



Capers July - 2025

The Monthly Newsletter of The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association Mailing Address: 120 Fire Hill Road Ridgefield CT 06877. Visit us on the Web at http://www.cararadioclub.org

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Monthly Program/Activity Meeting: Thursday, July 10

In-person at Stony Hill Vol. Fire Dept., Rte. 6, Bethel

Doors open at 7:00 pm. Meeting begins promptly at 7:30 pm.

ARRL 2025 Field Day Follow up





Elmer Night



Welcome

- o Pledge of Allegiance
- Attendee Introductions

Announcements

- Program/Activities Meetings moving to 2nd Thursday of month at 7:30 SHFD
- o Business Meetings moving to 4th Thursday of month on TEAMS
- Good of the Order

• July Program/Activity

- o ARRL 2025 Field Day Follow Up
- o Elmer Night

Our July Program/Activity meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10 at 7:30pm at the Stony Hill FD.

We are going to discuss Field Day Follow up. It will be an Elmer Night.

[CARAW1QI] Thursday 7:30pm CARA Program Meeting at Stony Hill FD

John W1JMA

From:w1jma@w1qi.org To:caraw1qi@groups.io

Tue, Jul 8 at 7:41 AM

This month we will have the Elmer night. Please bring your questions or anything you have been working on for a show and tell. Doors open 7pm...

Our annual election of Officers and Directors was conducted at the June 26 Business Meeting Thank you to those CARA members who were reelected/elected to a two-year term.

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CARA Has been an ARRL Affiliated Club since 1946 – 79 Years in 2025



CARA is an ARRL-Designated
Special Service Club
ARRL SSC recognition renewal
application approved: March 2024

June 19 - Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

de CARA Secretary/Treasurer, John Ahle - W1JMA



CARA Business Meeting Minutes June 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Bud - W1NSK at 7:30 pm. There was a quorum, with 14 members in attendance.

The May minutes and treasury report as printed in CAPERS were accepted and approved.

POTA this month at Lovers Leap. July POTA is not yet determined.

Old Business: The slate of officers as recommended by the current board of directors is:

President: Bud W1NSK

Vice President: John W1JGM

Secretary: John W1JMA

Treasurer: John WJMA

Directors: Rosty W2ROS, Dave – WA1JGA, Steve W1SMS

The floor was open for any additional nominations. There were no floor nominations. The nominations were closed. A motion was made and approved for the secretary to cast the ballot for the slate of officers to serve from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

New Business: Peter Cimino president of the Greater Bridgeport ARC will be coming to the next July meeting.

There was a discussion about having a get together for the local area clubs at a local park for a Subs and Soda like the event held by the Hudson Valley 80M Net.

Jon Bernon - AJ1U, and his VE Team are willing to continue doing the VE testing and Jon will transcribe to the new VE process for the ARRL.

The meeting closed at 7:45 pm to allow for the Field Day Program.

John Ahle - W1JMA and John Morelli -W1JGM, reviewed the planning details for the upcoming ARRL Field Day event.

Dan Fegley – W1QK, presented a N1MM Logger + Refresher with specific statistics from CARA's 2025 ARRL Field Day. Included were suggestions about using keyboard shortcuts and programming function keys for CW messages when operating followed by some Q&A.

Photos from CARA's 2024 ARRL FD where reviewed.

The June POTA is Saturday 6/21 at Lovers Leap State Park in New Milford. Start time is 10:00 am.

The June Pasta night is June 17th at 6pm.

The next CARA program meeting is Thursday June 12th at 7:30pm Stony Hill FD.

The next CARA business meeting is Thursday June 26th at 7:30 pm on TEAMS.

The meeting was closed at 8:10pm.

CARA Treasury Report June 30, 2025

Full Member Dues \$895 Income:

\$ 175.05 Income: Interest Income

Donations \$10 Income: Sale of Donated EQ (net) Income:

\$628.05

Club Table at Hamfests Income:

\$3926

Total Income: \$5634.10

PayPal Fees \$20.19 Expense:

Expense: Website/Hosting Fees

\$46.34

Expense: Repeater Maintenance

\$399.45

Insurance \$305 Expense: 2022 Hamfest \$ 50 Expense:

FD Pins \$77.62 Expense:

Total Expense: \$898.60

Net Income for Period \$4735.50

Cash: Checking-Unrestricted \$9857.12

Cash: Checking-Restricted \$425

Cash: Petty \$50 Certificates of Deposit-USB \$10,225.20

Total Cash/Investments

Balance: \$20557.32 Prepaid Field Day Food \$142

Number of full members: 55
Associate members: 0
Auxiliary members: 2



Field Day Preparations

Thursday, June 12 Meeting 7:30 Stony Hill FD

These were the proposed assignments for this year's Field Day organization:

Food logistics: Susie – KC1QVE and David KB1ZAC

Antennas: Dan Thill – N2DGT, John – W1GM, John – W1JMA, David KB1ZAC

Rigs: Ed and Steve, both currently have 756 Pro 3

Computers, wired network, logging
N1MM Logger +: Harlan – W1QH and
Dave- K1SZO

FD Public Relations: Bud – W1NSK

Safety Officer: Rosty – W2ROS

FD Bonus Points/score submission & statistics: Dan – W1QK, John - W1JGM, Harlan – W1QH

Sign-up Sheet Process: John – W1JMA



Weekly CARA Sunday club NETS:

Informal 10M Net: 28.390 MHz. USB 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Net Control: John – W1JMA

The CARA Net: W1QI 2M FM Repeater – 7:30 nm

Net Controls: David - KB1ZAC, Charlie - KC1IBR, Dan – N2DGT

Contact John – W1JMA or David – KB1ZAC respectively if you would like to be a CARA 10M or 2M Net Control Operator.



Upcoming Contests, Hamfests Events & Meetings:

July 10: CARA Monthly Program/Activity Meeting. In-person at Stony Hill Vol.

Fire Dept. Rte. 6 in Bethel. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Gavel at 7:30. Field Day Summary, Elmer Night

July 12-13: IARU HF World Championship

July 15: Monthly CARA Pasta Night Dinner Vespucci Italian-American club in
Danbury on Vespucci Dr. Price reduced
for 2025 from \$12 to \$10 cash.
Bread/butter, salad, bowl of pasta with
homemade sauce. Pasta refill included.
Cash bar for soda, wine, and beer.
Gather at 6:00 pm.

No reservations required.



July 19: Monthly CARA POTA event at Lovers Leap State Park, New Milford 1000 am - 3:00 -pm.

July 19-20: CQWW VHF Digital Contest NAQP RTTY Contest

July 22: CT ARES Region 5 Monthly meeting via TEAMS.

July 24: CARA Monthly Planning meeting on TEAMS – 7:30 pm

July 26: Alabama QSO Party

July 9, 16, 23, 30 CWops CWT contest - 1300Z & 1900Z Wednesday, and 0300Z (Thursday)

https://cwops.org/cwopstests/https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/ July 10, 17, 24, 31: Weekly RTTY Test https://radiosport.world/wrt.html

August 7: August 2025 Capers input deadline: w1qk@snet.net

Upcoming Hamfests:

Northern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club Hamfest

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

08/17/2025

Start Date: 08/17/2025 **End Date:** 08/17/2025

Location: Adams Agricultural Fairgrounds

371 Old Columbia St. Adams, MA 01220

Website: http://www.nobarc.org

Sponsor: Northern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest Talk-In: 146.91- tone 162.2

Public Contact: Eric Mazur , KA1SUN

763 Main Rd. Savoy, MA 01256

Phone: 413-743-9975 Email: k1ffk@yahoo.com

Northeast HamXposition, ARRL New England Division Convention

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

08/21/2025

Start Date: 08/21/2025 **End Date:** 08/24/2025

Location: Best Western Marlborough, MA

181 Boston Post Road W. Marlborough, MA 01752

Website: http://hamxposition.org

Sponsor: FEMARA, Inc. **Type:** ARRL Convention

Talk-In: MMRA linked repeater system **Public Contact:** Bob DeMattia , K1IW PO Box 2192 Littleton, MA 01460

Phone: 978-572-0712

Email: k1iw@hamxposition.org

MBARC Fall Fest

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/14/2025

Start Date: 09/14/2025 **End Date:** 09/14/2025

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall

339 NY Rt 82 Please consider bringing a donation of a non-perishable can (coffee, dry goods, etc.) for

the Veterans Food Bank. Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 **Website:** http://wr2abb.org **Sponsor:** Mount Beacon ARC

Type: ARRL Hamfest Talk-In: 146.97 100 Hz

Public Contact: Adam Nowik Jr , AE2AN 106 Boardman Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Phone: 845-849-3666 Email: AE2AN@aol.com

Nutmeg Hamfest, ARRL Connecticut State Convention

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

10/12/2025

Start Date: 10/12/2025 **End Date:** 10/12/2025

Location: Francis T. Maloney High School

121 Gravel Street Meriden, CT 06450

Website: http://nutmeghamfest.com

Sponsor: Meriden Amateur Radio Club/Nutmeg

Hamfest Alliance

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: W1NRG/R 147.36 MHz PL162.2 +600

ΚHz

Public Contact: Edward Snyder , W1YSM Meriden Amateur Radio Club; POB 583 Meriden,

CT 06450

Phone: 203-214-1745 **Email:** W1YSM@arrl.net

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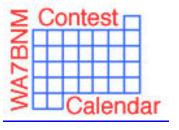
https://www.3830scores.com/index.php



Use this link to access the WA7BNM

Contest Calendar website:

https://www.contestcalendar.com/index.html



<u>Listing of State QSO Parties:</u>
https://www.contestcalendar.com/stateparties.php

CARA 2025

Ham Exam Schedule



CARA 2025 Amateur radio exams:

Subject: VE Testing dates for 2025 at the Stony Hill Firehouse in 2025.

All sessions are on Saturdays at 11:30 am.

September 6, 2025 December 6, 2025 Test takers need to register in advance by emailing ajlu@arrl.net with their name, the test they wish to take, and a contact phone number.

Thanks, 73, Jon Bernon - AJ1U CARA Volunteer Examiner Session Coordinator

CT ARES Information:



Statewide Weekly ARES Net: KB1AEV/NA1RA (NARA) linked repeaters: Sunday @ 8:00 pm

Statewide Weekly DMR Net: DMR repeaters: Sunday @ 8:30 pm

The CT ARES Region 5 South monthly meeting is held on the last Tuesday of the month – currently via TEAMS. Next meeting is April

Send an email inquiry to Harlan Ford – W1QH, Region 5 DEC if you would like to learn more about CT ARES or be added to the distribution for CT ARES announcements and links to CT ARES meetings via TEAMS.

hford01@snet.net

Visit this website to learn more about CT ARES, the weekly 2M FM nets, and Win Link Wednesday:

http://www.ctares.org/

Next CT ARES WinLink Wednesday: Wednesday, August 6

de John - KB1LYP

KB1OVQ, Newtown EOC will be hosting Win Link Wednesday, August 6 - the first Wednesday of the month.
We look forward to your submissions.
John - KB1LYP and the rest of the KB1OVQ Newtown EOC Crew.



CT ARES Winlink Wednesday

Put your 2M FM Winlink Packet station on the air to participate in the monthly CT ARES Winlink Wednesday message practice session. Try to use the W1SP nodes in our area:

W1SP-6 LITCCT Litchfield 145.650 FN31JR

W1SP-7 NHAVCT Oxford 145.630 FN31JK

W1SP-8 FAIRCT Bridgeport 145.690 FN31JE

KX1EOC-10 Danbury EOC Greater Danbury Area 145.630



Editor: Rick Palm, K1CE

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- ARES Group Registration
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https://portal.ct.gov/DEMHS/Emergency-Management/Resources-For-Officials/Regional-Offices/Towns-by-Region

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The Hon. W. Craig Fugate - Former Administrator, US Department of Homeland Security, FEMA





"Tuning in together"

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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.

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August issue input deadline: Thursday, Aug. 7

A brief word from our editor ...

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

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

Ideas for, and contributions to the CAPERS should be submitted to: wlgk@snet.net.

Submissions must be received no later than the date indicated in the preceding month of issue, *unless otherwise specified*.

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

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

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

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Announcements of events are for informational purposes and do not necessarily constitute an endorsement by CARA. No responsibility for accuracy is assumed by the CARA Capers editor or newsletter staff.

CARA Merch: Update

In July 2024, Dan - N2DGT, made a motion to allow JSC Embroidery to set up a CARA website for CARA members to purchase hats, shirts, mugs, etc. with the CARA logo at no cost to CARA.

CARA will notify the membership of this opportunity monthly via CAPERS. The motion was seconded and approved. The link to the website is below.

Dan – N2DGT

https://www.jse-repair.com/product-category/club-apparel/candlewood-amateur-radio-association/





Photos: W1QK





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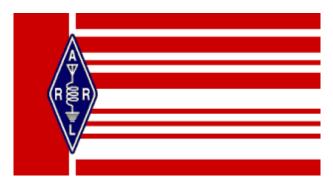
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The CW Operators' Club cwops.org

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

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

To become a member of CWops: https://cwops.org/membership/





Editor: Messages from the CWos Reflector with credit to all contributors.

MESSAGES:

5a[CWops] Our gift from N4NTO (SK)

. From: Jack Schuster

Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2025 16:23:51 EDT

I thought this was worth passing along. Tripp was setting up a POTA station on July 4 in a Revolutionary war cemetery, when his telescoping mast apparently hit a power line and he was killed.

----- Forwarded message ------

From: James Jordan

via groups.io <k4qpl2=gmail.com@groups.io

>

Date: Sat, Jul 5, 2025 at 12:46 PM

Subject: [CWops] Our gift from N4NTO (SK)

To: CWOPS < main@cwops.groups.io >

I have no words to add to the grief, sadness, stunned feelings and horror at the untimely death of Tripp, but I'm sure we all feel them.

What I also believe is that had Tripp survived this incident, he would have forever been reminding us of the dangers inherent in our hobby. With utmost respect for those grieving his passing, we must honor his sacrifice by talking about safety with others as I'm sure Tripp would have done.

Every avocation--flying, scuba diving, hunting, biking, surfing and countless others have unique risks which all who participate accept with the best intentions of avoiding the results. Ham radio is no different and we joyfully go forward regardless. That is how it should be. But to manage the risks, we need constant reminders of the dangers lurking. A

friend being caught is the worst reminder there is but one that we will always remember. Electricity and humanity have a symbiotic relationship. It powers our brains and nervous systems; the countless domestic and industrial uses have created our civilizations. Voltage is the pressure which makes electricity seek a path to ground or lower pressure and the higher the voltage, the higher the pressure. We contain it through transformers and various dielectrics which act as insulators. The unspoken dielectric of distribution systems is invisible--air. When that dielectric is breached, an uncontrolled rush of current follows the new path to ground.

And folks, that's where every year hundreds or thousands of plants, animals--and humans--are caught in that path with terrible consequences. There is ONLY ONE WAY to avoid the risk.

Observe your environment and keep your distance. I don't know the exact details of Tripp's encounter and we don't need to know. But Tripp would be the first to tell us if he could--Keep everything, masts and even small wires at least twice the fall distance from power lines--no matter what. Nothing justifies even a small risk.

To repeat, we can't bring Tripp back, but we can honor his life and his message to us to guard and protect others in ham radio from a similar fate.

73.

Jim, K4QPL CWops #244

DUNN, N.C. (**WTVD**) -- A man is dead after authorities said he was electrocuted in a cemetery in Harnett County.

Emergency crews responded to calls about an unconscious person at the Chicora Civil War Cemetery on NC Highway 82.

When fire crews arrived, authorities said they found a man on the ground with his foot touching a ham radio mast under a set of power lines.

First responders were not able to get to the man because of the possibility that the power lines were energized. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators said they believe the man was trying to raise the mast to use the ham radio when it hit the power lines and electrocuted him.



FW: Thank you for the plaque sponsorship

From: N3JT Jim #1

Date: Mon. 07 Jul 2025 07:52:53 EDT

------- Original message ------From: Mike <mike@n4gu.com>
Date: 7/7/25 7:36 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: gw0etf@btinternet.com,
johnglover66@yahool.com, Jim Talens
<jtalens@verizon.net>, craig@k9ct.us

Cc: Dave Collins <davetct@gmail.com>, John Dorr

cqk1ar@gmail.com

Subject: Thank you for the plaque sponsorship

On behalf of the team at AG4TT, we would like to thank CWops for sponsoring the Multi-single LP USA plaque in CQWW CW which we were fortunate to win.

Your sponsorship is much appreciated and we're happy to report that all members of the AG4TT team are CWops members and supportive of the activities of CWops.

This was the first CQWW plaque for the members of our team and we are all very proud to receive it. Sadly, we have to report that one of our team members, Tripp, N4NTO, has become a silent key due to a tragic accident during a POTA activation. He did not get to enjoy seeing the plaque before his accident, but we know that he was thrilled to know that we had received it. The plaque will hang proudly at AG4TT and be dedicated to his memory.

Again we thank CWops for their plaque sponsorship and all the other activities you engage in to promote and encourage cw activity.

73,

Dave Collins (N4CWZ #2407) Mike Barts (N4GU #737) Tripp Owens (N4NTO #2821)(SK)

FW: Re: [PVRC] N4NTO, SK

From: N3JT Jim #1

Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2025 22:21:58 EDT

The link below produced a video for me but when forwarded may not. The news report said he apparently was alone trying to raise an antenna mast when it came in contact with a power line.

----- Original message -----

From: Bill Haddon haddon.bill@gmail.com

Date: 7/4/25 8:28 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Reflector PVRC <pvrc@mailman.qth.net>

Subject: Re: [PVRC] N4NTO, SK

Here is the news report from a local NC TV station. Ironically Tripp was in a cemetery when this happened.

The CPSC reports 300 deaths, 35 per year from electrocution during raising/ lowering antenna masts between 1990 and 1998.

There had been major storms through NC the day before—so possible, for example that a tree branch broke unexpectedly. Very unlikely that Tripp was at fault—probably an unexpected and certainly unanticipated event

73 Bill N6ZFO

On Jul 4, 2025, at 6:17 PM, Russ Johnson <radiok3pi@gmail.com> wrote:

Oh my gosh. This is horrible horrible news. I never met Tripp in person, but he got me on a few PVRC NC teams, and we emailed from time to time. He was very helpful in describing his portable station and answered questions I had.

Although we never met, I feel like I've lost a friend. We could always count on Tripp having a "grand time" no matter what contest it was or how many points he made.

73 and RIP OM,

Russ K3Pi

On Jul 4, 2025, at 6:03 PM, Vic Culver <culvervic@gmail.com> wrote:

NOT GOOD! I can't understand how this could have happened. Must have been a hidden line, or something different from what we understand from this kind of an accident. Tripp was too good for the common situation to have ever happened. Not a close friend, but I was communicating with him only yesterday. I know him to be one of the real strong PVRC assets. He will be missed by all, certainly.

Kind thoughts and prayers for the family, who are obviously devastated. We are all shocked by the sudden tragedy for sure.

RIP Tripp, N4NTO

On Fri, Jul 4, 2025 at 4:31 PM Mark Griffin pastormg2@gmail.com> wrote:

I have known Tripp when I joined in 2022. So sorry to hear what happened. Prayers for his family during this difficult time.

Mark Griffin kb3z

On Fri, Jul 4, 2025 at 4:26 PM Mike <mike@n4gu.com> wrote: One of our own, Tripp Owens, N4NTO, became a silent key this morning, July 4. Although some of the details of what happened are still unclear, we do know that Tripp was on a POTA activation and apparently the mast he was using came into contact with an overhead power line.

Tripp was an enthusiastic member of PVRC and an important part of the Corn Crib contest team, AG4TT, among his many other interests in life including his family and church.

Over the last four or five years, I had spent a great deal of time with Tripp, working on the station and sitting side by side with him in many contests. He was a passionate POTA activator and he died doing something he loved, for what cold comfort that may be. There should have been many more Qs in his log.

Please keep his family in your thoughts during this tragic time.

And remember to keep safety at the front of your mind whenever working on your station, wherever it may be.

We will miss him greatly.

Mike N4GU

Tripp my buddy N4nto SK From: Dave Collins

Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2025 08:14:09 EDT In Memory of Tripp, N4NTO CWops #2821

We lost a great man, a passionate ham operator, an avid contester, and a truly cherished friend on July 4th in a tragic accident. Tripp, N4NTO—as I always told my friends—was my "bromance." We texted all the time, several times a day. We just clicked, especially when it came to ham radio. There was an instant connection—something unspoken that just worked.

If a couple of days passed without hearing from him, I'd start to worry. Sure enough, he'd usually be out of town or called into

work. Something always came up—but he'd always get back to me.

Oddly enough, we only met once in person, and that was at Mike's (N4GU) station, "The Corn Crib" (AG4TT). But that didn't matter—our friendship was real.

Tripp was a POTA junkie—and I say that with a smile. He loved activating parks, game lands, or really anywhere listed on the Parks on the Air site. His excitement was infectious. He once told me, "It's like making your own contest." And honestly, it is. You get spotted, and then the pileup begins.

As he got more into POTA, it became more than just a quick contest for him—it became a mission. He was always chasing new activations, and he loved every minute of it. Looking at his stats on the POTA.app site, Tripp had activated 84 different parks and logged over 19,000 QSOs. Incredible.

I had Tripp set up on my HamAlert app. If he was heard by a W3, I knew I could work him. His usual CW spot was 7.041 MHz. He was also interested in WWFF (World Wide Flora and Fauna). I believe they use the .041 frequencies in each band's CW subbands, which made sense given his activity.

As for PVRC, Tripp was a contest nut—and I say that with the deepest admiration. If there was a contest, no matter how obscure, Tripp was in. I remember the first time I heard his catchphrase. I asked him, "You gonna operate in this contest?" and he said, "Do you know Hugh?"

I replied, "No, who's Hugh?"

He said, "Hugh damned right I'm entering it!"

That was Tripp in a nutshell. His enthusiasm was unmatched. Regardless of band conditions or results, every contest to him was "grand fun," as Mike (N4GU) reminded me recently.

On July 4th, Tripp told me he was headed out with a group from Fayetteville for "Potageddon"—his words. He said he was going for an "education," meeting up with the crew and planning to activate early.

At 6:22 AM, I texted him to ask when the first activation would be. He told me around 7:30. I said I'd be around. I had a grocery pickup at 8, and as usual, he'd text me when he was on frequency—7.041.

The RBN spotted him at 8:12 AM. I messaged that I'd be home soon and would work him then. But when I got back around 8:30, I didn't hear anything. I checked the POTA page—no new spots. I figured maybe they were switching operators or frequencies. I didn't think much of it and went on with my day.

Then, a little after 1 PM, I got a call from Mike. There had been an accident down east, and they feared it might be Tripp.

It couldn't be—I didn't want to believe it.

I got in touch with Mark (N4MQU), a close friend of Tripp's and someone I knew he was meeting that day. Later that afternoon, Mark confirmed the terrible news: Tripp had been in the accident and had been electrocuted.

We lost a lot yesterday. My heart breaks for his family, his friends, and for everyone whose life he touched. He truly was one of a kind. I'm going to miss him something awful. But one day, I'll see him again.

Until then, "Skippy"—best of 73, OM. Take care.

Dave, N4CWZ

Re: Tripp my buddy N4nto SK

From: Jim KK0U

Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2025 09:18:53 EDT I didn't know Tripp personally, but worked him a lot, both as an activator and a hunter, and of course in many contests. That's one of the friendly call signs I will definitely miss. Terrible news. RIP, OM.

73. Jim KK0U

Re: FW: Re: [PVRC] N4NTO, SK

From: Bob Conder

Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2025 09:49:08 EDT I didn't know Tripp personally but we were both members of PVRC and had worked him on CW

as he was an active POTA activator. He was activating a POTA Civil War Battlefield east of Raleigh.

No one is really sure what happened, as he was by himself, but somehow a push up pole or mast

came in contact with overhead electrical lines. It reminds me to be really careful and always do a site survey.

Prayers to his family and friends.

73 de K4RLC Bobby

Link to local newspaper article:

https://www.mydailyrecord.com/townnews/radio/ham-radio-enthusiast-dies-in-accident/article_05b28068-9ee0-49bb-9dc9-9af79bb073be.html

Jim, K4QPL CWOps #244



SILENT KEY

Ambrose "Tripp" L OWENS, III

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QSL: SK July 4, 2025

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Ham Member Lookups: 41048

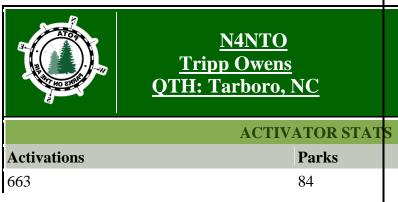


I've been a ham since 1985, and was very active for several years, then life happened and became inactive for a while. The bug re-struck, and I got active again. I enjoy HF contesting,

mostly CW. I am in PVRC, and contribute several small contest scores. I enjoy the weekly CWTs when work or sleep doesn't interfere, CW Ops, # 2821.

The home rig is an IC7610 with wire antennas. I have recently gotten into POTA, using an FT-897, 12ah Bioenno battery, and usually run 20 watts to an end fed half wave. The home park is K-6956, Tar River State Game Land. I have worked several other parks, with many more planned! I also use the FT-897 portable at our cottage on Albemarle Beach, NC.My picture up top is of me working from the picnic table on the porch of the cottage a few years ago. I have added a little gray hair since then!

Look forward to catching you on the air!



Source: QRZ.com



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

There are in excess of 400 contesters who are members of the club throughout New England, New York, and Canada.

YCCC has members who are some of the most proficient contest operators in the world.

Several CARA members are also members of the YCCC.

More information about the YCCC at: http://www.yccc.org/



Win Link 2M CT Packet Gateways - Submitted by W1QK:

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W1SP-5	MIDDCT	Haddam	145.69	FN31RK	2	Y
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Put your 2M FM Winlink Packet station on the air to participate in the monthly CT ARES Winlink Wednesday message practice session. Try to use the W1SP nodes in our area:

Source: https://ctares.org/data-comms-winlink-packet/

The W8ZY-10 gateway is back up in New Milford on 145.610. It is set up for 1200 baud packet and VARA. Please give it a try if you can and let me know how it works. Mike Walters W8ZY <w8zy@hotmail.com>



What is N1MM Logger +?



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

https://n1mmwp.hamdocs.com/downloads/n1mm-full-install/

WRT, the Weekly RTTY Test

Due to popular demand for a conventional (non-Sprint) weekly RTTY Test, starting Thursday evening Jan 4th (Friday Morning UTC) from 0145-0215Z we will hold a half-hour RTTY Contest. Rules are similar to the highly successful Wednesday CWT - notably unique callsigns are a multiplier. .

This standard format 30-minute RTTY test will allow us to stay on top of our game, test station upgrades in real contest conditions and most importantly keep RTTY alive and well.

We strongly encourage all operators, seasoned or new to RTTY to participate. Special note to new(er) RTTY ops, if you have any questions, comments or issues working the test please make a post on our <u>Facebook page for the Weekly RTTY Test (WRT)</u> Include details of your setup in your post, and we will be happy to assist you or find someone that can.

General Rules

- Held every Thursday night, 0145-0215Z (Friday UTC)
- Everyone Works Everyone

- Each unique call (once per session) is a multiplier
- 1 Point per QSO
- 10, 15, 20, 40, and 80 Meter bands
- 100-Watt (Low-Power) and 5-Watt (QRP) Categories.

Suggested Frequencies

• 3.585-3.590, 7.083-7.090, 14.083-14.090, 21.083-21.090, and 28.083-28.090 MHz

Exchange

- W/VE Name and State
- DX Name and Country Prefix

Logging

- N1MM users can use the WRT UDC module. (Most recently revised January 4, 2024). Right click on wrt.udc and save to your Documents\N1MM+ Logger\UserDefinedContests folder. Restart N1MM+ and create a new contest using WRT module.
- For other loggers without WRT support, we suggest using the NAQP contest. Ignore the logger's multiplier count; instead manually count unique callsigns per session for the multiplier.

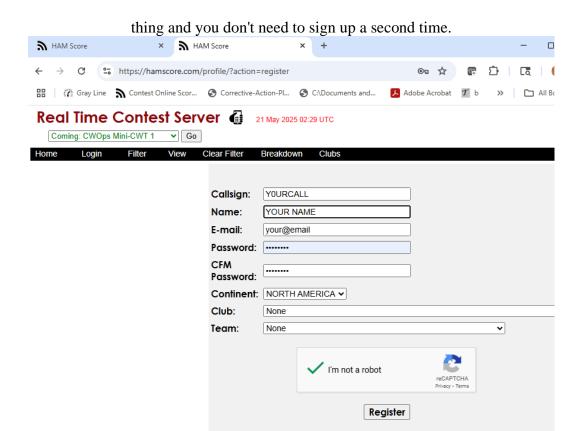
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Report your results on <u>3830scores.com</u>

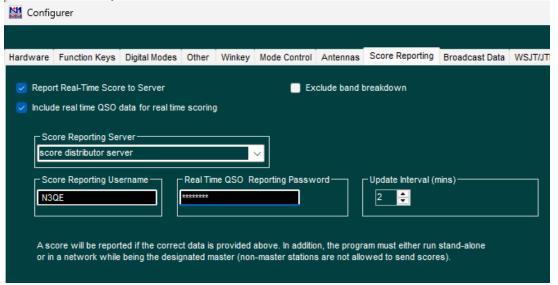
New! Hamscore real time log checking!

The Weekly RTTY Test is proud to be a supporter of <u>Hamscore.com</u>, the Real-Time Contest Server. To report your WRT QSOs to Hamscore with N1MM+, do the following:

1. Sign up for a Hamscore username/password at https://hamscore.com/profile/?action=register. Note that if you already have a Contestonlinescoreboard username/password that is the same



2. In N1MM click on Config, Config Ports, Score Reporting. Check the box for "Report Real-Time Score to Server" and also "Include real time QSO data for real time scoring. Set Score Reporting Server to "score distributor server", type your callsign in "Score Reporting Username", and your Hamscore username and Password.



3. Now start a new WRT Contest with File, New Log, WRT. Make sure you type your name and state into the exchange box.

Ticketing is now available for HamX '25, to be held **August 21 through 25** at the **Best Western Hotel and Conference Center** in **Marlborough, Mass.**

Tickets to the Friday DX/Contest dinner, as well as the convention, are available <u>online here</u>.

We have special news concerning our Friday DXCC dinner:



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The HamXposition Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Tim Duffy and the DX Engineering team for their generosity! your content.



The IC-7610 will be the major door prize for the Friday DXCC Dinner, which is featuring well-known international DX'er/Contester Ned Stearns, AA7A. Ned will talk about Remote DXpeditioning and the Radio-In-a-Box (RIB) technology.



CARA 2025 ARRL Field Day Event

June 28-29, 2025

Ball Pond Volunteer Fire Dept. New Fairfield, CT

Photos/images contributed by Harlan Ford – W1QH, Stephanie Fuda – KC1UZC, Dan Thill – N2DGT, John Morelli – W1JGM, David Teagarden – KB1ZAC





























































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Interested in Amateur Radio? Come visit the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA) this weekend, June 28-29 at the Ball Pond Vol Fire Co., in New Fairfield.

The Last full weekend of June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Amateur Radio Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in amateur radio.

Despite the Internet, cell phones, email and modern communications, every year
whole regions find themselves

in the dark. Tornadoes, fires, storms, ice and even the occasional cutting of fiber optic cables leave people without the means to communicate. In these cases, the one consistent service that has never failed has been Amateur Radio. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations. Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN! It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that we might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public.

Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada for amateur radio.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible, the stations can be across town or anywhere in the world. We learn and practice operating our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions. We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walka-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums - these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities. But despite the development of very complex, modern communications sys-tems — or maybe because they ARE so complex - ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called "hams") are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations

We will be available to demonstrate our skills and equipment Saturday June 28 from 2-6PM and from 10-2 on Sunday. No appointment needed; all are welcomed.

The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association is the Greater Danbury area's general interest amateur radio club. We focus on advancing technical knowledge, operating skills, fraternalism, and public service.

In-person meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Stony Hill Volunteer Fire Department, 59 Stony Hill Road, (Route 6) in Bethel, CT

When All Else Fails, Ham Radio Works'

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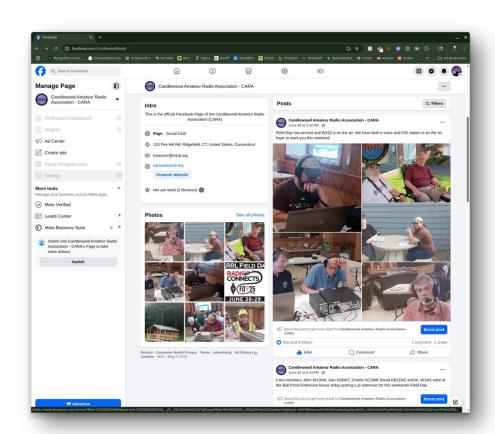
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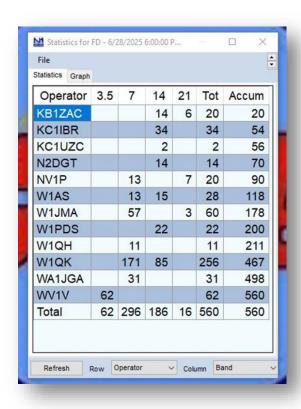


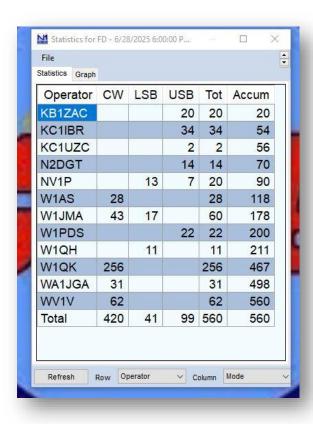


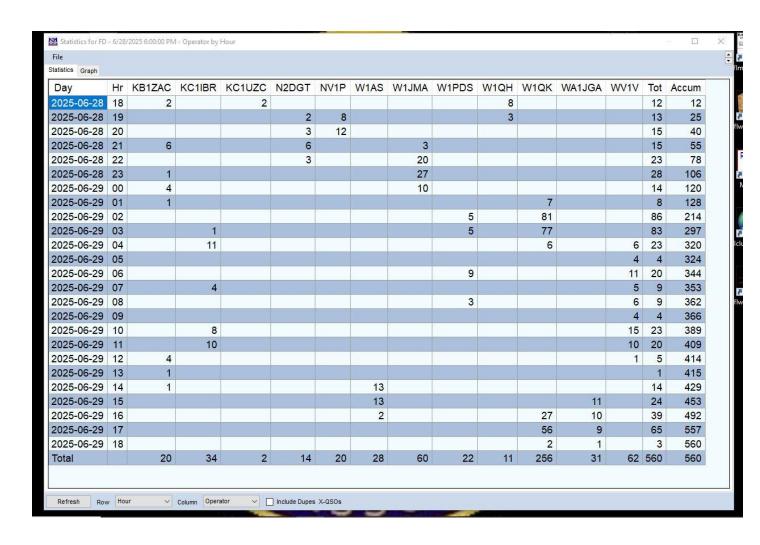




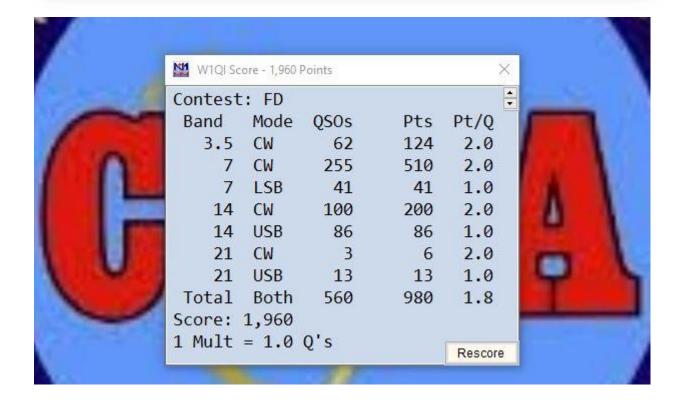
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Member and Station News:

Your news or story could be included here in the next issue of CARA Capers. Contact W1QK, Capers editor. Just snap pix of your station, antennas, mobile installation, etc. and send it to w1qk@snet.net Your Capers Editor welcomes and encourages member input

[CARAW1QI] 220 repeater is on the air

Steven Simons W1SMS

From:ssimons@manitousys.com To:CARAW1QI@groups.io

Tue, Jun 10 at 9:30 AM

Club members;

Here is an update on the CARA 220 repeater:

This new repeater is now operational at my QTH (on Clapboard Ridge Road North of King Street) using the new Comet omni-directional, vertical antenna mounted at 35' connected with low loss hardline with an output of 40 watts.

See our website page https://cararadioclub.org/repeaters or below for frequencies and the PL tone.

Repeater TX Output = 223.960 Repeater RX Input = 222.360 Frequency split = (-)1.6 MHz PL tone = 91.5

The CW ID "W1QI" is programmed to broadcast at 5 minute intervals to allow frequent reception. The hang time after the repeater is un-keyed is 2 seconds – allowing a little more time to hear the carrier (for reception testing).

Each time a user un-keys their radio, a short courtesy tone will be heard – indicating the end of transmission.

The actual coverage will be limited for those using an HT however a base station with an outdoor antenna will have a farther reach.

The best coverage from my QTH is to the East – Harlan W1QH was able to hold a QSO for the Bethel Firehouse parking lot. K1SZO has tested it with success from his QTH. The coverage will improve once we secure a proper home.

Thanks to the following for their assistance with this project:

David K1SZO – donated a 12V power supply Rosty W2ROS - donated a lightning arrestor Mark N1MG – assisted with antenna testing Bill N1PJG – assisted with antenna testing John W1JMA – purchasing of key components

Try it out if you have the capability.

Note: You may also try listening on 447.920 MHz as this is the 2nd harmonic of the repeater's output frequency. I an using an older Kenwood HT and can hear both the modulated CW ID and repeated voice around my property.

Not sure how far the 2^{nd} harmonic travels but I'll be testing in my mobile as I drive around. I believe the reception will be limited to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the repeater's antenna.

73 for now, Steve

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Thursday Evening through Sunday Afternoon | August 21 to 24, 2025

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Thursday Night Comedy Kick-Off

Featuring Comedian Juston McKinney | Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 8 PM

Friday Night DX/Contest Banquet

Featuring international DXer/Contester Ned Stearns, AA7A | Friday, August 22, 2025

Convention Keynote Address Featuring Thomas Witherspoon, K4SWL, of QRPer.com | Saturday Morning, August 23, 2025

Saturday Grand Banquet Presentation

Featuring HamSCI's Nathaniel A. Frissell, W2NAF | Saturday Evening, August 23, 2025

HamXposition is the Northeast's largest gathering of radio amateurs, featuring in-person experts presenting on timely topics, trends, and technologies.

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- And much, much more!

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CARA Membership/Dues Application & Interest Survey for Calendar Year 2025

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Full membership rate is \$40 in January – prorated accordingly

An Associate member is any interested non-licensed person or licensed amateur under the age of 16. Associate members are not granted voting privileges.

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https://cararadioclub.org/join-cara