



**Candlewood Amateur
Radio Association Inc.**
P.O. Box 3441
Danbury, CT 06810

**Meeting this week
June 14th at 8:00 PM
Annual Elections, Field
Day Presentation**

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June 2002

Meeting Friday June 14 at 6:00 p.m.

President's Column

Jeff Cantor, K1ZN

This is my final column as president.

I thank each of you for the opportunity to have served CARA as president over these last three years. We have accomplished several goals. The membership is up over these last few years and we have some very good and dedicated people join our hobby. We have also made some progress on our repeater situation.

I look forward to the years ahead as the club continues to grow and serve the hobby and our community.

To the officers and directors that take over – God Bless and do well.

Let's all come out to this year's Field Day event in June and have some fun and polish our operating skills.

73, de K1ZN

CARA Field Day

CARA's Field Day will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23, at the Town Park in Brookfield.

Details will be reviewed at the June 14 club meeting, but help is needed for set-up and take-down and to staff operating positions. If you bring in any gear or supplies, be prepared to carry it out on Sunday when the site is taken down. If you're planning to stay for all or part of the weekend, you may want to bring a folding chair or two.

Jim KD1YV, chairman of this year's Field Day, reminds everyone that Field Day is a terrific opportunity for Tech's to hone their on-air skills since they can operate on all HF bands during the event!

FIELD DAY GOING REGION-WIDE IN 2002

(The following news is courtesy of the ARRL Letter...)

For the first time in its 69-year history, Field Day officially will expand its scope beyond the borders of the US and Canada to include participation by amateurs in all of North and South America--including the Caribbean. Field Day takes place this year on the first weekend of summer--June 22-23 (Field Day is always the fourth full weekend in June).

Following this year's event, clubs, groups and individuals taking part will be able to upload photos and comments to the ARRL Contest Soapbox Web site <http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/>.

"We encourage interesting photographs that will give those visiting the site sense of the 'flavor' of a group's Field Day participation," said ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. Henderson says he gets "hundreds of photographs" for possible use in QST, which typically has room for about a dozen. "The Online Soapbox gives groups the chance to display their best efforts for FD," he said.

The Field Day Soapbox area will open Sunday, June 23, at 2100 UTC. Anyone may post stories and photos, but these will be screened before posting.

Groups and individuals still are expected to submit Field Day reports--summary sheets, dupe sheets, proofs of bonus, etc--for the annual QST Field Day report. "Also, we still encourage groups to include their best photographs for

consideration for QST," Henderson added. The complete--and official--rules for Field Day 2002 are available on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2002/rules-fd-2002.html>

and in the May issue of QST (page 108).

Field Day has a long tradition as an emergency preparedness exercise, operating equipment "in the field" using power sources other than the commercial mains. As ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, pointed out in his "It Seems to Us . . ." editorial in June 2002 QST, Field Day also presents an ideal opportunity to showcase Amateur Radio to the general public and to local officials and to convey an important message in the process.

"No matter what, there will be hams and they will be able to communicate with one another. No matter what," Sumner wrote.

While contacts with amateurs around the world always have counted for credit, this year's event will mark the first formal participation by stations outside the US and Canada.

Another significant change this year is the new "Get on the Air" or GOTA station, which replaces the Novice station at Field Day setups. The idea is to give Novice and Technician licensees as well as generally inactive amateurs of any class and even unlicensed individuals a chance to participate--under the supervision of a licensed control operator.

Secretary's Report

The CARA meeting May 10 was held in conjunction with the American Red Cross emergency drill at Western Connecticut State University. Since this was a special meeting, a regular secretary's report was not available.

Help Publicize CARA Hamfest!

John W1JMA, chairman of this year's hamfest, would appreciate help getting the word out about the September 22 CARA hamfest.

It's not too early to start now because our event follows close on the heels of the summer vacation months. If you are planning to attend regional hamfests over the next few months, please contact John for a supply of CARA hamfest flyers that you can take with you and leave on literature tables for distribution.

A copy of the CARA Hamfest flyer is included in this month's newsletter. Feel free to copy and distribute the flyer at ham events you may be attending over the summer.

Upcoming Area Hamfests

The CARA Hamfest is Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Edmond Town Hall, Rt 6, Newtown, CT. Volunteers are needed for food service, registration, parking, and other support areas.

But there are several other area hamfests scheduled between now and then. If you're planning to attend one of these events, be sure to check with W1JMA (see article above) for a supply of flyers that you can leave at these events to help publicize the CARA hamfest. Or, you can reproduce the

flyer on the last page of this month's newsletter.

Here's the schedule for other area hamfests and related events:

July 6, Goshen CT, sponsored by SoBARC. Contact Lee K1LEE, at 860-435-0051.

August 24-25, Boxboro MA, ARRL NE, contact Mike K1TWF, 978-250-1235 (w)

September 14, Windsor CT, Vintage Radio Museum, 33 Mechanics St., contact John at 860-673-0518.

CARA Home Page

Please visit our home page at <http://www.danbury.org/cara>

Frequencies of Note

National Simplex - 146.52

Cara, 2 Meter - 146.67- (PL 100)

Cara, 220 - 223.96 (PL 91.5)

Cara, 440 - 447.775 (PL 114.8)

DX Cluster - 145.73

Bethel - 147.03+

New Milford 2 meter -146.73 (PL 77)

New Milford 441.85 (PL 77)

R-Com Repeater: 145.47, PL100

Nets

CARA Weekly Net Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. 146.67- (PL 100)

WestConn Net Nightly at 8:30 p.m. .147.18+ (PL 114.8)

Tips Net – Tuesday evenings at 7:30
on 146.73-(PL77) (linked statewide)
R-Com Weekly Net: 145.47, PL100
Thursday Eve, local time, 8PM

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send e-mail to KD1YV@arrl.net.
We'll take care of the rest, and your next
e-Capers will arrive in your e-mailbox!

Ham Radio on the Web: URLs Worth Checking Out...

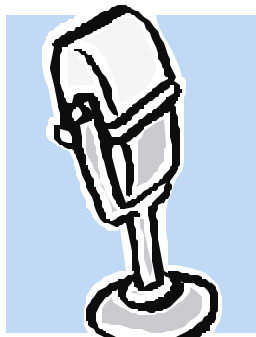
Here are a couple more URLs that point
to interesting data about antennas.
W4RNL maintains a website with a
wealth of information about the hobby
and dozens of articles about specific
antenna projects. You can check out
this extensive resource at
www.cebik.com/radio.html. An interesting
design for a pair of dipoles mounted at
90 degrees that covers 10-15-20 meters
can be found at
<http://members.aol.com/k5oejerry/dipoles.htm>.

Editor's Note:

Just a reminder to our readers that we're
always looking for interesting features
and news articles for the Capers.

If you'd like to recommend a news item,
a useful Web site you've discovered
while surfing the Net, or submit an
article or classified ad, just drop me a
note at KA1JDD@arrl.net, or give me a
call: 203-748-1033. Although as early
as possible is preferred, our deadline for
articles for each month's edition is the
Friday before (one week before) the
regular Friday monthly meeting.

Enjoy the summer
and remember
you have to be
on the air to really
enjoy ham radio!



73 de KA1JDD

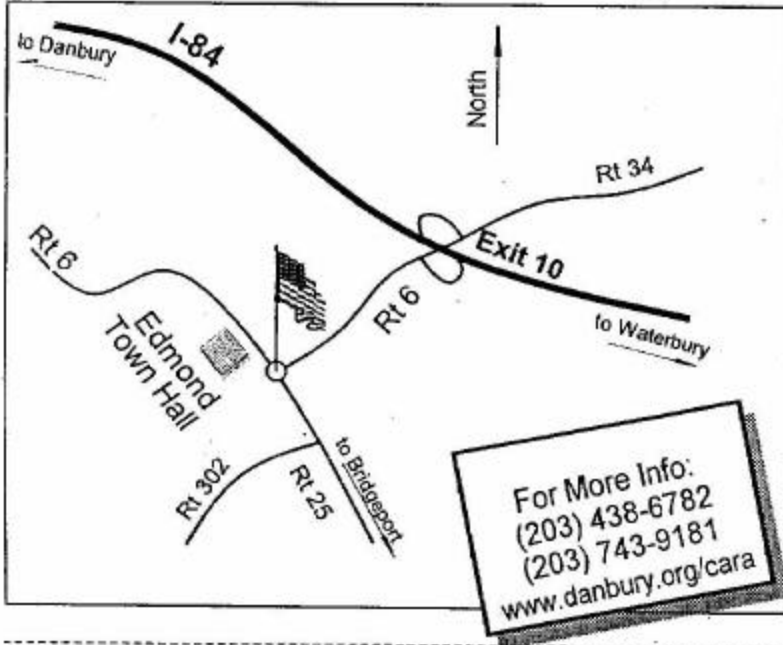
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Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002
Edmond Town Hall, Rt 6
Newtown, CT 9am-1pm



- Admission \$4.00
- Kids Under 12 Free
- Table Set-up at 7am
- Tables \$10.00 (Table Includes 1 Admission)
- Tailgating \$6.00
- ARRL Sanctioned
- Talk-In On 146.67 (-) PL 100
- Handicapped Access
- HAM Radio Equipment
- Computers
- Door Prizes
- Refreshments
- Ample Parking
- Rain or Shine

Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA) Hamfest, Sept. 22, 2002
C/O John Ahle-W1JMA, 120 Fire Hill Road, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Name _____ Phone #'s, Daytime _____

Address _____ Evening _____

Please Reserve _____ Tables, at \$10.00 Each I Need Electricity I Do Not Need Electricity

Amount Enclosed (\$ _____) Please Make Check Payable To C.A.R.A.

