



Capers

September 2013

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CARA Meeting Friday, September 13, 8 p.m. @ Stony Hill Fire Station



MINUTES

CARA Meeting Notes August 9, 2013

July and August meetings are not official so these are “Notes” not formal “Minutes”.

The meeting was opened by CARA President Roger Strong, KB1NYY, with 18 members present.

Joe de Groot, AB1DO, reported that Hamfest preparations are on schedule.

The doors officially open at 8:30 AM but there is a lot to take care of before that so Joe urges as many members as possible to arrive by 6:30 AM to help with set-up.

Also, to allow everyone to search for “treasures”, please take a turn selling admission and raffle tickets.

Joe further announced that he will be passing the Hamfest Manual on to Tony Collazo, KB1YNB, who will be Hamfest Chairman for next year. Joe has done an excellent job as Chairman for several years and we thank him for his efforts.

Ron Cabral, AB1RJ, and Carl Braun, W1ZGZ, have designed a new CARA brochure that they will have printed up to pass out at the Hamfest. Ron had a sample which he passed around. It looks good; several pictures of members in addition to telling who we are.

Dan and Harlan reported that the final Field Day report is in the works and will be presented at a future meeting.

There was no program for this meeting but there was an important presentation. "Will Gary please come forward." Everyone who attended Field Day this year was impressed by the field kitchen that Gary, N1GSA, has assembled. He has used it many times for other functions and we were the beneficiaries of that experience. Providing the food for an event like Field Day takes a lot of effort. To show our appreciation, Harlan, W1QH, and Ron, AB1RJ, came up with a chef's hat and apron for Gary, complete with his name and callsign. Our thanks to Gary for keeping the operators and guests fueled up.



Bill Thoren, N1TIW Secretary

Upcoming Charity Road Rally

This is an enquiry email via <http://www.cararadioclub.org/> from: Edwin Rhodes <wallei@yahoo.com>

I am doing a charity Road Rally on Sept. 28 starting in Westport, CT and traveling up to Kent, CT then back down to Westport using back country roads in both New York and Ct. I am looking for help in running checkpoints and the use of your repeater W1QI for communications from the checkpoints to Net Control in Westport. I am in the process of setting up the course and would like a continuous repeater network through the course. If you can help with this please let me know or if anyone in the club wants to come out and work checkpoints let me know. Thanks

Ed Rhodes
Region 2 AEC
City of West Haven EC

Ham Exam Schedule...

Here are the dates for upcoming ham radio exams at the Stony Hill FD:

September 7, December 7.

All are Saturdays, starting at 11:30 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but it's helpful if candidates call or e-mail Frank Sileo, N1PE, at 203-438-0218, or send a message to frsileo at att.net.

CARA Net August 11, 2013:

7:30 PM (DST) to 7:48 PM (DST)

CARA repeater, 147.300 MHz, PL 100Hz

NOTE: 1) Net Script is on the CARA website
http://cararadioclub.org/images/documents/CARA_netscript.pdf

2) Net Log sheet is on the CARA website

Check-ins for the evening:

- 1 Net control N1TIW, Bill
- 2 W1QH, Harlan
- 3 KO1F, Oscar
- 4 N2OHH, Vin
- 5 KB1NYY, Roger
- 6 N1GSA, Gary
- 7 KB1ZAC, David
- 8 KB1YHW, Gregory
- 9 KB1ZIR, Eric
- 10 W1SOP, Sander
- 11 AB1RJ, Ron

Our thanks to all who checked in.

Bill, N1TIW, Net control

CARA Net August 18, 2013:

7:30 PM (DST) to 7:48 PM (DST)

CARA repeater, 147.300 MHz, PL 100Hz

Check-ins for the evening:

- 1 Net control N1TIW, Bill
- 2 KB1SPA, Jim
- 3 KO1F, Oscar
- 4 NG1R, Roger M.
- 5 W1QH, Harlan
- 6 KB1ZAC, David
- 7 N1GSA, Gary
- 8 KB1NYY, Roger S.
- 9 KB1YNB, Tony
- 10 KB1SOQ, Al

Our thanks to all who checked in.

Bill, N1TIW, Net control

CARA Net August 25, 2013:

7:30 PM (DST) to 7:46 PM (DST)

CARA repeater, 147.300 MHz, PL 100Hz

Check-ins for the evening:

- 1 Net control N1TIW, Bill
- 2 KB1SPA, Jim
- 3 KB1ZAC, David
- 4 KO1F, Oscar
- 5 W1QH, Harlan
- 6 KB1NYY, Roger
- 7 N1MG, Mark
- 8 N2OHH, Vin
- 9 KB1VIS, Will
- 10 N1PJG, Bill
- 11 N1GSA, Gary

Our thanks to all who checked in.

Bill, N1TIW, Net control

On the Web: Vanity HQ Website Pulls the Plug

After serving the US Amateur Radio community for 14 years Mike Carroll, N4MC, has shut down his [Vanity HQ](#) website.



"Vanity HQ is closed," now greets visitors to the site. "It's been a good 14 years. Thank you everyone for participating, sending bug reports and comments, and I especially thank all the Elmer volunteers who have helped me over the years. It is time for me to move on. Regards to all."

The site has had its ups and downs over its lifetime. Carroll made a similar announcement in 2004, citing "a shift in my priorities," but the site eventually remained open. Over the years Vanity HQ often was the first stop for radio amateurs seeking a vanity call sign. Among other information, it provided a list of recently issued vanity call signs as well as available call signs and active vanity call sign applications.

In 2008, the ARRL Board okayed a partnership with the Vanity HQ site to have *QST* Silent Key listings included in the Vanity HQ history project in an electronically searchable format.

After Carroll announced he was shutting down in 2004, Eldon Lewis, K7LS, inaugurated his [RadioQTH](#) website, which offers essentially the same information Vanity HQ did.

Harold Kramer WJ1B: Account of Boston Bombing

http://www.newbritainherald.com/articles/2013/08/01/newington_town_crier/news/doc51fac49f922aa529855367.txt

Digital QST Access Using Adobe AIR 3.8 Restored

09/03/2013

Adobe has restored access to downloaded issues of digital *QST* using the latest Adobe® AIR™ ver 3.8 on Windows operating systems. To download the latest Adobe® AIR™ version, visit the [Adobe Air](#) web page.



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2013 Membership/Dues Application

Name: _____	Date: _____
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____
E-Mail: _____	Zip Code: _____
E-Mail Capers? (CARA News Letter): Y N (Default = "Y")	Phone: _____
Call Sign: _____	ARRL Member?: Y N
Class: E A G T N	VE?: Y N

Membership Rates:

\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Member	\$45.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 Members)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior (65+)/Student (Under 18)	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (3 Members)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate Member (Non-Ham)	\$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (4 Members)

Send Check, Payable to "CARA"

TO: Carl Braun
64 Orchard Avenue, Woodbury, CT 06798

E-Mail: carl@braunhome.com

Phone: (203) 263-4662



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Western CT Hamfest

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- **Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013** (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.

**Talk-in on
147.300+
PL 100**

- 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

Commercial Vendors Include (tentative)

- KJI Electronics
- Sauder Electronics
- Radio Oasis

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

Seminars

- Bill Thoren, N1TIW: Samuel F.B. Morse - Artist and Inventor

Contact Information

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

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.

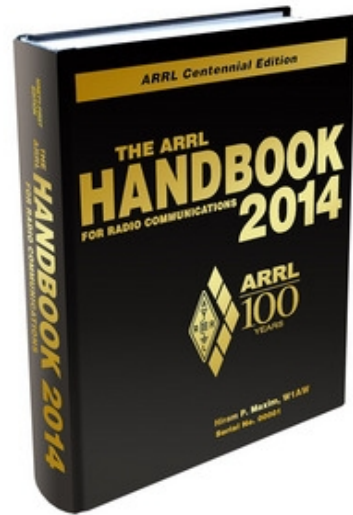
Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA) Hamfest, Sept. 8, 2013
c/o Joe de Groot - AB1DO, 30 Sunnyview Drive, Redding, CT 06896. Phone # (203) 938-4880

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



Centennial: ARRL Now Taking Orders for Personalized ARRL Centennial Handbook

The ARRL is now taking orders for personalized and serial-numbered hardcover editions of the 2014 ARRL Centennial Edition of [*The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications*](#). Advance orders will be filled starting in early October. For 100 years, ARRL has been at the forefront of promoting technical advancement and improvements in radio operating practices, and since 1926 the *Handbook* has defined the latest innovations in the field of applied electronics and communications. Written by radio amateurs *for* radio amateurs, experimenters, engineers and students, *The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications* is a must-have resource.

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