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November - 2020

The Monthly Newsletter of The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association
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Next CARA Meeting: Friday, November 13

***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.***



Drone Pix submitted by KC1IBR

Danbury's War Memorial – Rogers Park, Danbury

Special Meeting Presentation by:
Gordon "Gordo" West - WB6NOA

President's Message – de W1NSK



The weather has turned chilly, leaves are almost all down, the last of the Halloween candy has been eaten, and November has ushered in the long-awaited elections. But more importantly, November is a special month in our “Ham World”! Contest Season is upon us. Last weekend of October saw better than expected conditions for the CQWW SSB Contest with even 10M openings and 15 was hopping!

November is also the month of ARRL Sweepstakes. CW on Nov. 7 and SSB on the 21st. A great way to operate and get your WAS Award or even the Five Band WAS. For those ambitious to persevere, the “Clean Sweep” of all ARRL U.S. Sections and Canadian RAC sections. A Coffee Mug is awarded by ARRL for all 84. Be vigilant for the Northern Territories (NT), Maritime (MAR) and Eastern Washington, as well as North & South Dakota. Complete Rules can be found at:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Rules%20PDFs/2020/ARRL%20November%20Sweepstakes%20Rules.pdf>

To finish off November, is the Grand Daddy of the Best; CQ WW CW on Nov. 28th & 29. 48 Hours of DX! Should be a good one. Get on the Air and enjoy!

A profoundly serious FCC Proposal is before us and is being run thru the Rule making process in lightning speed. This is the FCC Proposal to raise all Amateur Radio Service License Fees to \$50.00! This includes new licenses, renewals, and vanity call signs! Amateur Radio is going through a lot of changes with technology, competing hobbies, and a significant reduction of our numbers. Today, more than half our license holders are Technician Class, and half have never those been on the air! A smaller percentage know CW today, which would have been sacrilege to our hobby forefathers. With our continuing effort to bring in new hams, a \$50 license Fee on top of exam fees does not help the cause. This especially true for our youth. \$50 was a lot of money to me when I was 13!

Please let your opposition be heard. Time is of the essence! Comments need to be filed by November 16 at the latest! Follow this easy to use guide to how to file: <http://www.arrl.org/FCC-Fees-Proposal>.

We still have several committee openings and are looking for those that would like to get more involved in your Club. Contact me and we can find the right spot for you!

We are looking for new members! If you know of a Ham that would like to join invite them to our next club zoom meeting on Friday November 13th. Membership applications are on the CARA website.

73's & See you in the pile ups!

Bud - W1NSK

CARA President

November 13 - Meeting Agenda:

7:30 PM - Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation: Gordon West – WA6NOA

Review and Acceptance of Minutes published in Capers
Treasurers Report

Committee. Reports:

Repeater: Restoration to Spruce Mtn., Battery back-up system
Proposal to Region 5 REPT for replacement CARA to NARA repeater
linking equipment

Website Committee.: Update. Selection of Chairman.

MS Office 365 for Non-profits implementation

Asset Committee

Fundraising: Letter / Raffle

Old Business:

Sander Pool Estate Equipment and antenna disassembly; Ladder and crew needed
CARA Club House

New Business

Presentation of CARA Webmaster recognition plaque to Jim Ritterbusch -
WO4X/KD1YV

Proposed purchase of NG1R's three Skeleton Sleeve antennas: Resolution Proposal

Proposed response to FCC proposed rule-making concerning amateur radio fees

Temporary substitute Secretary

Fox Hunt

Christmas Party and Raffle

Motion for end of Business Meeting

Announcements:

Red Cross Winlink Drill

Meeting adjournment

Vice- President's Message:
de W1JGM



November and the holidays are coming quickly, I hope everyone, and their families are well in these nervous times of the pandemic. As a reminder, follow the CDC and Medical guidelines.

Some great news for CARA: Power was restored to the Spruce Mountain repeater site and our 2-meter repeater is back on the air. We will soon be re-activating the 70CM repeater back on the mountain site. It was used at the New Fairfield site during the loss of power at our Danbury site. We'll also be continuing our efforts to fortify the available backup power on Spruce Mtn., which may include additional battery capacity and solar recharging capabilities. We'll keep CARA members informed at the planning and regular meetings.

We've completed the installation of the Microsoft 365 Essentials software and new club E-mail address system for each member.

If you haven't activated your account nor received the information, please contact me. All members have an E-Mail address (yourcallsign @W1QI.ORG). We'll be switching to the MS-Teams video platform instead of Zoom in January. We'll conduct some Teams training sessions to help familiarize everyone with the platform.

In the process of reviewing our records we've asked each member to fill out a form fillable membership application located on the club's website: cararadioclub.org Please save it and E-mail the form to me at W1JGM@W1QI.org with the words "CARA INFO" in the subject line.

Please join us for our November 13, 2020 business meeting and monthly presentation on the Zoom platform. The meeting invitation and Zoom credentials will be posted on the club's website.

Stay safe and 73,

John Morelli -W1JGM, CARA Vice-President

October CARA Monthly Meeting Minutes
de KC1IBR



Meeting convened by president - Bud Kozloff, W1NSK at 7:37 pm.

In attendance members: W1NSK, W1QK, W1QH, W1JGM, WR1Z, KC1IBR, N2OHH, N1MG, W1JGA, WA8UNS, W8ZY, KB1SPA.
Guests: W1KRI Keith

Minutes of previous meeting ... Motion to accept, seconded passed.

Treasurer Report Charlie KC1IBR presented written report and screen shared. Beginning balance \$5164.23 ending balance on October 8th

\$5,140.13 Expenses included Host Gator \$12.95 for W1QI.org domain for Office 365. Zoom after long processing per request refunded the sales taxes we paid since inception. \$50 donation to New Fairfield Company A check was outstanding. Treasurer reported 53 members current on 2020 dues.

COMMITTEES

Repeater Committee Greg WR1Z chair and W1JGM.

W1JGM reported the repeater batteries that are being donated to the club by his employer have arrived in Burlington VT (shipped from CA.). John and Greg will be making a trip to VT to bring them home. A rental trailer may be needed, weight 1,200 lbs. John stated 4 batteries will be delegated to the Spruce Mountain repeater site, four John will be claiming, and the remainder to be sold/fundraising. John felt that he would not need a motion for funds for eg. ~\$50.00 rental. The trailer since he stated he has approved funds not expended on repeater.

He stated that CARA will need to send a donation letter of thanks to the battery donor for the used batteries (W1JGM estimated \$300 each and their shipping costs (\$500.00)). Treasurer will write the letter when John gives details needed. Treasurer stated the value in the donation letter will not be stated and it is up to the donor to determine/state value.

WR1Z Greg, Chairman reported that Jamie Gagliardo reported that there has been no news to date on progress to date on power restoration to Spruce Mountain. Our 2 meter continues to be relocated to Company A, New Fairfield.

Office 365 Microsoft John W1JGM reported on 365 office progress, members have been sent welcome emails to access their W1QI.org email addresses which is needed to access the Office 365 suite being donated to us by Microsoft. It

was discussed that members should use their new (call sign@W1QI.org) as their preferred email for the reflector. After discussion it was agreed that it would be a voluntary choice of members to use the .w1qi.org email or their other email address as is currently the practice. It was brought up an example if a member does not rejoin, we would have no way to communicate via email them if they used the w1qi address exclusively. John must be informed of choice.

Mike W8ZY who was instrumental in this endeavor, stated that though members may not actively use their W1QI.org email, **they would however need it for login purposes to get into Office365.** reported that he will be conducting a training class. He also commented that Microsoft's Office365 suite sells for \$150 per license, a total value to club of approximately \$4500 yearly. W8ZY responded to a question regarding storage space on Office he stated 1Terrabyte each member.

KC1IBR made a motion which was seconded and passed that it be noted in the minutes that the club thanks ALL those who brought the Office365 platform to fruition, notably W1JGM, W8ZY, AB1WV Marcus and others.

Asset committee of (Charlie KC1IBR and Harlan W1QH). Charlie screen shared the updated database with three tabs for members holding assets (Greg-WR1Z, Dan-W1QK, and Harlan - W1QH) The inventory of Bethel EOC will be added as a separate tab.

It was discussed that insurance coverage for the assets should be considered.

Fundraising Committee WA1JGA David discussed obtaining of mailing labels from the ARRL. A raffle was mentioned but nothing of consequence.

Unfinished Business

Donation from Sander Poole's wife. Bud reported that the donated items (many which included at least one transceiver) were collected and he will be listing out the items, serial numbers etc. For the Asset Accounting sheet. The roof antennas still need to be taken down in the next few weeks. Storage facilities for our large inventories need to be investigated.

Insurance ARRL Risk Strategies Pictures for insurance purposes was suggested. Methodology of insurance payouts (eg. replacement value/reimbursement value market etc.) discussed, Per WR1Z a fee of \$1.46 per \$100 value premium. Locations of various item discussed and any implications in insuring.

Fox Hunt discussed generally unfavorable due to COVID-19. W1Qh did discuss a novel idea of holding a FH where there would be no get together but report finding the fox by email etc. And award gift certificates.

Motion seconded and passed to allocate \$15.00 for shipping of the plaque honoring our former webmaster Jim- WO4X/KD1YV.

New business

Youth Membership Incentives:

Mark-N1MG, initiated discussions on ideas to keep youthful new hams interested. Amongst the suggestions was free introductory memberships or other things. Discussion ensued about the current dues structure for students, and if changed, would need to write up constitution or Policies & Procedure revision.

W1QK suggested a revision or permutation of the current student dues to reflect this and offered to step forward in helping to determine the youth's interests. W1RKI- Keith, reported that in Redding (where he is a teacher), there are twenty-five new hams suggests upon new license

issuance approach new hams with offer. W1NSK suggested discussion at the next planning meeting where new revisions could be explored and asked Keith to submit ideas on paper for the next planning meeting.

Christmas Party deferred to next month but probably abandoned due to COVID.

Business portion of the meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Charles Setaro - KC1IBR for Gary Adams-
N1GSA, CARA Secretary



*CARA has been an
ARRL Affiliated Club - since 1946*

Last Month's program:



Mark Gilbert – N1MG and CARA President, Bud Kozloff – W1NSK spoke about restoring old radios – Boat Anchors. Thanks for your informative presentations.

On Sat, Oct 10, 2020 at 8:44 AM Mark Gilbert <1markgilbert@gmail.com> wrote:
Go down to the link on Negative Resistance. You will see the comments about the T-60 (Knight-Kit Transmitter) and overall issues with beam pentodes there.

Links to further information:
<http://dpnwritings.nfshost.com/ej/>

This Month's program: Gordon West – WB6NOA

De W1JGM

At this Friday's November 13, 2020 CARA monthly meeting, we will host Gordon West – WB6NOA, as our featured speaker.

On Nov 2, 2020, at 15:05, Gordon West <swmeow@aol.com> wrote:

Hi John, my discussion will be live recorded sounds of EMERGENCY COMMS, hearing which ones were sent correctly, and those others blocked by wind noise, too hot a speaker mic, off freq.....classic audio recordings from hurricanes to tsunamis, with live (recorded) audio sounds I play. Good training for all to HEAR what a distress ham call might sound like.

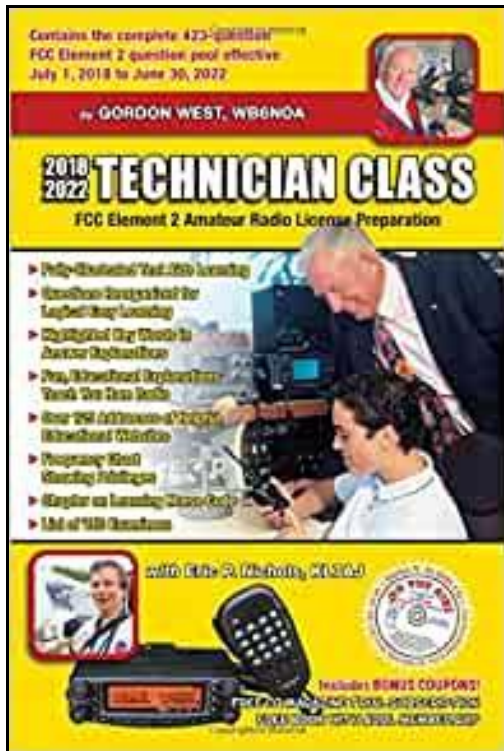
My bio is simple.....licensed for over 50 years, here's Gordo.....



Mr. West is well known in the amateur world and has spoken on many radio related subjects.



He is also the author of some of the best licensing books available and instructors guide, Co-Host to the weekly video podcast Ham Nation with Dr. Bob Heil (K9EID) on the TWIT Podcast network shown live Wednesday at 9PM EST at TWIT.TV and on YOU TUBE any other time. A real good show.



Please make every attempt to attend. Pass the word. All are welcome.



David Coelho via CARA <cara@cararadioclub.org>
To:John Morelli
Cc:cara@cararadioclub.org
 Wed, Nov 11 at 11:25 AM
 Gordon West is my hero. His study guide is what I used, when I upgraded, and it was perfect.

He is a real gentleman. I had the honor of meeting him at the ARRL Centennial Convention in Hartford.

When you speak with him, he gives you his full attention.

We are so fortunate to have him as our Club speaker this Friday!

Dave Coelho
 WA1JGA

Repeater Committee Update:

On Thursday, November 5, 2020, 05:18:33 PM EST, John Morelli via CARA <cara@cararadioclub.org> wrote:

Good afternoon CARA members and friends of CARA:

Greg WR1Z and I did a little repeater maintenance today. the 70-CM repeater was re-installed on the mountain site and is in operation. The site was fortified with 4 Data Safe UPS batteries for 400-amp hours of back up battery power. This should allow the 2m and 70-cm repeaters, controller and APRS radio with enough emergency stand by power for four to eight days operation, depending on the usage. These are the batteries I had received form a coworker in California shipped to by office in Vermont and picked up by Greg and I two weeks ago. As a note the cabling for the installation of the batteries was part of the gear donated by Mrs. Jennifer Pool, wife of Sander Pool (W1SOP (SK)).

As part of the visit an introductory visit by Mike Safranek, Airport Administrator, Matt Cassavechia, Director Emergency Management & Emergency Medical services for the city of

Danbury, Jamie Gagliardo, Communication Director, Danbury Fire Dept. met at the tower to look over the site and start dialog for improvements to the site. this is only the very beginning of possible future possibilities.

The CARA club and especially Greg and I would like to thank Jamie and the Danbury Fire Dept for use of the Ranger 1, ATV to transport us and the batteries and equipment to the tower site.



Photo: W1JGM

In remembrance of W1SOP



Photo: W1JGM

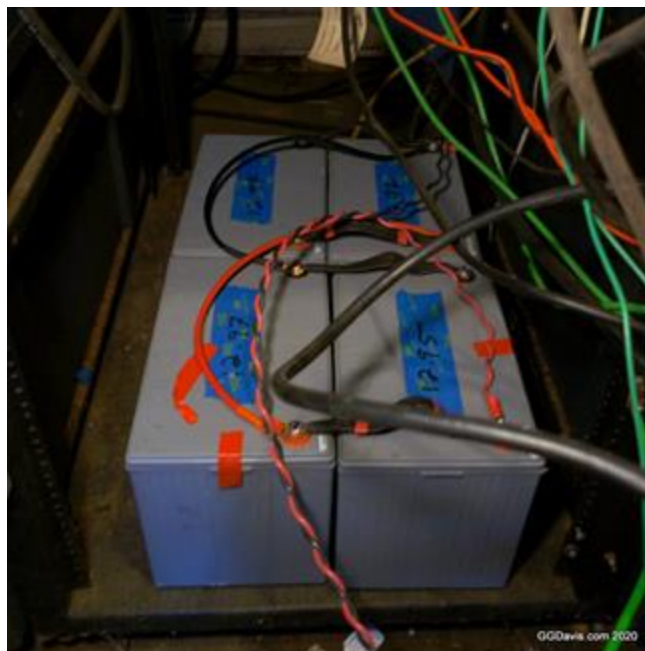


Photo: WR1Z

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John G. Morelli (W1JGM)
VP Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA)
Chairman; Western Connecticut Hamfest

**Jim Ritterbusch – WO4X/KD1YV
To receive CARA Webmaster plaque:**



CARA is pleased to present Jim Ritterbusch – WO4X/KD1YV with this recognition plaque in appreciation for his many years of support and contributions to the CARA Website. We're hoping to "see" Jim at the upcoming November 13 CARA meeting, when it will be presented to him (virtually). It will be mailed to Jim later at his new VA QTH. – Editor

**Proposal for CARA to purchase
Skeleton Sleeve antennas**

From: Dan Fegley <w1qk@snet.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 11:17 AM
To: Bud Kozloff <w1nsk@hotmail.com>
Cc: John Morelli <w1jgm@aol.com>; Gary Adams <mrclipper69@yahoo.com>; CJS <cjset@att.net>; Roger Mitchell <roger.mitchell@snet.net>; Harlan Ford <hford01@snet.net>; David Coelho <davidcoelho52@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: [CARA Members] Equipment for sale - Proposal - Follow up - October 15

More background:

If memory serves, there's Half-Squares for 40M, 20M, 15M and 10M that a CARA team assembled and initially tested at Putnam Park, as well as an OCF we purchased two years ago. There's also a 75M dipole, 20M dipole, G5RV, and two loops; one is 300 Ft, and the second is 600 Ft. There's a variety of RG-8X and RG-8 coax and Synthetic Textiles rope on some Home Depot orange cable reels.

I believe that David - KB1ZAC, can access the Bethel EOC. I think that Barry - KA1JDD also can - so a more detailed inventory could be made (again). Could this be arranged to be done before the next planning meeting?

The Skeleton Sleeve antennas I propose buying from Roger will allow operation on two bands compared with the time and effort required to erect a single band antenna. We used my 20M Half-Square and a 40M/20M Skeleton Sleeve successfully for Winter Field Day in New Fairfield. I think that Roger's Skeleton Sleeves were used at New Fairfield Day and the New Fairfield Car Show Special Event stations too.

Many years ago, CARA borrowed two small (low power rated) Tribanders when we operated Field Day at Cadigan Park in Brookfield. I brought my Hy-Gain TH3-Jr. Tribander along with an extension ladder and a home-brew mast/bracket. I gave it to N1ABY (former CARA member) when he was in need of an antenna. I don't know where the second one came from. I've hung an effective Cushcraft A3S Tribander between two trees using the "Skyhook" method at my station.

There were several years that we only used our two loops for Field Day with more than acceptable results, but they do require time and effort to shoot the support ropes over properly placed trees.

In my experience, the vertically-polarized two-element phased Half-Square provides much better performance than a dipole.

There's considerable effort required to transport, assemble, install (support), then disassemble a Tribander for Field Day or portable operation use. Where would it be stored?

As I previously explained, each Skeleton Sleeve allows operation on two bands with acceptable effectiveness.

I'm not impressed at all with a G5RV 's performance on any band. W1ZR has done EZNEC modeling, made presentations I've attended explaining this, and created documentation that proves it.

So - for portable operations, it's a decision based on cost, performance, and ease/time of assembly/disassembly/support and transport/storage requirements when comparing wire antennas to a Tribander.

Thoughts/comments?

73 - W1QK

On Monday, October 12, 2020, 06:02:44 PM EDT, Bud Kozloff <w1nsk@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dan- you can raise any subject for consideration you would like. Need to take inventory of shat we have. Don't we have half squares for 40/20/15? A small tribander may be a much better investment for field day.

Bud
W1NSK

On Oct 12, 2020, at 2:58 PM, Dan Fegley <w1qk@snet.net> wrote:

GA:

I personally assisted Roger to assemble his Skeleton Sleeve antennas (designed by Joel Hallas - W1ZR).

http://www.qfara.com/documents/Choosing_Your_First_Antenna-Hallas.pdf

I have built several of these antennas and a 12M/17M is currently hanging in the trees at my station.

CARA has borrowed some of them from Roger for Field Day, Winter Field Day, and other portable operations including our Islands QSO Party expedition on Candlewood Isle.

They are in excellent condition, and are stored on two orange Home Depot reels worth \$9 each:

They each cover two bands.

Each antenna also includes Synthetic Textiles rope that is laced through the ladder line for extra support,

which is a W1QK Skeleton Sleeve standard assembly technique.

The internal antenna tuner of radios like the IC-756 Pro, IC-7300, IC-7000 etc. will match them properly across each band without any issues.

They can be installed either horizontally between supporting trees; using CARA's two fiberglass masts, or or set up as an inverted Vee on one mast.

I propose that CARA consider buying them from Roger so we have them available in the future.

His asking price is below the price of the materials required to make them.

I understand that we are under fiscal considerations, but I believe it would be a worthwhile investment of \$90.

Comments/suggestions?

Could we add this topic to the upcoming planning meeting and November business meeting agenda?

73 - W1QK



Editor: [Rick Lindquist, WW1ME](#)

WSJT-X Developer Expresses Puzzlement over FT8 Contest Use

WSJT-X co-developer Joe Taylor, K1JT, recently expressed puzzlement over the use of FT8 in contests -- rather than FT4, which was designed for contesting.

"I fail to understand why anyone who uses FT8 in a contest would fail to use FT4 for much of the time," Taylor said. "FT4 is about 3 dB less sensitive than FT8, but it's twice as fast."

Taylor offered the comment in the Mt. Airy VHF Society's [October 2020 Cheese Bits](#),

regarding the September ARRL VHF Contest. Taylor said a large fraction of stations that are worked with FT8 are much



more than 3 dB above the FT4 decoding threshold.

"With FT4, you can still work anyone that can be worked with CW, and near

the CW threshold, you'll do it faster using FT4," he said. "And with FT4, you can work stations that are far weaker (by ~20 dB) than what's necessary for SSB. When I did work other stations with FT4, I did it by transmitting the FT8 message 'K1JT FT4 318.'" Taylor said he'd then move to 50.318 MHz FT4, and several contesters followed him there. "Many more would have made it much more fruitful," he said.

"For speed, flexibility, and ease of running the bands, yes, you should use SSB and CW when there are stations to work," Taylor said in summary. "When you run out of those, use FT8 and *especially* FT4."

Taylor also remarked, "In my 80th year, I can no longer call on my past stamina for contesting."

Two recent messages from Chuck Motes – K1DFS, CT Section Manager

A big Thank You to all those in Connecticut who participated in the annual Section Emergency Test (S.E.T.) this year. It took place during the first weekend of the month.

Members of ARES CT and NTS CT were active on their respective nets, and a large number of messages were sent and received. Of particular note was the use of the ICS-213 Form, which is the heart of municipal, state and federal communications

messages. A lot of us picked up very successfully on that form. Also in use (for the MARS COMEX) was a report called the SWEAT. It's the report the feds (military) use to assess conditions and emergencies nationwide. It's short, it's quick and it's fast. Hams in Connecticut made extensive use of the report.

These reports were sent via voice, via digital on HF and VHF and via Winlink radio and internet. One set of these reports numbering 52 in total was relayed to MARS via 60 meters in one burst using MT-63 digital. This was a month-long opportunity for hams to contact MARS stations directly and is authorized through the end of October.

The MARS COMEX (Army and Air Force) was terminated normally on 23 October.

Thanks to all -- hams, ARES, NTS, especially the Section Emergency Coordinator, the District Emergency Coordinators and the NTS officials-- everyone who participated in the S.E.T. and in the COMEX. Call it a resounding success.

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

Wed, Nov 4 at 10:23 PM

To: All Connecticut ARRL Members and Affiliated Clubs
From: Chuck Motes, K1DFS, Section Manager

As of the first of November 2020, Edward Snyder, M.D., W1YSM, has been appointed as the Connecticut Section Affiliated Club Coordinator. Ed is an active ARRL member, an ARES member and a Skywarn EC in New Haven County. Ed is currently the President of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club.

Ed is interested in developing mutual assistance and coordination of efforts by affiliated clubs in Connecticut, in the furtherance of activities, mutual assistance and increasing memberships both in amateur radio and in our clubs. He is anxious to talk with club officers, discover their needs, what they would like to do and what he and the Section can do to assist them.

Please welcome Ed Snyder, W1YSM when he contacts you, and discover what can be done collaboratively among us.

73, and stay well during these difficult times.
Chuck



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



Weekly CARA Sunday 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:

- Nov. 11: Veterans Day – Display the flag and thank a Veteran for their service
- Nov. 13: Monthly CARA meeting via Zoom
- Nov. 14: Nationwide American Red Cross Drill
- Nov. 14: OK/OM contest
- Nov. 21-22: ARRL Section Sweepstakes - SSB
- Nov. 23: CT ARES Region 5 zoom meeting
- Nov. 27: CARA monthly planning meeting via Zoom
- Nov. 28 - 29: CQ WW CW contest

Nov. 11, 18, 25 CWOps CWT Minitest Regular Sessions - 1300Z, 1900Z, 0300Z
Thursday

Dec 3: December 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:

Nov. 13: CARA November Monthly meeting video conference via Zoom

Nov. 27: CARA November planning meeting video conference via Zoom

December 3: December Capers input deadline

2020 Ham Exam Schedule



Upcoming 2020 Amateur radio exams:

Hi everyone,

Hope you are all doing well.

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

through the end of 2020. As a result, I have cancelled our testing session on 12/5/2020.

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. Our goals are simple:

- To promote the fun, satisfaction and competitive thrill of radio contesting
- To [assist our members](#) in the development of their operating and technical skills
- To win the club competition of the major amateur radio contests

We would love to have you join us!

The YCCC was founded in April 1977 and now boasts over 300 members located from New York City to Maine, Cape Cod to Upstate NY. YCCC members have excelled in all areas of amateur radio contesting, DXing, technical design, and public service.

CANCELED Litchfield CT 06759

EXAM SESSION

11/10/2020

Sponsor: Northwest Amt

Date: Nov 10 2020

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

Stamford CT 06901-2902

EXAM SESSION

11/14/2020

Sponsor: Stamford ARA

Date: Nov 14 2020

Time: 9:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)

Contact: Terrence Sean. Martin
(203) 357-9293

Email: ranceiii@aol.com

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: To Be Determined
TBD

By Appointment Only
Stamford CT 06901-2902

Check this out =>

Fred, K1VR has compiled our list of "Contest Tips" and is now available on the "Contest Links" page. Use the drop down "YCCC Links (above) → Contest Links"

More information about the YCCC at:

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

Nationwide Red Cross Emergency Communications Drill Set for November 14

The nationwide American Red Cross Emergency Communications Fall Drill, a joint exercise with ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) groups, is set to take place on November 14. This exercise evolved from the highly successful spring drill that attracted hundreds of participants from some 40 states and Puerto Rico.

The fall drill will be a Winlink-specific event



American Red Cross

with these goals: (1) pass traditional American Red Cross (ARC) forms from as many states and as many radio amateurs as possible to one of six division clearinghouses, and (2), bring as many radio operators as possible up to a "basic" level of Winlink proficiency. A series of Winlink Workshops is held each Thursday at 0100 UTC on Zoom.

Winlink Proficiency Goals have been drafted, a Winlink technical support team has been formed, and *Metrics for Drill Success* have been developed. The proficiency goals are established as a training guideline and references online training resources. Many hams new to Winlink may find these resources helpful.

More than 300 radio amateurs have signed up for the event, and some 100 volunteers showed up for a pre-drill briefing call earlier this month. Another briefing call will be held in early November.

This event is open to *all* radio amateurs.

For more information, contact [Mike Walters, W8ZY](#), with ARES-related questions,

or [Wayne Robertson, K4WK](#), with Red Cross-related topics. -- Thanks to *The ARES Letter*

*Here are the Divisional Clearing Houses for the Red Cross drill and for the **Winlink Thursday training.***

For the Divisional Clearing house addresses use ONLY the following Tactical Addresses:

DIVISION ADDRESS	TACTICAL
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Northeast ARCNORTHEAST	
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Central Atlantic ARCATLANTIC	
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Southeast & Caribbean ARCSOUTHEAST	
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North Central ARCCENTRAL	
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Southwest & Rocky Mountains ARCSOUTHWEST	
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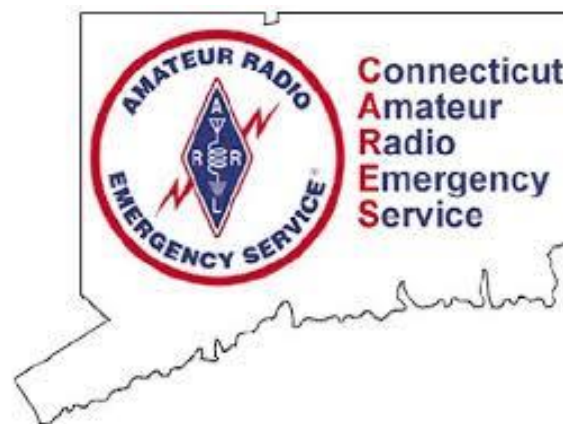
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Messages need only be sent to ONE Divisional Clearing House.

*For Connecticut it is **ARCNORTHEAST***

Thanks - Mike Walters, W8ZY CT ARES SEC



Mike Walters W8ZY <w8zy@hotmail.com>

To: 1 @ SEC-ARRL,sec,announce@ct-ares.groups.io

Wed, Oct 28 at 10:48 AM

Further prep for the upcoming Red Cross drill on Nov 14th and also good training on using Winlink.

Please feel free to forward as you see fit.

Mike Walters, W8ZY CT ARES SEC

From: [Mike Walters](#)

Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:44 AM

To: [Mike Walters](#)

Subject: FW: WinLink Thursday #5 - Net Check-In With GPS Coordinates

From: WinLink Technical Team

<WinlinkTech@redcross.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 5:03 PM

Subject: WinLink Thursday #5 - Net Check-In With GPS Coordinates

We have made good progress as we work together to become more comfortable using WinLink to exchange messages. Along the way, we have not only created template messages to deliver to another station, but we have also practiced responding to a request directed to our station. We have demonstrated that WinLink is an important tool to have available when called upon by served agencies like the Red Cross needing to get information out of or into a disaster-affected community. You will recall that during Hurricane Maria, when Puerto Rico's entire infrastructure was degraded, it was a team of amateur radio operators recruited through ARRL that was deployed by the American Red Cross. They provided critical communications for island residents and local agencies as well as establishing a critical communications link between the island and the mainland.

To help identify the skills necessary to perform most WinLink tasks, our Technical and Training Team has put together a set of

Proficiency Goals. These goals serve as a roadmap to help you become a more capable WinLink operator. We have looked at the important tasks necessary for passing traffic in WinLink and placed them into three categories. They are Basic Operator, Independent Operator and Advanced Operator. The proficiency goals define a specific set of skills for each level and associate those skills with training resources available online for you to learn about WinLink and practice your skills. The Proficiency Goals are attached for your reference.

In our first session, over 90 participants were using Telnet. It's great to see that more operators are able to connect to WinLink using RF. Last week, 60 Telnet replies were received. Some of you have questions about connecting to RF and our WinLink Technical Team has been able to help resolve many issues. Send your questions to winlinktech@redcross.org and one of our ARES or Red Cross WinLink pros will get back to you to help.

Interest in these WinLink sessions is growing and we are happy to provide an opportunity for hams across the country to practice and improve their WinLink skills. As we prepare for a nationwide joint exercise on November 14th, we would like to get a feel for where you are located. In week 1 we learned how to use the WinLink Net Check-In form. We are going to use that same form this week and ask that everyone provide us with their GPS coordinates for us to map the distribution of amateur operators across Red Cross divisions.

There are a couple of options available to you when reporting GPS coordinates. One of the most popular formats expresses the latitude and longitude in a decimal format. For detailed information or explanations of

GPS coordinates, there are lots of sites on the internet you can visit. Try [visiting this site for an overview or quick refresher](#).

Some radios have a built-in GPS receiver that can determine your GPS coordinates as long as you have a clear view of the sky and the satellites that are the backbone of the system. Check your owner's manual for detailed information on how to find your location if your radio offers this capability.

There are several ways to determine the GPS coordinates for a given location if you don't have a dedicated GPS device or a radio equipped with GS functionality. One of the easiest methods is to visit a website like [GPS Coordinates Converter](#) and enter an address.

Whichever method you choose, simply enter the decimal degrees for your location in the appropriate block labeled "Decimal GPS Coordinates" on the Net Check-In form. Be sure to use a comma to separate latitude and longitude and don't forget to include the minus sign (-) before the longitude.

Now go ahead and open the instructions for WinLink Thursday #5 and follow the directions to submit your WinLink Check-In with GPS coordinates to your Divisional Clearinghouse.

Have a happy WinLink Thursday!

WinLink Technical Team -
winlinktech@redcross.org

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Editor: [Brian Moran, N9ADG](#)

October 28, 2020

"Roger That"

Roger "indicates that a message was heard and understood" while the "that" part refers to the message. According to Dictionary.com, "Roger was brought into the spotlight in part due to public broadcasts of NASA's Apollo missions in the 1960s." (Ward, N0AX)

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

Dr. Scott Wright, K0MD, current editor of *NCJ, the National Contest Journal*, was the presenter at the September 2020 online meeting of the Lake Cumberland Amateur Radio Association. The title of his presentation is "[From Lake Cumberland to Lake Wobegon: The K0MD Journey](#)." A bit of trivia: Scott's novice callsign prefix was WD4. Scott talks about his "career" in Amateur Radio, then transitions to a discussion of

antennas, finishing with **thoughts on how a radio club can encourage more HF contesting activity among its members.**

Gerry, W1VE, presented "[RS-232 Nirvana for the Radio Contester](#)" to the Deep Dixie Contest Club on October 22, 2020. Gerry concentrates on serial port servers, and how they can be of benefit in local and remote applications.

Don, WD8DSB, [found an RFI source affecting 160-meters from almost a quarter mile away](#). The source was a bad PC power supply! The RFI was so bad that the neighbor was hearing it in the speakers attached to the computer, and had already purchased a replacement, but hadn't installed it. (via [RFI mailing list](#))

RESULTS AND RECORDS

Ed, W0YK, announces the preliminary results NA RTTY Sprint are [available on the NCJ website](#). Log Checking Reports (LCRs) are available by email request. (W0YK via email)

"Final results of the 2020 Kansas QSO Party have been posted to the [KSQP web site](#). We had 665 logs (including 45 FT8 logs) submitted for a combined 83,327 QSOs made with our 140 Kansas operators. With a 49% increase in QSOs and a 58% increase in submitted logs, we enjoyed the same increased activity that many other QSO parties reported.

For an unbelievable tenth year in a row, John/N6MU in California swept all 105 counties running low power to a vertical antenna. That record will be hard to beat! This year, 59 1x1 call operators participated by spelling KANSAS, SUNFLOWER, QSOPARTY and YELLOWBRICKROAD, and 115 stations spelled all four words. KI6RRN

worked 57 1x1 ops, and four stations worked 56 1x1 ops.

To honor our medical heroes who help us get through the COVID-19 pandemic, three 1x1 operators running low-power portable 'M for Medical' calls provided a find and work challenge. We're awarding our monogrammed KSQP sweatshirts and T-shirts to 7 of the 73 operators who qualified for the drawing.

K9XN in Indiana posted this video of his contact with one of our 1x1 ops. Our log database shows he worked two other 1x1 ops as well. The combination of portable "QRP" and unique antenna "mount" is a sight to behold. I sent several emails thanking him for the post, but they didn't make it through his spam filter. If anyone knows Nick, have him contact me for a surprise gift from the Kansas QSO Party!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLT6ik-2eCo>

Thanks to all who participated. Keep the Kansas QSO Party in mind for 2021!" - 73, Bob, W0BH, KSQP Coordinator

TECHNICAL TOPICS AND INFORMATION

The [FreqEZ Project](#) is a band decoder that can help with automating the appropriate selection of antennas, filters, based on BCD band data from a radio connection, or from UDP broadcasts from *N1MM Logger+* and *DXLab Commander*. A small desktop utility for Microsoft Windows is also available which shows status or allows the manual selection of antennas. Larry now offers a ready-made Raspberry Pi HAT board that provides all of the capabilities of the original hardware design, but on a single board that stacks on top of the Raspberry Pi.



N1MM Logger+ has gained better [AutoHotKey](#) support, courtesy of Andy, KU7T. With the recent changes, the [logging program can be queried by AHK](#) for radio information like frequency, transmit status, and so forth, for greater automation. The N1MM Logger+ development team also uses AHK to exercise the logging program's functionality in the development and release process.



From the CWops Reflector:

CWops-SKCC common members list

From: [Barry K2MF](#)

Date: Sat, 24 Oct 2020 13:47:28 EDT

Hello everyone...

My guess is that the two most active CW clubs in the U.S. are CWops (2726 membership numbers assigned to 2724 hams, 2 unassigned) and SKCC (23222 membership numbers assigned to 23202 hams, 20 unassigned).

Today, Saturday October 24 2020, these two clubs attained a milestone by reaching 1,000 hams who have been assigned membership numbers in both clubs. In addition to these, there have been 43 hams who were also assigned membership numbers in both clubs and who are now sadly, silent keys.

There is a spreadsheet list of those who have had membership numbers assigned in both clubs that is automatically manufactured from a local DB which I maintain that contains a list of all membership numbers in each club.

I have stored this file in a shared Dropbox folder which may be accessed for viewing and downloading only using this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/j7myn8qgf2uor76/AACmDo66P1-lbHrG32iep1U2a?dl=0>

The spreadsheet is located in the file [CWops-SKCC Members Data.xls](#) and it may be opened online by web your browser on the Dropbox site, or, locally by MS Office Excel 97-2003 (or later) and any version of Libre Office Calc or Open Office Calc.

Documentation and sorting instructions for the alphabetical call sign listing in this spreadsheet is located in the file [CWops-SKCC Members Data](#)

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.

Instructions.doc and it may be opened online by your web browser on the Dropbox site, or, locally by MS Office Word 97-2003 or later, Libre Office Writer or Open Office Writer.

There are also some other files in this folder which I find useful and everyone else is welcome to view and/or download them as well.

Enjoy!

73 Barry K2MF
CWops #1253

CW Sweepstakes!

From: Craig K9CT

Date: Sat, 07 Nov 2020 09:29:37 EST

This is a great weekend! Lots of great cw in one of the best contests of the year. I will be looking for CWops members! You are the best operators and the exchange will be fun. See you on the air later today and all day tomorrow.

73, Craig K9CT, #276

Re: CW Sweepstakes!

From: KE8G

Date: Sat, 07 Nov 2020 09:52:35 EST

Yes, looking forward to working all y'all !!

Have fun, and as Hank says, "CW exuberantly"

73 de Jim - KE8G

CWops #1616

W6SFM Bug Roundup Event is Coming, Save the Date

From: SF@w6sfm.com

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 2020 00:34:16 EST

Announcing W6SFM's BUG ROUNDUP

Have you seen, the solar flux numbers are up in the 90s!

The Samuel F. Morse Amateur Radio Club, a Sacramento, California based CW enthusiast club wanted a special time to bring bug operators together on the air. In the same spirit as ARRL's Straight Key Night, participants are encouraged to make simple, conversational, "chewing-the-fat" QSOs using their bug type key. This is an opportunity to exercise, share and exhibit your personalized fist. This is NOT a contest. However, there is a very easy and quick requested signup form that can be found at <https://w6sfm.com/bug-roundup/>. Once you have read the page, and optionally registered for the event simply Call "CQ BR" so folks know you are a Bug Roundup Participant. So lets grab that **bug**, clean those contacts, and let'er fly! We want to hear that "Banana Boat / Lake Erie Swing" or that commercial KPH/WCC quality fist.

Reserve the date! The event begins on Saturday November 21st (00:00 UTC) and concludes Sunday Nov. 22nd (23:59 UTC), 2020
That's 4:00 PM Friday (Nov. 20th) afternoon until 3:59 PM Pacific Time Sunday (Nov. 22nd Pacific LOCAL Time).

For more information, to register your station, and to help assist in spotting, potentially increasing QSOs, an **On-line chat window** link can be found near the bottom of Bug Roundup home page located at <https://w6sfm.com/bug-roundup/> We hope to hear you all on the air! 73,

W6SFM



Member and Station News:

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

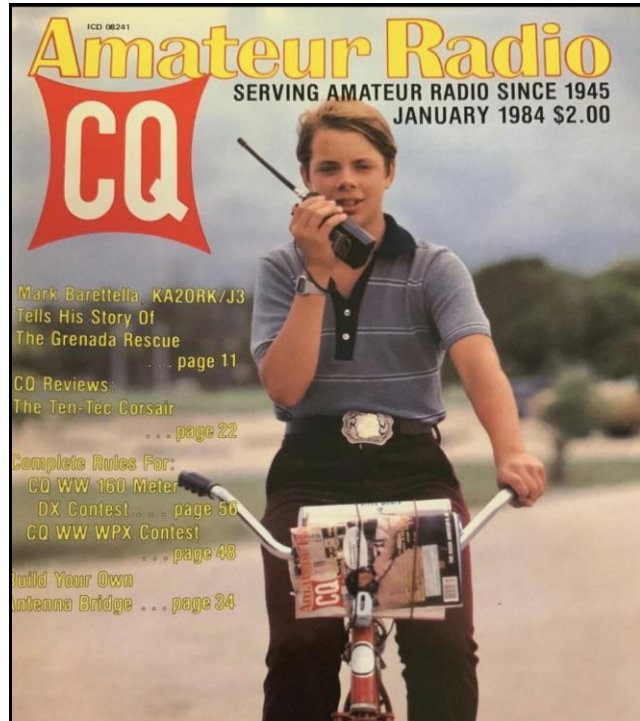
Just snap a pix of your station, antennas, mobile installation, etc. and send it in!

Email W1QK received from NK4O on November 9:

Andrew (A.J.) Stockton <ajstockton@me.com>
To: w1qk@snet.net
 Sun, Nov 8 at 8:30 PM

No confirmation needed!!! Confirmed already on LOTW, QRZ, & HRDLOG. **TU for the Sweepstakes contact** during Tropical Storm Eta in South Florida. Crazy conditions but still fun! 73 de A.J.QSL from NK4O

To start, this is me in 1984 (14 years old) . [N5FUS]



Below: 2020 Summer Field Day with my DAD [AG0K] (ANDREWS SC) - 800 QSO's during COVID - I flew up from Miami. A great delayed Father's Day weekend!

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TU for Sweepstakes contact | Tropical Storm Eta | LOTW & HRDLOG



Example of very creative and interactive QSL "card" design utilizing technology integration. The following excerpt is from Andrew's QRZ.com page. Check it out.

Thanks for checking out my page. I continue to update over time, so be sure to page down to the end before leaving!

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Schedule**

The latest episode of the *On the Air* podcast (Episode 10) includes an interview with ARRL Lifelong Learning Manager Kris Bickell, K1BIC, about ARRL's new "Learning Network" webinars.



The latest edition of the *Eclectic Tech* podcast (Episode 19) will discuss radiosondes and how hams can receive their telemetry, in addition to a discussion about power supplies with Bob Allison, WB1GCM, of the ARRL Lab.

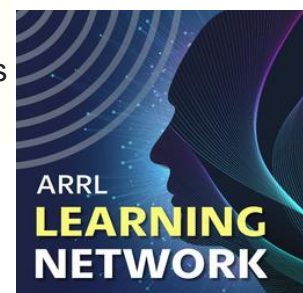
The *On the Air* and *Eclectic Tech* podcasts are sponsored by Icom. Both podcasts are available on iTunes (iOS) and Stitcher (Android), as well as on Blubrry -- [On the Air](#) | [Eclectic Tech](#).

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Webinars**

ARRL members may visit the Learning Network website to [register](#) for upcoming sessions and to view previously recorded sessions. The schedule is subject to change.

**How to Get Started in Amateur Radio
Contesting: Anthony Luscre, K8ZT**

Why do hams contest? How would I benefit from contesting? What do I need to get started in contesting? What are good contests for beginners? Where can I learn more? This session will answer all of these questions and more.



Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 10 AM
PST/1 PM EST (1800 UTC)

**Learn and Have Fun with Morse Code:
Howard Bernstein, WB2UZE, and Jim
Crites, W6JIM**

Morse code, or "CW," is a popular ham radio operating mode. Learning CW does not have to be an arduous or lonely experience. Learn, practice, and enjoy CW with the methods used by the Long Island CW Club.

Thursday, December 17, 2020, 5 PM
PST/8 PM EST (0100 UTC on Friday,
December 18)

1 10' Push Up Canopy with sidewalls and leg weights \$50.00

- 1 Camp Chair \$25.00
- 1 Skeleton sleeve antenna 80/40 M \$40.00
- 1 Skeleton sleeve antenna 20/15 M \$30.00
- 1 Skeleton sleeve antenna 10/6 M \$20.00
- 1 ICOM IC-756 Pro III Transceiver \$800.00
- 1 Go-Kit with following Equipment \$1,200.00
ICOM IC-7000 Transceiver, LDG IT-100,
Yaesu FT-8900, Kantronics KPC-3+,
West Mountain Powergate, West Mountain
Rigrunner

Contact: Roger – NG1R; 203- 241-0478 or
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1	West Mountain Radio TARGETuner	\$120.00
1	440 Cushcraft Ringo Ranger	\$50.00

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Editor: Dan Fegley, W1QK
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CARA Standing Committees:

Updated: November 11, 2020 by W1QK

A brief word from our editor...

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

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

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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>

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 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:

Youth Committee:

Committee Chairman: Keith Iwanicki -W1KRI
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

CARA Capers:

Monthly newsletter staff

CARA Capers Editor:
Dan Fegley – W1QK

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

THE POWER OF TEAMWORK:

Video Motivasi – Kerjasama Team (Team Work)
<https://youtu.be/oqRX02uhicc>



Preliminary CARA 2020/2021 Calendar

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

- November 13 - Monthly meeting via Zoom – Presentation by Gordon West
27 - Monthly planning meeting via Zoom
- December 11 - Monthly meeting via Zoom. Presentation by Phil Temples, K9HI, newly appointed ARRL New England Division Vice-Director
- January 8 - Bill Acito, W1PA, Intro to Working Satellites.
22- Monthly planning meeting via Zoom





War Memorial, Danbury

A collection of monuments near the [War Memorial](#) community center and gym in Danbury honor the service and sacrifice of local veterans and war heroes.

The War Memorial, built in 1951 near the entrance to Rogers Park, was dedicated “to honor the dead [and] to serve the living.” The facility offers recreational facilities and community events, and the grounds in front of the building feature memorials to the World Wars, Vietnam and Korea, and honor two local recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Near the War Memorial entrance are five plaques honoring those who served in the major wars since World War I. Starting at the visitor’s left, the first plaque bears the dedication “In honor of the men and women of Danbury who served in World War II 1941-1945 The memory of these departed heroes always lives,” and lists the names of 103 residents lost in the war.



The next monument to the right lists a dozen names of people from Danbury and surrounding towns who died in the Korean War.

In the center of the monument collection is a plaque dedicated “In honor of the men and women of Danbury who served in the World War 1917-1919 And in memory of these men who made the supreme sacrifice for liberty.” The plaque lists the names, service affiliation, and the

date and location of death, of 35 men. The nearby Vietnam memorial lists the names of 59 men from Danbury and other towns who were killed or reported missing in the war.

The monument on the visitor's far right also honors World War I veterans, and was erected by the Danbury High School alumni association to honor graduates who served in the war. Four columns of names are listed, and three graduates who died in the war are honored separately on the plaque (as well as on the other World War I memorial).



Near the north end of the grounds in front of the War Memorial is a 1988 monument honoring the service of men and women from the region in the Vietnam War. The monument is topped by a statue of an infantry soldier cradling a young girl. The soldier is mounted on a granite base with three bronze plaques.

The central plaque lists the names of 47 men from Danbury and the towns of Bethel, Brookfield, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding and Ridgefield who were lost in the conflict. The plaque on the left depicts a map of Vietnam and service medals, and the right plaque depicts a medical evacuation scene.

We were impressed at the gesture made by Danbury veterans to honor their colleagues from neighboring towns on the Vietnam and Korea monuments.

Source: <http://ctmonuments.net/tag/danbury/>