he has developed a highly regarded practice specializing in outpatient partial knee replacement surgery and anterior hip replacement surgery.

His other area of interest is teaching orthopedic surgery in third world countries. He is a member of Orthopedics Overseas. He has spent a lot of time at a crippled children's hospital in Bethlehem, Israel, and has had four tours of duty in The Kingdom of Bhutan in the Himalayan Mountains. In addition to teaching medicine he also brought amateur radio into Bhutan. He taught the first group of hams licensed in the country and in later years helped establish club stations in several high schools throughout the country.

For this work he received the prestigious 2004 ARRL Humanitarian of the Year Award. The Kingdom of Bhutan recognized Glenn with a lifetime callsign of A51B. He is returning to Bhutan to work in the near future. After retirement at the end of 2019, Glenn plans to return to Bhutan quite often.

Glenn loves working on towers and building antennas. He spent four years of research in designing and building his current contest/DX station and antennas. TCDXA Grayline Newsletter recently featured Glenn's move from Minnesota to

Iowa: <http://tcdxa.org/Newsletters/September2013Grayline.pdf>

Glenn has many other interests including beekeeping, wood working and building furniture, draft horses and carriage driving and flying both a float plane in the summer and a ski plane in the winter.

He also holds a commercial helicopter rating. He is also very active in local community affairs and in his local church.

He is looking forward to getting his grandkids licensed and into DXing!



We searched for nearly 4 years for the "perfect" QTH and found a 68 acre farm on one of the highest hills in the county with a commanding view in all directions. The main tower: 165' rotating Rohn 55G with full-size M2 40M4FS-125 @ 156' with three 4-el SteppIR's at 112', 76' (on TIC ring) & 40' All guys are Philystran.



The big tower has the KØXG rotating base and guy rings. The KØXG boom brackets are used for easy mounting of antennas. The prop pitch rotor is from Curt K7NV. Left to right: Richard KØXG, Craig K9CT, Roger N4RR & Glenn WØGJ.

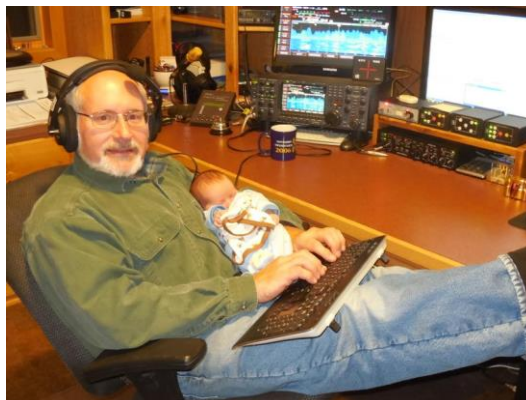


I cannot thank my WONDERFUL XYL, Vivien KL7YL, enough for her support of this project and my hobby!!! Also, my dear friend Paul WØAIH (SK) who helped get the BIG antennas up on the towers.



The second tower: 115' rotating Rohn 25G with 40M dipole at 115', full size OptiBeam OB 3-30 full size 30M beam at 96', 4-el SteppIR at 62' An Orion 2800 turns this tower.

We have an empty nest now, but all of the kids are hams and contesters. We had a contest club: N1JJ "Number One Johnson Joules."



Contesting at 5 days old! No better way to learn the code! I don't think I quite qualify for a multi-op entry in the ARRL 160M Contest this year....but maybe next year when grandson Lincoln knows the code.

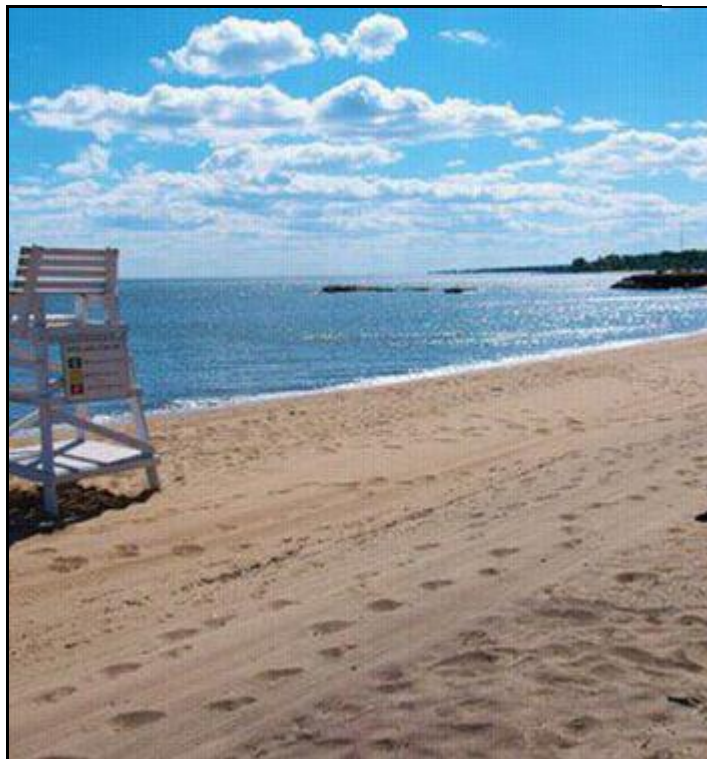


<https://pitcairndx.com/>



Our fantastic team: N6HC, EA3HSO, W6IZT, W8HC, JR4OZR, K9NW, SM5AQD, K0PC, W0GJ, K9CT, W0VTT, EY8MM

Editor - CARA is looking forward to welcoming Glenn – W0GJ, at our upcoming August 14 Zoom meeting. You won't want to miss Glenn's presentation.



A hot Connecticut beach day in early August

Basic Information

Call Sign: W1QI
Annual Report: Jul 08th 2020
Meeting Time: 2nd Friday Monthly - Doors open at 7:00 PM - Meeting begins at 7:30 PM
Meeting Place: Stony Hill Fire Dept, 59 Stony Hill Rd (Route 6), Bethel, CT 06801
Section: CT

Affiliation Date: Aug 21st 1946

Specialties:

[Contest](#), [Digital Modes](#), [DX](#), [General Interest](#), [Public Service/Emergency](#), [Repeaters](#), [VHF/UHF](#)

Services Offered:

[Club Newsletter](#), [Entry-Level License Classes](#), [General Or Higher License Classes](#), [Hamfest](#), [License Test Sessions](#), [Mentor](#), [On-The-Air Bulletins](#), [Repeater](#)

Links:

<http://www.cararadioclub.org>

Club Statistics

Club Members: 50
Voting Members: 50
Voting Licensed Amateur Members: 50
Voting ARRL Members: 50

Source:

<http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/candlewood-amateur-radio-assn/type:club>



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Connecticut Phone Net – CPN

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



Contact Information

Club Name: Candlewood Amateur Radio Assn
Call Sign: W1QI
Contact: Nicholas S. Kozloff, W1NSK
Email: W1QI@arrl.net



KK10 Ramon Danbury
 W1JGM John New Fairfield

Total number of check-ins (Including Net Control): 11

Weekly CARA 2M NET:

W1QI 2M Repeater – 7:30 pm Sunday

Candlewood Amateur Radio Association

July 12, 2020

Time Start: 1930L Time End: 1958L

WX1T – Tom, New Fairfield Net Control

Call Sign	Name	Location
KO1F	Oscar	Danbury
W1QH	Harlan	Danbury
KA2BCD	Bob	Brewster NY
KB1ZAC	David	Bethel
W1LCR	Frank	Goshen
KB1ZIR	Eric	Danbury
N2OHH	Vincent	Danbury
KC1IBR	Charlie	Danbury
KK10	Lou	Danbury
W1JGM	John	New Fairfield
KC1EHW	Marlon	Danbury
N1GSA	Gary	New Fairfield
N1MG	Mark	Redding

Total number of check-ins (Including Net Control): 14

July 19, 2020

Start Time: 1930L Time End: 1951L

KC1IBR – Charlie, Danbury Net Control

Call Sign	Name	Location
WX1T	Tom	New Fairfield
KB1ZAC	David	Bethel
NG1R	Roger	Danbury
W1QH	Harlan	Danbury
W1LCR	Frank	Goshen
KB1ZIR	Eric	Danbury
KA2BCD	Bob	Brewster
N2OHH	Vincent	Danbury

July 26, 2020

Start Time: 1930L Time End: 1950L

KC1IBR – Charlie, Danbury Net Control

Start Time: 19:30 End Time (Local):

Call Sign Name Location

August 2, 2020

Time Start: 1930L Time End: 1958L

WX1T – Tom, New Fairfield Net Control

Call Sign Name Location

WX1T	Tom	New Fairfield Net Control
KO1F	Oscar	Danbury
W1QH	Harlan	Danbury
KB1ZAC	David	Bethel
KA2BCD	Bob	Brewster NY
N2OHH	Vincent	Danbury
K1SZO	David	Danbury
W1QK	Daniel	Brookfield
WR1Z	Gregory	Roxbury
KC1IBR	Charlie	Danbury
WA8UNS	Thomas	Ridgefield
KB1ZIR	Eric	Danbury
W1JGM	John	New Fairfield
W1LCR	Frank	Goshen
N1GSA	Gary	New Fairfield

Total number of check-ins (Including Net Control): 15

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

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



Upcoming Contests, Hamfests & Meetings:

- Aug. 14: Monthly CARA meeting via Zoom
- Aug. 15: North American QSO Party – SSB
- Aug. 17: Region 5 South ARES meeting via Zoom
- Aug. 19: W1QI CWT – 3 sessions; Walt/CT (W1QK operator)
- Aug. 22: Ohio, HI QSO Parties
- Aug. 22-23: U.S. Islands QSO Party
- Aug. 24: ARES Region 5 meeting via Zoom
- Aug. 28: CARA Planning meeting via Zoom
- Aug. 29 -30: International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend - ILLW
- Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26: CWOps CWT Minitest Regular Sessions - 1300Z, 1900Z, 0300Z

Sept. 2: September 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:

- Aug 14: CARA July Monthly meeting video conference via Zoom
- Aug. 28: CARA July planning meeting video conference via Zoom

Sept. 2: September Capers input deadline

BREAKING NEWS!

August 4 Storm Aftermath & CARA Repeater Restoration

Skywarn Net & CARA Repeater Update

de W1QK:

I was notified via cell phone alert about the tornado warning issued by NWS on Tuesday afternoon at approximately 1:45 pm.

After moving to my basement station for shelter with my XYL and our three boys (cats), I listened to the CARA 2M repeater and heard no traffic.

My first transmission was to announce the imminent threat of a tornado, which may be near the Norwalk area and was predicted to travel

north along the path of Route 7 to the Greater Danbury area by 2:13 PM.

I decided it was appropriate and necessary to begin an ARES Skywarn net on the CARA 2M repeater. Several area operators checked into this net and provided ground-truth evidence of high winds and multiple downed trees, and power lines down.

At that point, I was still able to watch NBC – CT and WTNH – ABC from New Haven, both of which suspended normal daily programming to provide live weather updates and radar data.

I asked John – W1JGM in New Fairfield to act as a back-up net control in the event that I lost power and announced that if the 2M repeater went down, we should continue the net on the repeater output frequency and 146.52 simplex. Within 5 minutes of making this announcement, I lost power and needed to deal with some issues at my house. I understand that John did carry on the net, and later learned that within 5 minutes, the CARA repeater went off the air, with the 440-repeater remaining on back-up battery power.

Thank you to the following operators who checked into the Skywarn net and provided ground truth information while I was net control:

KC1IBR, W1JGM, N1GS, N2OHH, KB1WUR, K1RHH, K1RFD, W1HBR, N1RV, KD5PIE and KB1PCL.

Skywarn net log from W1JGM

August, 4, 2020

I took net control from W1QK when he lost power.

Operated on the CARA repeater until the repeater was damaged in the storm. It would later be found that the power lines to the FAA site and the power lines to Spruce Mountain and Spruce Mountain Trail were damaged by the storm. Since the power lines to the FAA mountain tower were damaged, a generator could not be installed at the base of the mountain.

CARA Repeater

14:22L N1RV reported Candlewood Hills, NF. No Power

14:28 KC1IBR reported Heavy winds and Rain, Heavy tree damage. Danbury, CT

14:35 New Fairfield FD reported Tres and power lines on Miltown Rd Road closed

14:41 W1HBR reported No Power, heavy wind, no power. Great Plain Rd, Candlewood drive, Danbury

Switched operations to Simplex 146.52 Lost the CARA repeater

Called Sky-Warn net on 146.52

14:50 KB2BNW Reported Heavy tree Damage Mahopac, NY.

14:51 N1RV reported RT 37 trees blocking Roadway

14:54 NWS Tornado Watch expired T storm until 22:15

14:55 N1RV Mobile checking North side of New Fairfield

15:05 Rt37 NF to Danbury Closed, Heavy tree damage



15: 48 No Cell Phone at Net Control W1JGM
QTH

15:50 W2*** reported Mount Baldwin Rd.
Closed Sherwood Hill road closed Brewster, NY

15:48 KB2BNW reported Tree on his house, No
help required

16:08 N2RRA Eric reported Heave storm Damage
FN31ae Rockland county NY, Stony Point
Haverstraw, NY,

16:20 N1RV Wanzer Hill, Bogus Hill Closed, Rt
37 passable Squantz Pond to Leach Hollow,
Sherman.

16:25 N1RV Tree across road neat 311 Rt 39.

Turned Net control to W1QH

No additional calls

John Morelli - W1JGM

To:

cara@cararadioclub.org

Thu, Aug 6 at 3:09 PM

The Cara Repeater is now on the air from the New
Fairfield site. It is standalone only. There is a 1/2
second squelch tail programmed in. The ID will
be by CW only. There is no courtesy tone or voice
ID.

For information - the 2M repeater on Spruce
Mountain will come online automatically when
power is eventually restored to that area. This may
take several weeks Due to the fact that all of the
powerlines going up to the tower and support
poles are down. I will include some photos of the
site when I have better Internet connection.

I am sure that there is going to be a good amount
of restoration work on the hill including some
antenna work.

Remember this is your club.

73 - W1JGM



Photo: W1JGM

cara@cararadioclub.org

Sat, Aug 8 at 9:59 AM

Good morning.

*With the return of power and Internet to my QTH
our echolink system is back on the air through the
New Fairfield repeater site.*

73 - W1JGM

*Gregory Davis WRIZ reports: No tree damage
at home. No cell phone, no internet, no power, ...
Generator and OTA TV and Ham Radio Winlink
via WISP-10 node in Redding are working.*

*de W1QK – Thank you all who
participated in the Skywarn net and the
follow up actions to check our repeater
site and restore our 2M repeater in New
Fairfield for the benefit of CARA and all
area amateurs. We hope everyone's power
is restored quickly by Eversource.*

<https://outagemap.eversource.com/external/default.html>

Northeast HamXposition

Please read this important update from our convention chair, Bob DeMattia, K1IW, regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the 2020 convention:

From: Bob DeMattia <k1iw@hamxposition.org>
Subject: Northeast HamXposition Update
Date: Saturday, August 01, 2020 08:15

Hello All,

Large indoor gatherings such as our convention are currently prohibited by Massachusetts state law. This is highly unlikely to change by November.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold a physical convention this year.

However, we do plan some virtual activities, all free. We are currently working on the details for these and will keep you posted as they develop:

We plan to operate the W1A special event station over the weekend of October 31st - November 1st. To avoid a conflict with the November Sweepstakes, we moved this to one week earlier.

W1A will be operated from the operator's home stations. Dennis, W1UE, is coordinating the schedule. If you would like to be a W1A operator, please contact W1UE by email at w1ue@hamxposition.org. For those who would like to work W1A, we will be posting the operating schedule once it is ready.

Note that this will give regular attendees the unique opportunity to work W1A (something which would have been more difficult for many to do operating portable from a hotel room).

We will also be hosting a Saturday evening virtual banquet on November 7th, featuring a guest speaker.

There will be no charge for this event. Order your favorite take-out or delivery, pull up a chair to your screen and join your friends for an interesting presentation. After the talk, virtual break-out rooms will be available for you to converse with your "table".

The Nashua Area Radio Club will be running an online version of the "Ham Boot Camp". This is a multisession program for hams young and old to learn about the various activities they can do with their license. Details to follow.

Eastern Mass ARES will be running online versions of their training sessions. Details to follow.

From the entire HamXposition committee, we wish you good health, be safe, and we look forward to seeing everyone in person at our 2021 convention on July 23-24-25, 2021.

73, Bob - K1IW
Chairman, HamXposition 2020
<https://hamxposition.org/>



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.

YCCC Meeting was held April 11, 2020 via Zoom.

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

From the YCCC Reflector:

"SC25 will probably be among the strongest solar cycles ever observed..."

From: Brian Machesney
Date: Sun, 19 Jul 2020 13:29:42 EDT

This is the conclusion reached by the authors of, "Overlapping Magnetic Activity Cycles and the Sunspot Number: Forecasting Sunspot Cycle 25 Amplitude." Perhaps the 10 meter opening during IARU is the start of something beautiful!

See: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2006.15263.pdf>

K1LI



Many CARA members used N1MM+ Contest Logger during the 2020 ARRL Field Day.

For a free download, visit:

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

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-arri-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:

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.

Mike Walters W8ZY <w8zy@hotmail.com>

To: announce@ct-ares.groups.io

Sun, Aug 2 at 12:55 PM

Hello,

The restrictions of the Covid 19 pandemic have taken a large toll on our ability to meet and work together in person. One of the things that has been cancelled is the Western Connecticut Hamfest also known as the CARA Hamfest. For the last few years, I have been happy to hold an ARES Forum during this event in Newtown CT. Since we cannot do that, I am going to take the time to schedule a statewide ARES Forum to take place online in place of the regular statewide nets on Sunday night. On August 23rd I am scheduled to be the NCS. Instead of radio nets we will hold a virtual meeting starting at 8PM and should last about an hour. I want to keep the entire team up to date on several things that are happening in CT and effect ARES. Watch this group for more information on the meeting. Don't worry if you do not have a computer with a camera and or microphone, those will not be necessary to join.

Mark the date ... August 23rd 2020 at 8PM local.

I hope to see you there.

Thanks.

Mike, W8ZY - CT ARES SEC



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

Annual 13 Colonies Event – Getting your Certificate

06/30/2020

The annual **13 Colonies** special event will begin on July 1 at 1300 UTC and conclude on July 8 at 0400 UTC. Stations representing the original 13 British colonies, plus two bonus stations, will be on the air with 1 x 1 call signs. The event sponsor stresses that participants **do not need to work all 13 colony stations to obtain a certificate and do not need to work the two bonus stations for a clean sweep.** All HF bands will be in play, with the exception of 60 meters, and simplex on 2 and 6 meters is encouraged. All modes of operation may be represented.

- This year will mark the 12th occurrence of the event. Look for:
- K2A, New York
- K2B, Virginia
- K2C, Rhode Island
- K2D, Connecticut
- K2E, Delaware
- K2F, Maryland
- K2G, Georgia
- K2H, Massachusetts
- K2I, New Jersey
- K2J, North Carolina
- K2K, New Hampshire
- K2L, South Carolina
- K2M, Pennsylvania.

Bonus station WM3PEN will be in Philadelphia (the call sign commemorates the Pennsylvania colony's founder, William Penn). The other bonus station will be GB13COL in the UK.

[The Annual 13 Colonies Special Event](#)

Certificates

How to get your Certificate

1. Download and print out the Log Sheet from the Log Sheet Page. (this applies to SWL requests as well)
2. A \$5 (US) donation** is requested. ALSO include a self addressed LABEL for your certificate return envelope. This label does not have to be a self stick label, just anything with your address on it. Certificate requests without the above LABEL will be delayed.
3. Cash, check or MO is OK. Please place exactly as follows on the pay to line of the check/MO: Ken Villone-Award Manager (banks can be quite fussy)
4. Send your return label, donation, & log sheet to: Ken Vilone - KU2US, PO. Box 185, Conesus NY 14435-0185, USA
5. We will provide the return envelope and postage. NO extra postage is required for DX requests.

NOTE: QSLs for any actual State/Bonus stations must be sent to the QSL manager listed on each page.

The 13 Colonies Special Event is a not for profit event. All donations are used to fund the next years event, and to defray any expenses occurred. All donations are used for operating costs, supplies, equipment, and 13 Colony Group initiatives. **Donation is voluntary. If you have difficulty with a donation, tell us on your log sheet, and we will send you the certificate earned-No Questions Asked!

[13 Colonies Special Event Log-Form Generator](#)



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.



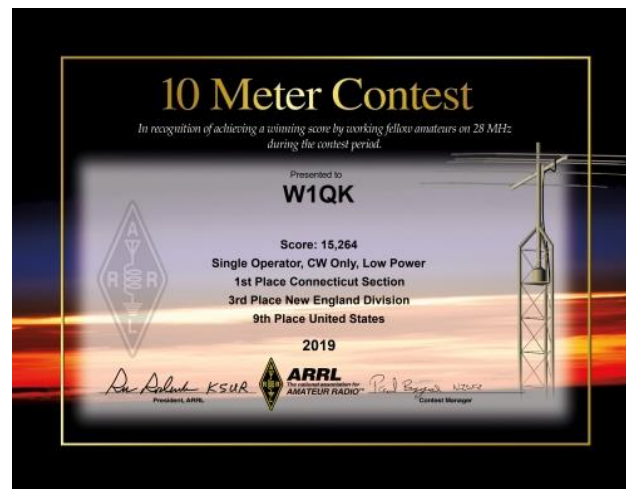
Member and Station News:

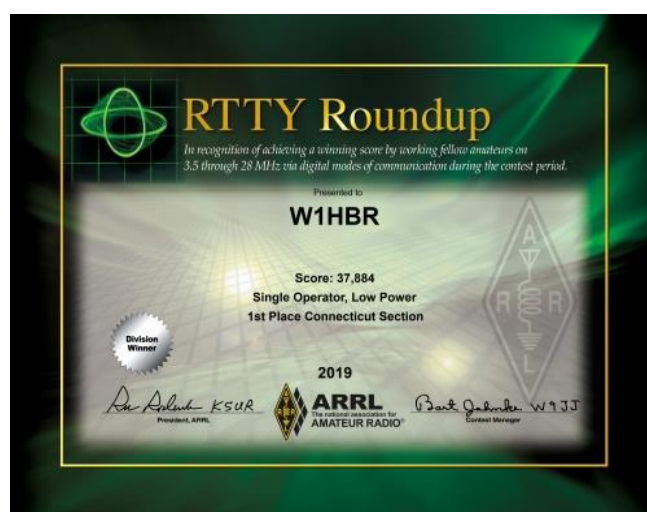
Your news or story could be included here in the next issue of CARA Capers. Contact W1QK, Capers editor.

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

Acknowledging Contest Accomplishments by CARA members:

Source: <https://contests.arrl.org/certificates.php>







Contests - ARRL 2019 RTTY Roundup - Scores

W/VE, **Multioperator**

Single Transmitter, Low Power

1. N8LRG 109,557
2. K9NR 103,740
3. W4TA 88,788
- 4. W1QK 86,802**
5. W4MLB78,518
6. KO0Z 54,531
7. N4SVC 44,322
8. N0UR 42,028
9. N9SJ 36,639
10. WD4LBR 29,705

Rank	Category	Call Sign	QTH	Year
	Score	QSOs	Mults	Hours
	Club	80	40	20
	15	10		
1	MSLP N8LRG OH	2019	109,557	
	1,002	111	23.9	KA8ZNY N8LRG
		215	324	411
				52
2	MSLP K9NR IL	2019	103,740	
	1,128	95	22.4	Society of
	Midwest Contesters	354	322	402
				50
3	MSLP W4TA WCF	2019	88,788	947
	98	24.8	KA4IOX KB8ESY KP2N	
	KR4U N2ESP N4GD NY4I VE3XD W4CU W4TSP			
	WA4EEZ Florida Contest Group	26	294	
		601	26	
4	MSLP W1QK CT	2019	86,802	870
	102	23.9	NG1R W1QK	Yankee
	Clipper Contest Club	196	176	485
				13



CJS via CARA <cara@cararadioclub.org>
 To: CARA REFLECTOR
 Sun, Jul 12 at 3:30 PM



Fellow Members:

Last evening at 20:13 hrs I observed what if felt to be an unusual weather event while driving Southbound on RT 7 in New Milford.

I must admit I was caught somewhat off guard with my contacts list for SkyWarn reporting (recently completed in June the Skywarn training). I assure you that has been corrected at my end! I did send a report with pictures overnight to the SkyWarn folks and spoke briefly with them.



Summary:

I was traveling southbound on Route 7 in New Milford, CT. Upon exiting McDonald's at 20:12 hrs (48 Danbury Rd/ Route 7., New Milford CT 06776), I was immediately struck by the most unusual orange colored cloud stretching west to east crossing Rt. 7 basically what appeared to be overhead. The majority of the sky was blue and clear on both sides of this cloud. It was sunny with a brief rain. It was impossible not to notice the unusual ambient orange colors which enveloped the area.

When exiting the McDonald's and turning southbound onto Route 7 it became apparent to me that I was observing something I had never experienced in all my 68 years. The west to east horizontal orange/gold colored cloud led to a darker cloud that trailed off to the east appeared to be a funnel off to the East some distance. The attached photo listed as -215721 hrs which is showing the hrs I saved/captured the photo from video off phone after editing it with color/contrast/brightness only. I edited it to display more accurately what I observed.

As I traveled southbound on RT 7 about a mile or so it became apparent that the orange/horizontal cloud led to a dark funnel shaped cloud further off in the distance to the East/southeast which appeared to stretch to the horizon. This funnel cloud becomes apparent in the later pics. I would crudely estimate that the funnel cloud was a few miles to the East-southeast of the Stop & Shop on Danbury Rd, New Milford. Looking at a map it would possibly been in the area of RT67.

I have uploaded my video and stills to my one drive and is accessible to you until i have to free up space at https://1drv.ms/u/s!AqaZPnAfOqGUiWBn_CFQhHv-F7vo?e=SEq0k8

In the latter pics and later part of the short video a funnel cloud was seen in the left portion of the clip which would have been to the east/southeast of the Southbound direction of travel down Route 7 South in New Milford. FYI By the time I got within sight of NM High school torrential rains had ensued all the way into Danbury for several minutes. DXR recorded 2" of rain in one hr!

Thanks,

Charlie Setaro, KC1IBR SkyWarn Spotter



From the CWops Reflector:

When are contest managers going to dump the meaningless 5NN/59 exchange?

From: [Tom McGinley](#)

Date: Mon, 20 Jul 2020 13:56:06 EDT

This issue has been on my mind for a long time. Sending a 5NN or 5/9 signal report in contests and even in casual QSOs seems to have become a traditional and obligatory habit. It's a carry over from the old days when contesters realized it was more efficient to send 5NN or 5/9 on ALL QSOs to make exchanges faster and less prone to error for logging and scoring credit.

Giving real RST/RS signal reports on CW and SSB are subject to personal interpretation and physical location, in addition to the quality of the operator's equipment and receiving antennas. So their value is highly relative. But requiring ops to send real signal

reports for every QSO nowadays, especially in contests in simply out of the question. At least on most digital modes like FT8, the software determines the signal strength sent and received, not the operator.



If the goal in contesting is to work as many Qs as fast as possible for the highest score, it seems to me that simply dropping the RS/RST part of the exchange would offer an advantage. Especially for the high rate possessed crowd. Some contests like Stew Perry have already done that.

Or.....heaven forbid, contests could substitute the RST/RS part of the exchange with QSO serial numbers like some contests have always done. That would make things a bit more challenging for everyone, but the rate possessed and old school ops that don't like change would no doubt be outraged at such a suggestion.

CWops has some clout and might consider making this appeal to the ARRL, CQ and other major contest sponsors to at least consider and maybe even propose this overdue modification in their rules.

73, Tom K7QA #1N5N

Latest version of Zoom - Version: 5.1.3 -
Get it!

Vincent Tompkins via
CARA <cara@cararadioclub.org>

To: W1QI – CARA Wed, Jul 15 at 11:52 PM

Remote code exploit discovered.

Version: 5.1.3 (28656.0709)

Gary A <mrclipper69@yahoo.com>
Sun, Jul 12 at 6:24 PM

Hi Dan
Just submitted my log for IARU and once again, all but 1 contact was CW. I must admit that I had FIDigi going as backup, but more and more I am picking out callsigns on my own before checking with the read out from FIDigi.

It really is more fun than trying to get thru the hiss and noise of SSB. I did the same for Field Day. There I think that I had 102 contacts on CW and 2 on SSB.

I'm Pete, W1RM and you worked me on CW as K2D in the recent 13 Colonies event. Thanks for the QSO.

During the 2,000+ QSOs I made, I observed a wide range of CW skills. For those of you who would like to improve your CW proficiency, both sending and receiving, I recommend you look at enrolling in the CW Academy (CWA), sponsored by CWops. CWA is open to any and all and is a service provided by members of CWops at absolutely no charge or obligation other than a desire to learn and improve your CW receiving and sending.

CWA has beginner-to-25 wpm classes that are run classroom style online. Check it out at <https://cwops.org/cw-academy/cw-academy-options>.

If you are a proficient CW operator, please pass this email on to anyone you know who wants to learn or get better with CW.

By way of background, I've been a CW operator since 1956 when I started as KN2UTV in New York. I am a founding member of CWops (my number is 8) and its first president.

CW forever!
73, Pete, W1RM
CWops Past President

2020 CARA Ham Exam Schedule:



2020 Amateur radio exams sponsored by CARA at the Stony Hill FD. Bethel:

Two updates.

- 1) The session in Bethel on September 19 will likely be cancelled since the firehouse is not open to outside groups.
- 2) I added a session in Woodbury, CT. Note that applicants must register in advance. See below.

Woodbury CT

EXAM SESSION

09/12/2020

Sponsor: Candlewood ARA

Date: Sep 12 2020

Time: 10:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)

Contact: Jonathan R. Bernon
(203) 232-7863

Email: aj1u@arrl.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Woodbury Fire Dept
25 Quassuk Rd
Woodbury CT 06798-9999

Thanks,
Jon, AJ1U
CARA VE Team Coordinator

Feedback Re: Mr. Charles Finkelman

Lou Parassondola [w1qj] (y) via CARA
<cara@cararadioclub.org>

To:
cara@cararadioclub.org

Tue, Jul 7 at 9:54 PM

Charles Finkelman gave me my General test years ago.

One OM's perspective:



Source: "The Lighter Side of Ham Radio"

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



Editor: [Brian Moran, N9ADG](#)

July 22, 2020

Dan's, KB6NU, blog explains [two ways to display contest contacts on an online map](#). LogView, by EI8IC, and Log2Map, by ON6ZQ, operate on Cabrillo and ADIF files, respectively. Using tools like these can point to areas where you might want to improve your signal.

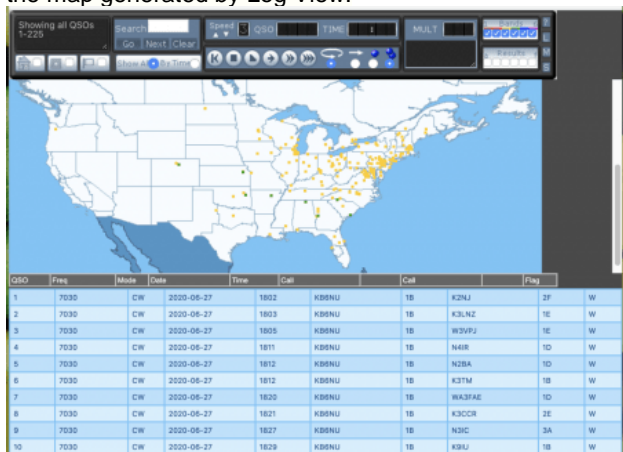
Map your contest QSOs
July 8, 2020 by [dan kb6nu](#)

Shortly after Field Day ended, Bill WC3B posted a map of the contacts he made on Twitter. "How cool," I thought, and asked him how he'd done it. As it turns out, the map was a function of the N3FJP Field Day logging program. It then occurred to me that there must be mapping programs on the web. I did a quick Google to find two websites that would allow me to generate a map of my own: LogView by EI8IC and Log2Map by ON6ZQ.

Log View

LogView is a free, post-contest log-visualisation tool. It plots the QSOs in a Cabrillo-format contest-log on to one of 8 different maps by finding the position of each QSO from an

online database of about 1,100,000 W/VE callsigns. Here's the map generated by Log View:



This tool can do more than just produce a map. It's worth checking out if you want to analyze your contest logs.

Log2Map

Log2Map accepts both Cabrillo and ADIF files and generates a map like the one shown below:



I kinda like this map better than the LogView map, but I wish that I could change the marker. I think the marker is a little bit big for this kind of map.

I found a couple of other mapping websites, but many of them wanted the log to contain the latitudes and longitudes. I didn't know how to do that quickly, so I just moved on. There must be others out there that I didn't find. If you know of any others, please comment below.

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1	2 M Antenna with feedline	\$20.00
1	440 Cushcraft Ringo Ranger	\$50.00
1	10' Push Up Canopy with sidewalls and leg weights	\$50.00
1	Camp Chair	\$25.00
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1	Skeleton sleeve antenna 20/15 M	\$30.00
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	ICOM IC-7000 Transceiver	
	LDG IT-100	
	Yaesu FT-8900	
	Kantronics KPC-3+	
	West Mountain Powergate	
	West Mountain Rigrunner	
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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.

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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Courtesy of: The Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association's Award-Winning monthly newsletter: "Voice Coil" <http://www.mvara.org/News/Current.pdf>

Editorial:

Our annual Hamfest, The "Biggest Little Hamfest in Western Connecticut", has been canceled for 2020.

Now is the time to begin work on a Development Committee to search alternative means for financial support for our club.

Do you know of any organizations or businesses that provide funding for non-profit service organizations like CARA? Does your employer provide funding for non-profits?

Our Hamfest Chairman has sent notice of the cancelation to other ham radio organizations and our regular vendors via email. We hope that they will participate in our 2021 Hamfest.

We've established a good working relationship with the Edmond Town Hall in Newtown, where we've held our Hamfest for many years. Our event continues to grow every year.

THE POWER OF TEAMWORK:

Video Motivasi – Kerjasama Team (Team Work)

<https://youtu.be/oqRX02uhicc>

CARA Standing Committees:

Updated: August 2020 by W1QK

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

Our members and their ideas are our strength.

Please step forward to serve the 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 Thompson – 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:

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

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Dan Fegley – W1QK

Development Committee:

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

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Maintain the CARA Website

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Charles Setaro – KC1IBR
John Ahle – W1JMA
Roger Mitchell – NG1R
Dan Fegley – W1QK

Please advise your Capers Editor of any changes to this list.



What's So Funny?

[August 28, 2018 Ham-Speak](#), [Hi](#), [Jargon](#), [Lingo](#)

Something new hams need to be aware of is a less-than-obvious bit of old-timey ham-speak still in use.

You may hear a ham say, “hi or “hihi” over the air or in person or in writing, and, curiously, their particular use of the term, “hi” is not in context of a greeting.

In ham-speak the term “hi” means laughter. Often doubled (hihi), it’s a ham’s way of expressing a humorous response. So when a ham says, “hi” (s)he is laughing at something. Kind of like saying LOL in a text message or web post.

Where did this come from? In the early days of amateur radio, CW was the only mode so all communications were in Morse code. The word HI in Morse is dit-dit-dit-dit dit-dit, (••••••) which sounds like an electronic chuckle. Quickly adopted, hams have been using “hi” for laughter decades after voice and other modes were added to our radio amateur repertoire.

We’ll wrap up with a ham joke:

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn’t much, but the reception was excellent. Hihi

Brookfield, CT

There are some professionally produced videos about Brookfield on the town's website:

<https://www.elocallink.tv/m/v/player.php?pid=w6Q8w2y3z51#c|ctbrookf wel REV1 iwd>

Candlewood Lake, Danbury



Topping the list of Connecticut's most beautiful lakes to visit is Candlewood Lake. The largest lake in the state, this manmade beauty is 16 miles long and 8.4 square miles in size. It lies within both **Fairfield** and **Litchfield counties**.

Technically a reservoir, this Danbury Lake was created by Connecticut Light & Power in the late 1920s. They built the hydroelectric **Rocky River Dam** to increase the amount of electricity they could produce by pumping water from the **Housatonic River** into Candlewood Lake.

With 86 miles of useable shoreline, 10 marinas, and multiple boat launches, the lake offers plenty of spots for visitors to set up camp for the day.

One of the most popular activities (behind swimming, sailing, and fishing) is scuba diving. Despite the murky waters, many explorers try to find the lost city of Jerusalem, which was flooded to create the lake.

Preliminary CARA 2020/2021 Calendar

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

Last Updated 8/2/2020

- August 14 - Monthly meeting via Zoom; Presentation Glenn Johnson – W0GJ
Pitcairn Island DxPedition
TBD - 2M Fox Hunt ?
28 - Monthly planning meeting via Zoom
- September 11 - Monthly meeting via Zoom; Presentation by Dennis Egan - W1UE, President - Yankee
Clipper Contest Club, YCCC
25 - Monthly planning meeting via Zoom
- October 9 - Monthly meeting via Zoom; Presentation by Bud Kozloff - W1NSK and Mark Gilbert
on "Boat Anchors and their refurbishment" .
23 - Monthly planning meeting via Zoom
- November 13 - Monthly meeting via Zoom; Proposed presentations by WV9I, Valarie on
DX'ing, and another on Air Force MARS.
27 - Monthly planning meeting via Zoom
- December 3 - Proposed Virtual Holiday Gathering via Zoom?
11 - Monthly meeting via Zoom; Proposed Presentation?
25 - Monthly planning meeting needs to be rescheduled
- January 8 - Monthly meeting via Zoom - Annual DX QSL Card sort with KV1J and pizza party
probably cancelled; Proposed Presentation - Dan Fegley, W1QK: ARRL's Logbook of the
World, LoTW
22 - Monthly planning meeting via Zoom



CARA Hamfest – August 23, 2020 - Canceled



John Morelli via CARA cara@cararadioclub.org

Sun, Jul 12 at 2:13 AM

The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA) has canceled the 2020 Western Connecticut Hamfest due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Executive board and membership wish to keep everyone safe and feel that going forward with the event would not be in the best interest of our vendors and supporters.

Thank you for your past and future support.

We will be back in 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any member of the CAR Executive Committee.

73, W1JGM
John Morelli, Hamfest Chairman
CARA Vice-President
