

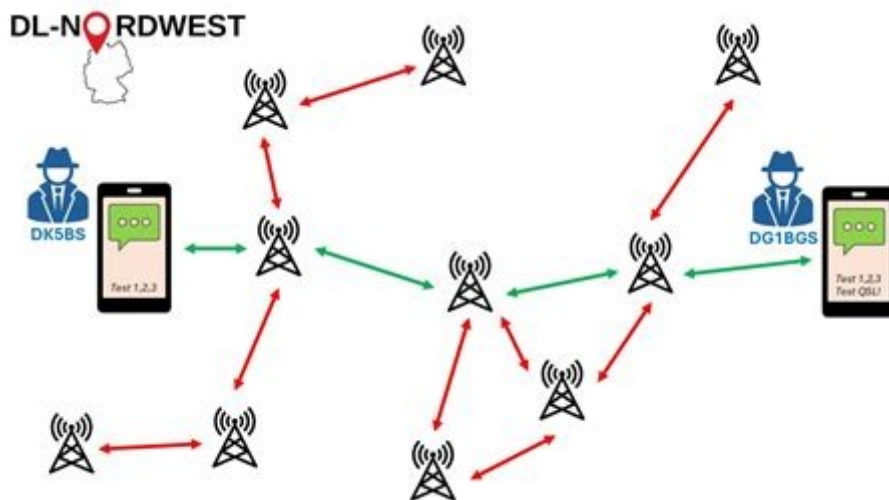


CARA PROVIDING 80 YEARS of AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE

July 2026 edition CARA CAPERS-Lite
W1JMA Content Editor

Next Program Meeting Thursday 7/9 7:30pm at Stony Hill FD

Presentation on Meshcore by Peter K1PNC



Next Club Event: POTA Subs-n- Soda Putnam Park 7/25
11:30am



CLUB QSO PARTY Saturday 6/20
Ball Pond FD



CARA VP report- John W1JGM

The Summer Heat is here, as you know I am always looking for activities for the club to participate in. With the extreme heat this might be a good time to be inside in the Air-Conditioned room. With that said from July 1 to July 7 is the annual "13 Colonies Special Event" [The Annual 13 Colonies Special Event](#) this operated on all modes and bands. A good way to spend some On The airtime.

I would like to thank all the club members the Participated in CARA's 2026 ARRL field Day.

What a team CARA has in assisting with all aspects of the event, from setup to clean up and everything in between. I observed many happy members learning, enjoying, improving their skills and having a great time working with each other. Check out the CARA capers for photos of the day.

Remember to check the club website for upcoming events.

This is your club; it depends on you.

CARA Treasury Report **June 30, 2026**

Income:	Full Member Dues	\$1175
Income:	Interest Income	\$ 211
Income:		
Income:	Club Table at Hamfests	\$1400
Total Income:		\$2786

Expense:	Field Day	\$182
Expense:	Repeater Electricity	\$86
Expense:	Insurance	\$305
Expense:	Repeater 6m	\$530
Expense:	Admin	\$116
Total Expense:		\$1218

Net Income for Period		<u>\$1566</u>
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Cash: Checking-Unrestricted	\$6422
Cash: Checking-Restricted	\$175
Cash: Petty	\$50

Certificates of Deposit-USB	\$14788
Field Day Food Purse	\$ 213

Total Cash/Investments	Balance: <u>\$21222</u>
Number of full members:	60
Associate members:	0
Auxiliary members:	4

No Business Meeting Held in June

Field Day 2026 Ball Pond FD







The Night Shift 😊



Discussing how each antenna works!

CARA Club General Information

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CARA routinely accepts donations of ham radio equipment that will either sell to club members or to the ham radio community at large; Sale proceeds to benefit the operating activities and repeater infrastructure of CARA. Monetary donations are always welcome. Thank You.

CARA VE Testing Information

VE Testing at the Stony Hill Firehouse Rt 6 Bethel.

All sessions are on Saturdays at 11:30 am.

Test takers need to register in advance by emailing aj1u@arrl.net with their name, the test they wish to take, and a contact phone number.

Check the CARA website for the scheduled dates!

Thanks,

73, Jon Bernon - AJ1U

CARA Volunteer Examiner Session Coordinator

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/>



ARES and Winlink General Information

CT ARES Packet Winlink Local Nodes and APRS Frequency

Put your 2M FM Winlink Packet station on the air to participate in the monthly CT ARES Winlink Wednesday message practice session.

W1SP-6	LITCCT	Litchfield	145.650	FN31JR
W1SP-7	NHAVCT	Oxford	145.630	FN31JK
W1SP-8	FAIRCT	Bridgeport	145.690	FN31JE

KX1EOC-10 FairCT Danbury 145.030 FN31

W8ZY-10 Litchfield New Milford 145.610 FN31 *

AC1DQ-10 Fairfield Weston 145.050 FN31*

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

*VARA FM and Packet Capable

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 Monthly – currently via TEAMS.***

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.

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Visit this website to learn more about CT ARES, <http://www.ctares.org/>

APRS Digipeaters operated by CARA Members

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W1JMA-10 Ridgefield/Redding
W1QI-4 New Fairfield
KR1COM-10 Ridgefield Center- EOC
KB1FYZ-3 West Side of Danbury

