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April - 2025

The Monthly Newsletter of The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association

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Monthly Program/Activity Meeting: Thursday, April 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.

Presentation by Tom Frenaye – K1KI
ARRL New England Division Director



- **Welcome**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Attendee Introductions

- **Announcements**

- Any interest in Operating W1AW First Sunday in May for the NE QSO Party?
- **Program/Activities Meetings moving to 2nd Thursday of month at 7:30 SHFD**
- **Business Meetings moving to 4th Thursday of month on Teams**
- Upcoming Events

John W1JMA

From:w1jma@w1qi.org

To:caraw1qi@groups.io

Fri, Apr 4 at 4:04 PM

- Thursday April 10th CARA Program Meeting at Stony Hill FD Doors Open 7pm program begins at 7:30 ARRL Update by Tom Frenaye NE ARRL Director
- Tuesday April 15th CARA PASTA Night 6pm Vespucci Lodge
- Saturday April 19th POTA Squantz Pond 10am-2pm
- Thursday April 24th Monthly Business Meeting 7:30pm on TEAMS

- Good of the Order

- **Tonight's Program/Activity**

- **Tom Frenaye – K1KI, ARRL New England Division Director**

President's Message

de W1NSK



It's official! Spring is officially here. April showers bring May flowers as they say. So, get ready for a wet month.

More CARA activities are in store this month.

Among the usual activities:

Our monthly Pasta Night dinner is on April 15th at the Italian American Vespucci Lodge in Danbury. We gather at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$10 for salad, bread/butter, two meatballs, and a bowl of ziti or spaghetti (pasta refill included). Cash bar for beer, wine, and soda. Bring a friend, family member or a perspective new Ham! Reservations aren't required.

CARA's next Parks On The Air - POTA event will be on Saturday, April 19, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (weather permitting) at Squantz Pond State Park in New Fairfield.

If anyone has gear or accessories they would like to donate to the club, please contact John – W1JGM at W1JGM@W1QL.org. We are gathering items to sell at a club table at the Goshen Hamfest on May 17th at the Goshen Fairgrounds.

A BIG Thank You to all who helped at the CARA sales table at the Southington Hamfest. The effort was a BIG success! Goes to show that many hands make less work, more fun, and a solid effort.

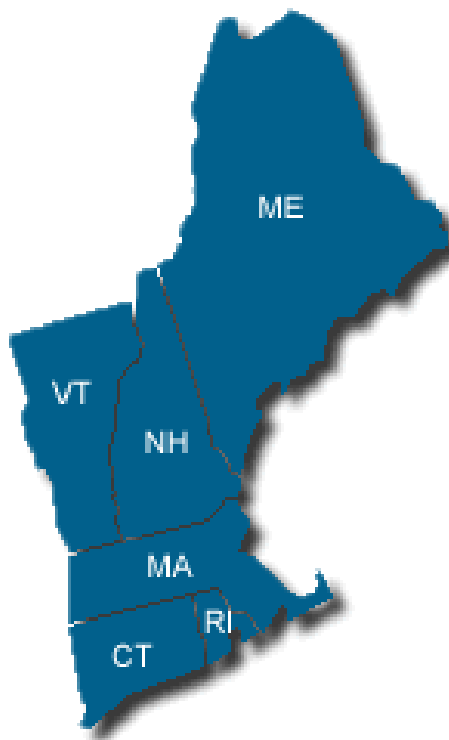
Our April 10th Meeting will be held at the Stony Hill FD in Bethel. Plan to attend and hear Tom Frenaye, K1KI, our ARRL New England Division Director update us on ARRL issues and activities. If you're not an ARRL member, join today!

https://www.arrl.org/membership?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw782_BhDjARIsABTv_JDi9G749IVupO3LeBholRh5fnAV2qRQdtnWxCwKryORzI7k-y5lzFEaAhgvEALw_wcB

Our May 8th Meeting will be Elmer Night. We will have two stations demonstrating various modes on HF. Also, ask questions of anything related to Ham Radio - no matter how basic. Send these in advance to John – W1JMA at W1JMA@W1QL.org. Doors open at 7:00 pm, and the meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Every year we gather and go to ARRL HQ in Newington, CT to operate the W1AW Maxim Memorial Superstation for the New England QSO Party.

<https://neqp.org/>





W1AW – ARRL HQ, Newington, CT



CARA members operating NEQP at W1AW in 2016 & 2018



This year, the contest is Sunday May 4th. Car Pooling as needed. We try and get to W1AW at 9:30 am and usually leave no later than 4:00 pm. If you have never been there, it's well worth the visit. Contact me if interested at

W1NSK@W1QI.org

Annual Elections for Officers will be held at our June Business meeting. If you're interested in getting involved on the Executive or any committee, please let CARA Directors Rosty – W2ROS or Dave – WA1JGA of the Nominating Committee know. roslabicky@att.net or davidcoelho52@gmail.com.

73, See you on the Air!
Bud Kozloff – W1NSK
CARA President





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

Vice- President's Message:

de W1JGM



It's already April, and trees are starting to bud. The weather is milder, so it's time to get outdoors and enjoy.

CARA's first 2025 POTA will be on April 19 at Squantz Pond State Park in New Fairfield starting at 10:00 am.

Our Activity/Program meeting will be held at the Stony Hill Fire House on April 10 with a presentation by Tom Frenaye – K1KI, ARRL New England Division Director. He'll update us on the ARRL initiatives as well as the New England QSO

Party, which is coming up on the first weekend. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

Our popular Monthly Pasta night happens on Tuesday, April 15 at the Italian- American Vespucci Lodge in Danbury. Meet there at 6:00 pm for an enjoyable social event, and reasonably priced dinner.

Our monthly Business meeting will occur on virtually on MS TEAMS April 24 at 7:30. Pm. The meeting link is posted on the Club's calendar on the web page.

Now for the good stuff.

During the last month or so, CARA has been collecting donations in the form of Ham-related equipment to use as a fund-raising event. I would like to thank those that donated equipment to the club to support this effort. The donated items were taken to the Southington Hamfest to be sold. I'm pleased to report that most of the items were sold. This was no easy undertaking and involved several members to transport the donated equipment from the SHFD to storage, categorize and price items, transport them to the Hamfest, set up the display, meet with potential buyers, clean-up, and return unsold equipment to storage. It all happened seamlessly with the help of David - KB1ZAC, Victor - WV1V, Harlan -W1QH, Keith - W1KRI, Lou - W1QJ and Terry - N1ACI. They were all waiting Sunday at Southington High School at 6:30 am when we arrived and stayed until everything was packed up. Thank you for your contribution to the club.

Editor: Photos on pages 30 & 31.

Details of the event will be at the next CARA meeting. The club is still accepting Ham-related equipment that will benefit the organization through sales at the next Hamfest in Goshen on May 17th. If you are cleaning up your shack and have some excess gear, we would be interested in it.

If you worked the popular CQ Worldwide WPX SSB contest the weekend of March 29 I hope you enjoyed it. The bands were busy, and some rare and elusive DX was on the air – with many workable on the east coast. For information on this and other contests, check the schedule at <https://www.contestcalendar.com> There are several popular State QSO Parties coming up too. . Have some fun and get on the air.

Remember this is your club.

John Morelli - W1JGM
CARA Vice- President



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

March 27 - Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

de CARA Secretary/Treasurer, John Ahle - W1JMA



CARA Business Meeting March 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Bud - W1NSK at 7:38pm. There were 7 members present on Teams.

The Secretary report as presented in the CAPERS was accepted.

The Treasurer report as presented in CAPERS was accepted. John - W1JMA mentioned that the \$5k CD had matured and was reinvested at 4.1% for another 5 months. John mentioned that the insurance policies would be paid within a day or so.

Committee Reports:

Steve - W1SMS, repeater chair informed the group that the 220 machine is running at this QTH. A new base antenna for 220 was purchased. This purchase was under \$200 and approved by the

officers and board of directors in accordance with the by-laws.

Steve mentioned that Mark - N1MG, had worked on getting a 6-meter beacon running using one of the club's 756p3 and a voice keyer. Both the 220 and 6m will eventually be tested from the exit 2 site. It was mentioned that the club has a 6m antenna. It was discussed that the current 440 machine would be removed from the current site. The purpose is to retune it for 2M and be used for testing alternative 2M sites so we can vacate the current site as requested by the City of Danbury. This sparked a lengthy discussion on how to deal with the city and its arbitrary and capricious demand that we vacate the current site.

After discussion, it was proposed that Dan - W1QK and John - W1JGM would write a letter within the next 2 weeks for approval by the officers and board of directors to be made public via either newspaper or commercial radio to advocate to the city to allow us to remain at our current site.

Dan - W1QK, mentioned that the deadline for the April CAPERS is 4/3.

John - W1JGM, mentioned that there are 2 club members as students in our General Class along with another ham from Putnam County. The goal is to have the 3 take the General exam by June.

Steve, W1SMS, noted that there was nothing substantially new in relation to the Maker Space at exit 2.

The next club POTA is Saturday 4/19 at Squantz Pond at 10am. The March POTA was also held at Squantz Pond with 3 active stations on the air.

Field Day is June 28/29 this year. John, W1JGM will secure the Ball Pond FD for the site. There was discussion about replacing the 2 laptops we currently use and are Windows 10. It was decided to keep using the laptops for this coming field day and possibly replace with reconditioned laptops later in the year for winter FD once Windows 10 is abandoned by Microsoft. There was another lengthy discussion about moving the logging software to N3FJP and abandon N1MM. Both sides discussed the virtues of both applications and the straw poll had us remaining with N1MM. It was suggested we contact those who operate FD and ask their preference. Dan W1QK suggested that we really focus on sending the 10 traffic messages during FD. We can use SSB and WinLink to accomplish this task.

John, W1JGM mentioned that he needs help at the club table for the Southington Hamfest this Sunday. The club has obtained many donated items for sale and to date has generated over \$800. This will be this year's fund-raising event.

Old Business:

Bud mentioned that he has not received any feedback from the nominating committee. Bud thought all existing officers would run for another 2-year term and only the vacant Director position needed to be filled. John W1JMA, informed the group that he will not be seeking another 2-year term as secretary and treasurer. Nominations need to be completed by the May business meeting so we can put the slate to vote by email in early June. The officer year begins on 7/1.

Bud W1NSK, will again see if there is any interest in going to ARRL to operate W1AW during the NE QSO party first Sunday in May. To date there has been no interest. We did not do this last year due to lack of interest.

John W1JMA, mentioned that Ed KC1URY was going to borrow the other 756p3. Ed is getting his antenna and ground system ready.

New Business:

The April program meeting will be Tom Frenaye K1KI discussing the ARRL and his capacity as New England Director.

The May meeting will be Elmer Night.
The June meeting will be Field Day prep.

The next program meeting will be on Thursday April 10 at the Stony Hill FD.

The next business meeting will Thursday 4/24 on Teams at 7:30pm.

The meeting was closed at 9:13 pm.

CARA Treasury Report March 31, 2025

Income:	Full Member Dues	\$695
Income:	Interest Income	\$ 68.46
Income:	Donations	\$10
Income:	Sale of Donated EQ (net)	\$628.05
Income:	Club Table at Hamfests	\$615
Total Income:		\$2016.51

Expense:	PayPal Fees	\$16.61
Expense:	Website/Hosting Fees	\$46.34
Expense:	Repeater Maintenance	\$181.84
Expense:	Insurance	\$305
Expense:	2022 Hamfest	\$ 50

Total Expense:	\$599.79
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Net Income for Period	\$1416.72
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Cash: Checking-Unrestricted	\$6502.93
Cash: Checking-Restricted	\$425
Cash: Petty	\$50
Certificates of Deposit-USB	\$10,118.61

Total Cash/Investments Balance:	\$17096.54
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Number of full members: 50

Associate members: 0

Auxiliary members: 3

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



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 pm.

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:

Apr. 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 Presentation
by Tom Frenaye – K1KI, ARRL New
England Division Director

Apr. 12: New Mexico QSO Party, Georgia QSO
Party, North Dakota QSO Party.

Apr. 15: Monthly CARA Pasta Night Dinner -
Vespucci Italian-American club in
Danbury on Vespucci Dr. Price
reduction from \$12 to \$10 cash for
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.*



Apr. 19: CARA POTA 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Squantz Pond State Park, New
Fairfield. *POTA Support Your Parks
Weekend*

Apr. 19: Nebraska QSO Party, Michigan QSO
Party, Ontario QSO Party

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

Apr.29: CT ARES Region 5 Monthly meeting via
TEAMS.

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

[https://cwops.org/cwops-
tests/https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/](https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/)

Apr. 10, 17, 24: Weekly RTTY Test
<https://radiosport.world/wrt.html>

**May 1: THURSDAY, May 2025 Capers input
deadline: w1qk@snet.net**

CT Hamfests:

Saturday, April 26, 2025: SECARS Hamfest
(secars.org), Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall,
1650 CT Route 12, Gales Ferry, CT 8:30 am – 2
pm

Saturday, May 17: Goshen Hamfest, Goshen
Fairgrounds – Goshen

Editor: Dates, links, and other details for this column
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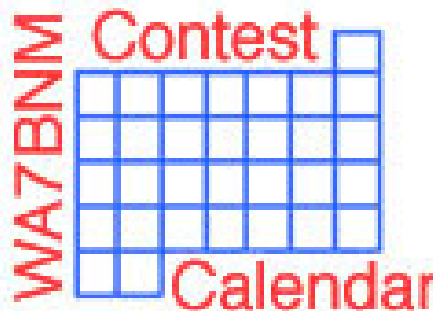
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*Use this link to access the WA7BNM
Contest Calendar website:*

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



[Listing of State QSO Parties:](https://www.contestcalendar.com/stateparties.php)

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March 13 Meeting: WinLink presentation by W1JMA



Thank you, John de CARA

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.

June 7, 2025

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:



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#1004

Announce@ct-ares.groups.io
groups.io

From: digestnoreply@groups.io

1. Re: Bridgeport W1BPT 2m repeater now linked fulltime to the KB1AEV Network

Messages

Re: Bridgeport W1BPT 2m repeater now linked fulltime to the KB1AEV Network

From: Douglas Sharafanowich - WA1SFH
<wa1sfh@optonline.net>

Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2025 12:32:52 EDT

Hi Everybody,

As CT Section Manager (and as a ham who lived previously in Stamford, Norwalk and Bridgeport), I am absolutely thrilled to see how the Greater Bridgeport Amateur Radio Club (GBARC) has spearheaded the NEW Repeater link to the KB1AEV repeater system. It is now up and functioning 24/7.

This linking has been a dream for over 40 years, and now gives folks in lower Fairfield County access to the "mighty" KB1AEV linked repeater network that covers a most of CT.

Congratulations to Dana KB1AEV, Peter K1PCN and his GBARC team in achieving this milestone.

73, Douglas Sharafanowich - WA1SFH
ARRL Section Manager - Connecticut

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 Win Link Wednesday:

Wednesday, May 7

de John - KB1LYP

KB1OVQ, Newtown EOC will be hosting Win Link Wednesday, May 7 - 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



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"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.

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.



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May issue input deadline: Thursday, May 1

A brief word from our editor...

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

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

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

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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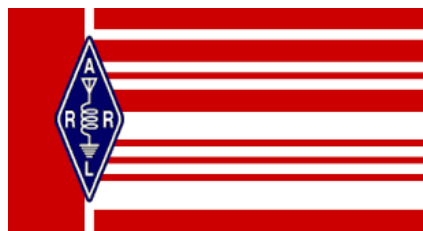
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Several CARA members are also members of the YCCC.

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



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

CALL	COUNTY	LOC./FREQUENCY	GRID	REGION	EMG.	POWER
W1SP-1	TOLLCT	Tolland 145.65	FN31UV	3	Y	
W1SP-2	WINDCT	Brooklyn 145.61	FN41AT	4	Y	
W1SP-3	NLONCT	Ledyard 145.63	FN31XK	4	Y	
W1SP-4	HARTCT	Avon 145.69	FN31OT	3	Y	
W1SP-5	MIDDCT	Haddam 145.69	FN31RK	2	Y	
W1SP-6	LITCCT	Litchfield 145.65	FN31JR	5	Y	
W1SP-7	NHAVCT	Oxford 145.63	FN31JK	5	Y	
W1SP-8	FAIRCT	Bridgeport 145.69	FN31JE	1	Y	
KX1EOC-10	Fairfield	Danbury EOC 145.63		5	Y	
W8ZY	Litchfield	W8ZY QTH 145.610	FN31			

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.

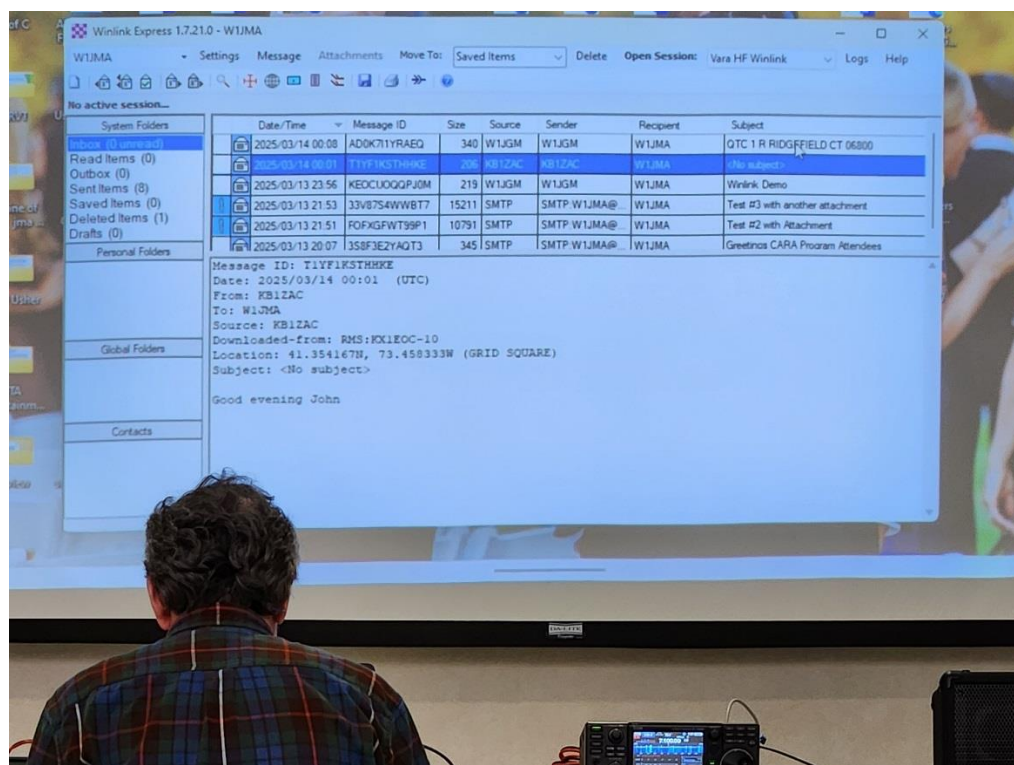
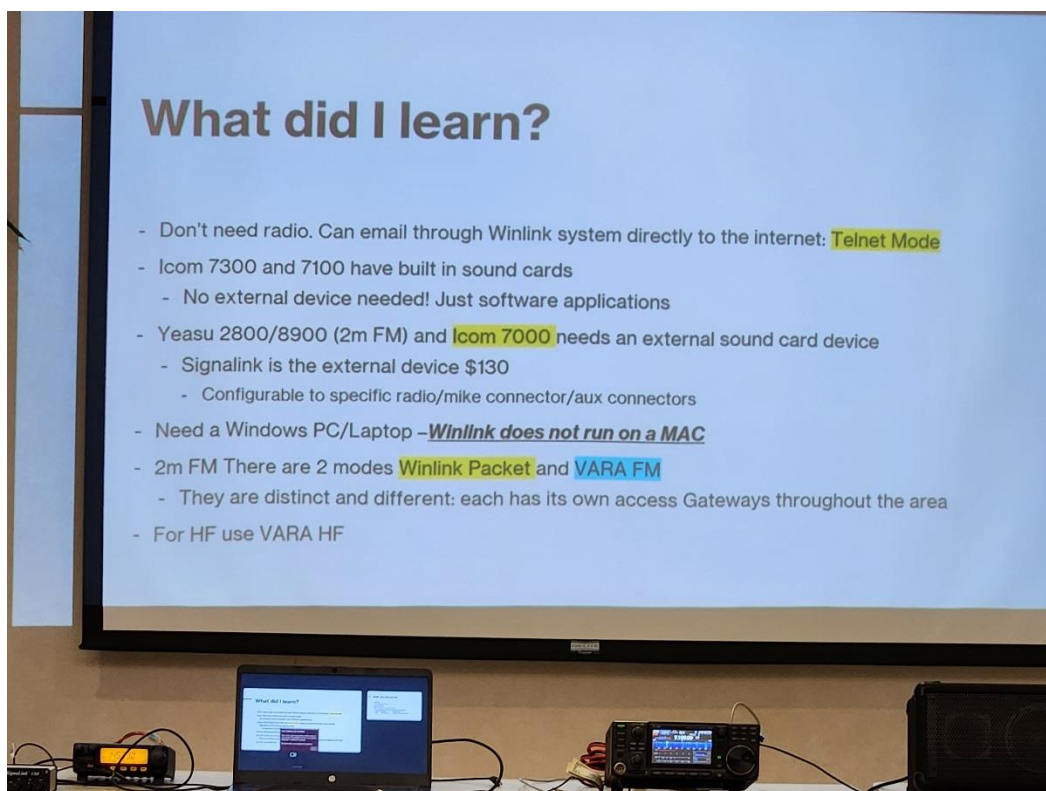
Mike Walters W8ZY [<w8zy@hotmail.com>](mailto:w8zy@hotmail.com)

March 13 Meeting: WinLink presentation by W1JMA



Software needed-Windows Based

- Winlink Base Program is RMS Express
 - Free but you can pay a registration fee to help development costs
 - It is the base application where you write your emails add attachments
 - Can use preset forms from FEMA, ARC, ICS, Various State OEM's
- VARA FM and VARA HF, VARA P2P
 - Free but you can pay registration fee to get upgraded service/speed
 - I made the one-time contribution
 - Cable from PC to Radio all that was needed with VARA Software
- Embedded in Winlink is the Packet Module
 - Soundmodem By UZ7HO (Generates to Packet Audio) 1200 and 9600 baud rates
 - IC 7100 needed an Application Called CAT 7200 to work with SoundModem



Give Winlink a Try!

- Practice messaging-Start with Telnet once you register and get *@winlink.org
- Winlink Wednesday- First Wednesday of the month
- FEMA has a routine test
- Local messaging to club members who use winlink:
 - Harlan W1QH
 - Oscar KO1F
 - Anyone in your everyday email address book-they don't have to be in winlink
 - If they do reply it will come back to your winlink email account

Thank you, John for your informative presentation. de CARA

[CARAW1QI] WinLink Presentation Power Point slide deck
att.net/Inbox

John W1JMA

From:w1jma@w1qi.org

To:caraw1qi@groups.io

Thu, Mar 13 at 10:44 PM

Attached is the slide deck from tonight's presentation. If you have any questions let me know. 73 John W1JMA

[Winlink Presentation CARA.pptx](#)
[694.5kB](#)

Tom Frenaye Recognized as New England Division Director by ARRL Board

January 25, 2025 by Phil Temples

Newly elected New England Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI, is awarded a certificate and pin by ARRL First Vice President Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, at the ARRL Board of Directors meeting on January 17-18, 2025 in Windsor, Connecticut.



Source: <https://nediv.arrl.org/2025/01/25/tom-frenaye-recognized-as-new-england-division-director-by-arrl-board/>



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

Weekly RTTY Test

Status:	Active
Geographic Focus:	North America
Participation:	Worldwide
Mode:	RTTY
Bands:	80, 40, 20, 15, 10m
Classes:	Single-Op (QRP/Low)
Max power:	LP: 100 watts QRP: 5 watts
Exchange:	Name + (state/province/country)
Work stations:	Once per band
QSO Points:	1 point per QSO
Multipliers:	Each callsign once
Score Calculation:	Total score = total QSO points x total mults
E-mail logs to:	(none)
Post log summary at:	http://www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to:	(none)
Find rules at:	https://radiosport.world/wrt.html
Cabrillo name:	WRT
Cabrillo name aliases:	



The 48th Eastern VHF-UHF-Microwave Conference sponsored by the North East Weak Signal Group (NEWS) will be held May 9-10-11, 2025 at:

Hilton Garden Inn,
555 Corporate Drive
Windsor, CT

Room Reservations available NOW at special rate. Limited Supply--Reserve Now.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/bdlwhgi-90e-6a511338-5bdb-4407-b265-2001e6bb8063>

A complementary shuttle is available from Bradley Airport +1 860-688-6400

Registration \$40 (\$50 after April 30)

Saturday Lunch at Jim's Restaurant
124 Poquonock Ave. Windsor, Ct \$20
(reserve and pay on Registration page)

Banquet \$ Must order before April 30

Chicken \$

Steak \$

Vegetarian Penne Pasta \$

REGISTRATION & Banquet Purchase is ON-LINE NOW @ newsvhf.com

SCHEDULE-----

Friday, May 8, 2025

12NOON -- Meet K1MAP in Hotel Lobby for Lunch (self pay) 2PM -- Afternoon Program 4PM --

Discussion Session: Options for FT8 inclusion in VHF+ Contests 6PM -- Dinner on your own.

Many nearby choices.

7-10PM -- Social Gathering/Hospitality & Indoor Swap & Vendors in Windsor Banquet Room

Sat. May 9, 2025

6-9am -- Breakfast Included with Hilton Room 8:30AM -- Full Day Program, Auction, Vendors
11:30AM -- (Register at Newsvhf.com-\$20) Pizza+Salad Lunch at Jim's Restaurant 1PM to 4PM --
More Talks, Auction, Vendors 5-7PM -- Social Gathering & Indoor Swap in Windsor 4 room and
Banquet Hall Lobby 7PM -- Evening Banquet, Tom Kirby Award, Sam Harris Quiz and SUPER
EXTRAVAGANZA PRIZE GIVEAWAY!!

Sun. May 10

8AM - Noon -- Morning tailgate at Vintage Radio Museum parking lot, 115 Pierson Lane, Windsor.
Free Admission to Tailgate or Buy. (Buyers Please Park on Street) Reduced Admission to Museum

Call for Papers & Presentations

Please Contact Paul Wade, W1GHZ

w1ghz@arrl.net

Please consider making a presentation
and/or writing a paper to be included
in the Proceedings CD

For general conference information:

Mark Casey, K1MAP

map92map@gmail.com

413-222-9292 call or text



Northeast HamX '25

The ARRL New England Division Convention

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 [online here](#).

We have special news concerning our Friday DXCC dinner:

DX Engineering ("DXE") has graciously agreed to be the official sponsor for the Northeast HamXposition Friday evening DX/Contest Banquet. According to DX Engineering CEO Tim Duffy, K3LR, the company will donate six \$100 gift certificates toward purchase of products from the company, along with a major prize of an Icom IC-7610 with a retail value of \$3,250.00.



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.

Learn more about the entire convention at hamx.org.



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] Free Operating Class

att.net/Inbox

Bud W1NSK via groups.io To: caraw1qi@groups.io

Sun, Mar 23 at 10:23 AM

FREE ON-LINE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATING CLASS

A free, weekly, 3-hour Amateur Radio Operating Class on Zoom will begin on Thursday April 3 and run through June 19 at 6:30 PM Eastern time. The presenters will be various experienced folks in the various subjects.

A detailed syllabus will be published before the classes begin. Attend them all, or any that you like, but you must register for the classes. To receive registration information, contact Rol Anders, K3RA, at roland.anders@comcast.net.

Subjects will include:

All About Operating--A general Introduction
Amateur Radio Organizations—Local to International
Ham Radio Awards
DX'ing-History and Tips from the Experts
QSLing-How to get that needed card for DXCC or WAS
VHF/UHF Weak Signal Work and "Roving"
Image Operating—Slow Scan and Fast Scan TV
Remote Station control over internet
Learning CW in the no-code era

Digital Modes—From RTTY to FT8 and beyond
Contesting—How to get started, tips for the beginner and intermediated contester
Logging Software—What's available, how to use
Propagation—A general intro to HF Propagation
Amateur Satellites—How to get started
Portable (backpacking) operation—Tips from an expert
Setting Up a Modern (or not so modern) HF Station

Lightning Protection and Grounding

Traffic Handling
Public Service, Emergency Communications

Thanks,
Rol, K3RA

Bud Kozloff
W1NSK
CARA President

[CARAW1QI] ARRL W1AW Club Visit
att.net/Inbox

Bud W1NSK via groups.io **From:** w1nsk@hotmail.com@groups.io **To:** caraw1qi@groups.io

Thu, Mar 27 at 11:07 PM

CARA has for many years visited the ARRL Memorial Station at HQ in Newington, CT. This is an interesting visit as it is the source of global ARRL Bulletins, Code practice and state of the art Amateur Radio stations for ALL modes including Satellite.

We are hoping to go this year on Sunday May 4th. This is also the ARRL New England Qso Party. We are able to "operate W1AW" for this event. State of the art equipment, & Antenna's make for an interesting experience.

Please let me know if you are interested as we usually arrange carpooling.

Bud - W1NSK CARA President

[CARAW1QI] Fw: [ct-ares] SEC UPDATE
att.net/Inbox

HARLAN FORD W1QH

From: hford01@snet.net **To:** CARA Club Sun, Apr 6 at 3:34 PM

Useful information

Harlan Ford - W1QH - DEC CT ARES Region 5

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Phil Crombie, K1XFC crombiejr@snet.net **To:** Announce <announce@ct-ares.groups.io>

Sent: Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 10:58:10 AM EDT **Subject:** [ct-ares] SEC UPDATE

Good Morning:

It was good to see so many people at the Southington Hamfest last Sunday. We had about thirty people attend the in-person ARES meeting. For those who could not make it I would like to summarize what was discussed.

We have had an active first quarter. At the state level we met with DEMHS Region 1 staff to inventory and test the radio equipment at their office in Bridgeport. Some antenna work had been done last year. Everything is working fine. We will meet again to update programming for their radios. I met with Bill Turner, the State EMD. Plans are being put together for renovations of the SEOC at the Armory in Hartford. Amateur radio will be part of the capabilities. I participated in regular meetings with FEMA Region 1 Comms staff and with the countrywide SEC group. Our SM Douglas, WA1SFH, presented a successful training session on net control operations with 40 people in attendance.

We have 680 people registered in the CT ARES membership database. Please review your record periodically to make sure it is up to date. 530 folks are subscribed to the CT ARES Groups.io Announce group. The weekly calendar message has been revised to better highlight the HF net on the first Sunday of the month. Changes have also been made to control message replies from going out to the entire group. There are only 212 people subscribed to the Alert group. The Alert group is designed for more important messages like those related to deployments. It is a subgroup of Announce. You must be subscribed to Announce to subscribe to Alert. Subscribe by sending an email to Alert+Subscribe@ct-ares.groups.io

ARRL has updated their emergency communications courses. Basic and Intermediate are available online now. Advanced will be released after revisions are made to CISA's AUXCOMM training. Everyone is encouraged to take these courses to update their knowledge base. The ARES Leadership course is in final review. It should be released this summer. This course will be the replacement for EC-016.

We are looking for leaders (DECs) in Region 1 and Region 4. Here is your chance to help CT ARES!

This past year we started a regular HF net, the first Sunday of the month. It takes place on 3965 kHz. We average about 20 check-ins. "When all else fails" HF will still be there. Many of you do not know that we actually test our HF capabilities every day at 1800 hours with the Connecticut Phone Net our section level NTS net. I would encourage all of you with HF privileges to become active on these nets.

Although we have 680 register members only a small number of those are "active". We have about 35 people checking in to the Sunday night nets. About the same number participated in WinLink Wednesday. There were 120 people who participate in the SET last October. I would like to encourage everyone to become more involved. Check in to nets, participate in Field Day and public service events, work on your Task book, take courses. This is how we exercise our capabilities and keep up to date.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the GBARC members for their hard work in getting their repeater linked to the KB1AEV system. We now have a good reach to the southwest. Thank you, folks,! Thanks also to Dana!

If you have ideas or suggestions contact your DEC or me.

73,
Phil Crombie, Jr., K1XFC
Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC)
Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
Connecticut Section
Cell: 860-338-6332
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CARA Equipment Sales Table at the Southington Hamfest, March 30

Photos: W1JGM





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<https://cararadioclub.org/join-cara>