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***Meeting: Friday, July 10, 8 p.m.
Stony Hill Fire Station***

From the President

Field Day 2009 is now past. I know all those who participated had a good time on the air and ragchewing with fellow hams. The food was good too – thanks to Judy, N1TGK. There were a little more than 1,400 QSO 's made. A few new hams participated either by logging or even better yet by getting on the air. We congratulate those new hams brave enough to pick up the mike. Thanks to all who worked hard to make the event a success. John will announce the winner of the internal contest.

Elections were held at last month's meeting. The usual cast of characters has been re-elected. These folks have served CARA well but we all remind you that one of the best ways to enjoy Amateur Radio is through service to your fellow hams. The

officers welcome all who are prepared to serve.

Summer is an excellent time for portable operations. I encourage all to take an opportunity to operate a perhaps scaled down version of field day. Get on the air and enjoy ham radio.

At this month's meeting we will have DX video from an exotic and cool place. Come see the ultimate field day experience. Are you up to a challenge like this?

I look forward to hearing your field day stories at the meeting.

73 de Frank, N8WXQ

CARA Minutes for June 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Etzler, N8WXQ, at 8 p.m. with 18 members and guests attending.

CARA has been offering classes for the Technician license and 14 members of the latest group successfully passed the test at our June 6, 2009 VE session. Congratulations to them and thanks to instructors Oscar Fuller, KO1F, Harlan Ford, W1QH, Mark Gilbert, N1MG, Jim Ritterbusch, KD1YV, and Mark Hertzberg, WA2IZQ. The students were recruited from the Bethel CERT class, the Danbury Red Cross and the Danbury EOC. Future classes will be offered in response to interest from the community.

The Secretary's report was accepted as was the Treasurer's report of \$10,264.78.

The election of CARA officers was held and the current slate was again elected.

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Directors:

Joe de Groot, AB1DO
Dan Fegley, W1QK
Ken Weith, KD1DD

Final preparations for Field Day were discussed and the meeting was adjourned at about 10 PM

Bill Thoren, N1TIW
Secretary

Helpers Needed for Yankee Peddler Hamfest in July

As Bill, N1TIW, notes in the minutes for the April meeting, George, K2ZZ, of Radio Oasis, is looking for 4-5 CARA club members to help with the Yankee Peddler Hamfest in North Haven, CT, on Saturday, July 25. Volunteers will be working with members of the Meriden ARC,

In return for helping out, George will donate a radio to the club for the fall CARA hamfest, plus make a \$100 contribution to the club.

If you can help, please contact George at 914-533-2758 or e-mail him at myradiooasis@aol.com.

2009 CARA-sponsored VE session schedule:

- September 12th
- December 5th

All dates are Saturdays. Sessions will continue to be held at the Stony Hill Fire Station at 59 Stony Hill Road (Route 6) in Bethel, CT.



Registration begins at 11:30 AM. Walk-ins are always welcome—pre-registration is not required. But if you know you will be attending a session a “heads up” e-mail or phone call is always appreciated.

By the way, extra helping hands are always appreciated at license test events. If you're

free on one or more exam dates please give Frank a call.

For further info, contact Frank Sileo, N1PE, frsileo@att.net, 203-438-0218.

Nets

CARA Weekly Net: Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. 147.30+ (PL 100)

Connecticut Phone Net (CPN) Monday through Saturday, 6 p.m., on 3.973 and Sundays at 10 a.m. on 3.965...

CW Connecticut Net, Nightly, 7 p.m., 3.640

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

Tips Net: Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on 146.73- (PL77) (linked statewide).

R-Com Weekly Net: 145.47- (PL100) Thursday Evenings, 8 p.m.

ConnARES Local VHF Net (now part of Area 5) : Second Monday of each month, 8 p.m. on CARA repeater: 147.30+ (PL 100)

Conn ARES Issues Net: 3.965 MHz +/- on Thursdays @ approx. 6:15 p.m. (following CT Phone Net.)

Note: The CT Phone Net often moves to 3.973 to avoid ongoing early evening interference from a short wave operator

ARRL Newsletters Available



Did you know the ARRL offers more newsletters than just The ARRL Letter? One of the many ARRL membership benefits includes other newsletters,

such as the ARRL Contest Update (a bi-weekly contest newsletter), the ARES E-Letter (sent monthly, containing public service and emergency communications news), the ARRL Club News, the ARRL Instructor/Teacher E-Letter and the VE Newsletter, just to name a few.

You can also elect to receive news and information from your Division Director and Section Manager (keep in mind that not all Divisions/Sections send notices), as well as W1AW bulletins that relate to DX, propagation, satellites and Keplerian reports. The ARRL also offers a free notification service that lets them know when their membership and license are due to expire.

Sign up for these newsletters, bulletins and notifications on the Member Data page of the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html>.

Julius Genachowski Sworn In As FCC Chairman

On the afternoon of Monday, June 29, US Supreme Court Justice David Souter -- in one his last official duties on the high court -- swore in Julius Genachowski as the new Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. Genachowski, who clerked for Souter after finishing law school, will complete the four years remaining in the term of outgoing FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein. Both Genachowski and current FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell -- Genachowski for his initial term and McDowell for his first full term -- were confirmed by the US Senate on June 25.

ARRL Seeks Tour Guides

“ARRL gives hundreds of tours annually to visitors from all over the world and you could play an important role in shaping our guests' experiences! We will provide you with training to bring you up to speed on everything you need to know to give a great, 30-60 minute tour.

While this is a volunteer position, you will be entitled to perks along the way - like thank you lunches with ARRL staff, free ham apparel for tour duty and the ability to purchase ARRL publications *at cost*.



W1AW
The Hiram Percy Maxim
Memorial Station at ARRL

We are looking for volunteers to give tours during the following shifts:

Monday 9am-12pm

Monday 1pm-4pm

Wednesday 3pm-4pm (July and August)

Tnx to all who apretiWe ask that if you volunteer, you agree to "work" your shift every week for at least 3 months (except for the Wednesday 3-4 slot which is just for 2 months). If you are sick or are planning a

Tnx to all who participated in the CARA 2009 Field Day!

See this issue for some snapshots from the weekend at Cadigan Park.

vacation, just let me know and I will find a volunteer "sub".

Also, most of our tours are drop-ins so there will be days when you give tours and other days you don't. If you are not giving a tour you are free to work W1AW or our HQ station, read a book or use the computer (with Internet access) that we have in the lobby for our volunteers. You are also welcome to help in other departments if you'd like.

Being an ARRL tour guide is a great way to meet new people and to share your enthusiasm for the Amateur Radio Service. To volunteer, call me at (860) 594-0297 or e-mail dpetrilli@arrl.org. Thank you!"

73,
Diane Petrilli, KB1RNF
Membership Manager

The '09 CARA Hamfest!

Sunday Sept. 13, 2009

Mark it on your calendar now and volunteer to help out. Contact Joe AB1DO.

Got a news item or ham-related gear to sell?

Contact the Capers Editor,
Barry, KA1JDD, at
barry.connolly@yahoo.com







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Western CT Hamfest

Sanctioned by ARRL



- **Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009**
(Rain or Shine)
- Edmond Town Hall
45 Main St (Rt. 6)
Newtown, CT
- Set-up 7 a.m.
- Doors open 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

By
Talk-in on
147.300+
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- Admission \$6 (under 10 free)
- Tables \$15 (includes 1 admission)
- Tailgating \$10 (includes 1 admission)
- Ham Radio Equipment
- Computer Gear
- Door Prizes
- Refreshments
- Free Parking

Battery
Exclusive!
Big batteries at
rock bottom prices!

Commercial Vendors Include (tentative)

- KJI Electronics
- QuickSilver Radio Products
- Radio Oasis
- The Parent Shop

Don't Miss the Raffle!
Win a New Mobile Rig.

Seminars

- Air travel proven mobile HF gear (KL7CE)
- Internet linking (K1RFD, author Echolink)
- (to be determined)

Contact Information

- Joe de Groot - AB1DO: (203) 938-4880
- Email: ab1do@arrl.net
- Web site:
www.danbury.org/cara/hamfest.html

Directions

Take exit 10 off Rt. 84. Go West onto Rt. 6 (west bound make a right, east bound make a left). Approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile at flag pole make a right onto Main Street/Rt. 6/ Rt. 25. Edmond Town Hall will be approx. 100 yds on left.

Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA) Hamfest, Sept. 13, 2009
c/o Joe de Groot - AB1DO, 30 Sunnyview Drive, Redding, CT 06896. Phone # (203) 938-4880

Name _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Address _____ Evening Phone # _____

Please reserve _____ indoor tables @ \$15.00 each. Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I need _____ / do not need _____ electricity. Please make checks payable to CARA