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September - 2024

The Monthly Newsletter of The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association

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Editor: Daniel Fegley – W1QK

This in-person meeting will be conducted on Friday, September 13 at the Stony Hill Fire House on Rte. 6 (Newtown Road) in Bethel. Gather at 7:00 pm. Meeting begins promptly at 7:30 pm.

Presentation by Phil Crombie – K1XFC

ARRL ARES Connecticut Section Emergency Manager - SEC



CARA Monthly Meeting Agenda

September 13, Stony Hill FD

Meeting call to order.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome new members and guests!
- Members introduction

Secretary Report:

- Acceptance of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes as Published in CAPERS
- Correspondence if any

Treasurers Report:

- Acceptance as Published in CAPERS
- Updates if necessary

PROGRAM: ARRL ARES Presentation by Phil Crombie - K1XFC

Committee Reports

- Repeater Committee Reports: Steve, W1SMS
- Website and IT Committee: Stephanie Fuda
- Operating Activities Committee
 - Winter FD January 2025
 - POTA September 21 10am to 2pm Squantz Pond
 - Future POTA's 3rd Saturday of Month 10-2 Location TBD
- Fund Raising Committee
- Membership Committee

Old Business

- Discussion and Vote on New Constitution and Bylaws
- Status of Lend Lease Program
- Special Event station Sat 9/7 at Danbury Railway Museum 10-3-Wrap Up
- Special Event station Sat 9/7 New Fairfield Days-Wrap Up
- General Class Status January-March 2025
 - Study books have been acquired

New Business

- Joint Activity with National Guard and EOC
 - Possibly in November in New Fairfield

Announcements

- Pasta Night Tuesday 9/17 at 6pm Vespucci Lodge

Good of the Order

Adjournment and Next Meeting

- September planning meeting Friday 9/27 at 7:30 on Teams
- Monthly meeting Friday 10/11 at 7:30 Stony Hill FD

Meeting closed at 8:10pm.

President's Message

de W1NSK



Every year about this time I take inventory of projects that I want to get done by the end of the year. Maybe it's something that just hangs with me from my school days. I have a shack rebuild planned (not longing forward to that cobweb of wires lurking under the desk. Contest Season is approaching. ARRL Sweepstakes, CQWW DX, etc. The best way to get ready for it is to do all the stuff on the list now and get the gremlins out of things before those big weekends. For those new to Radio Sport, the bands are "on fire" with activity. Lots of DX from all parts of the Globe is readily workable as this is the height of the Sunspot Cycle. Try it for an hour or more and see

how it goes. You don't have to have a "Big Gun" station to enjoy!

A major ARRL effort is underway with both a Senate and House Bill to preclude restrictive antenna zoning in City/County Zoning, HOA's as well as deed covenants. We as members are being asked to endorse a letter which will be hand delivered to District 4 & 5, Congress men/women and Senators from CT. See the file I have circulated on the CARA Reflector. Print it out and then scan back in to send to me. I will be sending it on to the Legislative Affairs people at the League for Hand Delivery. Your support for this important legislation is very much appreciated.

I call your attention to the new CARA Lend Lease Program for HF Transceivers. We have one available for a maximum 6 months. Our aim is to help new Hams get the on the air, try out a rig to see what they may like to buy, and try the "HOT" HF Bands at the top of the Cycle. Contact John, W1JMA for details and application.

One of our fun CARA Monthly Events is our POTA activation. This month it will be held September 21 at Squantz Pond in New Fairfield

from 10AM-2PM. We usually have 3-4 stations on the air and often club members are invited to operate. Further details will be announced at our September meeting.

We are looking for new ideas for club meeting presentations. If you have something you would like to share with the Club or just an idea, let me know and we'll see what we can do.

We are a group of volunteers. If you haven't yet joined a committee, please let one of the officers know what your interests maybe and we'll get you involved! We are especially looking for a "Chief Information Officer" to work on publicity for Club events and happenings. If you have an interest in this area let an officer know.

This month's Spaghetti Dinner is September 17th 6PM, at Vespucci Lodge, Danbury. Unofficial casual club event. Join us!

Coming up next month, The Nutmeg Hamfest is October 13th, 8 AM to 2 PM. Sponsored by The Meriden Club and held at Maloney High School in Meriden. The ARRL Forum and a CT Parks on the Air Forum will be held, Also included is a good sized indoor/outdoor Flea Market.

See you on the Air!

73, Bud - W1NSK
CARA President



CARA Has been an ARRL Affiliated Club since 1946 – 78 Years in 2024

Vice- President's Message:

de W1JGM



The fall temperatures are starting to set in, and soon the fall colors will appear.

I had a very busy month outside of amateur radio. This August, my wife – Rhonda and I celebrated our milestone 50th wedding anniversary.

CARA and MNARA conducted a very successful dual-club Special Event Station activation celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Danbury Railway Museum – DRM on White Street in Downtown Danbury. CARA used W1QI and the Metro North Amateur Radio Association used W2MNR to put the museum on the air. Our thanks to Dan Thill – N2DGT, and John Ahle – W1JMA for organizing this activity for each respective club. Thanks to Stephanie – KC1UZY for preparing the SES Certificate and automated process on the CARA website. Members of both clubs came together to operate and promote our great hobby. Danbury Mayor Roberto Alves presented his Proclamation from the City of Danbury to the citizens of Danbury on the occasion of the museum's anniversary and in recognition of First Responders Day, There were

many DRM visitors - even with the uncertain weather.

Unfortunately, due to the forecast inclement weather, the New Fairfield. Fair Days event was cancelled again this year. We are hoping that it will be rescheduled. I'll keep everybody informed.

Upcoming September Events:

CARA's monthly in-person meeting will be on September 13th at the Stony Hill Fire Department in Bethel. This month's presentation will be by Philip Crombie - K1XFC, ARRL CT Section Emergency Coordinator. He will speak about the ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Service – ARES, and related topics.

CARA's monthly pasta night will be held at 6:00 pm on September 17 at the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge on Vespucci Drive in Danbury. \$ 12 cash for bowl of pasta with meatball and/or Italian sausage link with delicious sauce, salad, bread & butter. Cash bar for soda, wine, and beer.

This month's CARA POTA event is September 21 at Squantz Pond State Park in New Fairfield from 10:00 am ~ 3:00 pm. This event will be coordinated by John – W1JMA. Come and operate, observe, socialize, or just enjoy a day at the park.

Have a suggestion for a club activity? Please let the Executive Committee or your Directors know.

And – remember, this is your club.

73,
John Morelli - W1JGM
CARA Vice-President



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

August 9 - Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

de CARA Secretary/Treasurer, John Ahle - W1JMA



CARA August 9, 2024, Business Meeting Minutes

The August meeting was called to order by Bud, W1NSK, President. Bud welcomed the 12 members attending and 2 guests.

The July meetings minutes as presented in the CAPERS were accepted.
The July financial report as presented in CAPERS was accepted.

Committee Reports

- Steve -W1SMS, reported that the repeaters were functioning. Steve also mentioned that the club has received a letter from the City of Danbury ordering CARA out of the current repeater site. A letter has been hand delivered to the mayor's office asking for a meeting to appeal this decision. CARA is to leave the site by the end of the calendar year.
- Stephanie -KC1UZC, was not present, but the website is working well as is the reflector. Steve - W1SMS has some minor changes to the repeater section. John, W1JMA, will work with Stephanie to make those changes.
- There were no fund-raising activities to date.
- The membership committee reported that we have 57 full members.

Old Business

- John - W1JMA, reported that both the Icom and Yaesu rigs have been or will be placed with 2 club members within the next month as part of our lend/lease program.
- Planning is underway for our special event station at the Danbury RR Museum on Saturday 9/7 from 9-3pm. The event is the 30th anniversary of the RR museum. There will be two stations manned. One by CARA and the other by

the Metro North Amateur Radio Club. A sign-up sheet will be sent out shortly. Dan - N2DGT, is leading this effort.

- John - W1JGM, will be leading the special event station at the New Fairfield Days on Saturday 9/7. A sign-up sheet will be sent out shortly for this effort.
- The general class will begin in January. The ARRL study manuals have been acquired.

New Business

- Bud - W1NSK, notified the membership about the ARRL effort to pass legislation to require HOA's to allow reasonable antennas for ham radio operators who live in these types of communities. Bud will circulate to the membership a form letter that should be signed and scanned back to Bud so they can be collected, and hand delivered to our congressional delegation by the ARRL.
- Bud - W1NSK, informed the membership present and by the reflector the prior Wednesday that the leadership would like to put forward a revised Constitution and Bylaws for the club. A motion was made and seconded to adopt these new documents. A second motion was made and seconded to delay the discussion of the documents to the September meeting. This would give the membership time to read the documents and ask questions prior to the meeting. The September meeting will have the

discussion. The final documents based on that discussion will be sent to the membership by email for a vote.

- YCCC and ARES are in the process of being organized for future programs this fall.

Announcements

- Pasta night is Tuesday 8/20 at 6pm at Vespucci Lodge.
- NE Convention is 8/23-24 in Marlboro Ma

Adjournment and next meetings

- The August planning meeting will be Friday 8/30 at 7:30 on Teams
- September business/program meeting on Friday 9/13 at 7:30 Stony Hill FD
- The meeting closed at 8:10pm. The program is Elmer Night.

CARA Treasury Report August 31, 2024

Income: Full Member Dues 2024
\$1940
Income: Associate Member Dues
2024 \$0
Income:

Total Income:
\$1940

Expense: Donation-
WA7BNM&POTA&BPFD \$300
Expense: Insurance – Eq & Liability
\$305
Expense: PayPal Fees
\$15.60
Expense: Website/Hosting Fees
\$30.98
Expense: NEQSO Plague
\$50
Expense: Event Banners
\$120
Expense: Repeater Repairs
\$979.90

Total Expense:
\$1801.48

Net Income for Period
\$138.52

Cash: Checking \$6774.94
Cash: Petty \$50
Investment: IBond \$7343

Unrestricted CASH Balance:
\$14167.94

Number of full members: 57
Associate members: 0

September 13 Meeting

Presentation:

Philip Crombie – K1XFC, ARRL CT ARES Section Emergency Coordinator



I have been a ham since November 2014.

I served as Emergency Coordinator - EC, in South Windsor and Region 3 DEC before becoming SEC in December 2022. I'm trustee of the ham radio station in the South Windsor EOC.

I coordinate the 55 ham operators who provide radio communications for the Manchester Road Race. I participate in ham radio communications for the Boston and Hartford Marathons along with other Public Service Events.

I got involved in ham radio after 40 years in the South Windsor Volunteer Fire Department. I served as a chief officer for 31 years, the last ten (2002 to 2012) as Fire Chief.

I retired last October from full time employment with Travelers Insurance as a fire protection engineer and forensic scientist.

I'm going to talk about amateur radio emergency communications focusing on CT ARES.

- How people can get and stay involved.
- Training opportunities.
- State and regional activities.

Attached are photos of my shack and go-box.



The last photo is me (on right) in the South Windsor EOC for Tropical Storm Henri in August 2021.



Thank you , Dan – N2DGT

<https://www.jse-repair.com/product-category/club-apparel/candlewood-amateur-radio-association/>



CARA Merch: Update

In July, Dan - N2DGT, also made a motion to allow JSC Embroidery to set up a CARA Bling 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.

----- Original message -----

From: "John W1JMA via groups.io"

<w1jma=w1qi.org@groups.io>

Date: 8/11/24 1:34 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: caraw1qi@groups.io

Subject: [CARAW1QI] CARA Hats, Shirts and

More available thru the JSE/CARA website is now activated see link below:

At the July meeting, Dan, N2DGT discussed a new vendor JSE who sells CARA hats, shirts, mugs, and other items.

The link to the website is below.

There are good sales on shirts , BOGO 50% OFF . The link for the code should auto propagate or it's at the bottom of the checkout. Additionally, JSE , offers -15% for military .





From: CARAW1QI@groups.io
 <CARAW1QI@groups.io> **On Behalf Of** John W1JMA via groups.io
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 8:08 AM
To: caraw1qi@groups.io
Subject: Re: [CARAW1QI] CARA Hats, Shirts and More available thru the JSE/CARA website is now activated see link below:

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Thank you ,

Dan – N2DGT

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Weekly CARA Sunday club NETS:

Informal 10M Net: 28.490 MHz. USB 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Net Control: Vin – N2OHH

The CARA Net: W1QI 2M FM Repeater – 7:30 pm.

Net Controls: David - KB1ZAC, Charlie - KC1IBR.

Contact Vin – N2OHH or David – KB1ZAC respectively if you would like to be a CARA 10M or 2M Net Control Operator.



Upcoming Contests, Hamfests & Meetings:

Sept. 13: K1USN SST Open. Slow Speed CW contest. Use this link to learn about the **K1USN Radio Club's SST** slow speed CW contests:

<http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

Sept. 13: CARA Monthly Business Meeting. In-person at Stony Hill FD, Bethel. Gather at 7:00 pm, gavel at 7:30 pm.

Sept. 14-15: ARRL VHF Contest

Sept. 17: CARA Monthly Pasta Night Dinner - Vespucci Italian-American club in Danbury on Vespucci Dr. \$ 12 cash for

bowl of pasta with meatball and/or Italian sausage link with delicious sauce, salad, bread & butter. Cash bar for soda, wine, and beer. 6:00 pm.



Sept. 21 CARA monthly POTA activation – Squantz Pond State Park – New Fairfield. 10:00 am ~ 3:00 pm, W1JMA coordinator.

Sept. 27: CARA Monthly Planning Meeting on TEAMS: 7:30 pm

Sept. 30: CT ARES Region 5 Monthly meeting via TEAMS

Sept. 11, 18., 25: CWops CWT contest - 1300Z & 1900Z Wednesday, and 0300Z (Thursday)
<https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>



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Bulletins

K1USN SST Open Premieres on September 13

CW operators and are invited to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the K1USN weekly Slow Speed Contest (SST) by participating in a new event, the K1USN SST Open (SSO). From its inception in September 2020, the twice-weekly SST has encouraged CW newcomers to join with experienced operators in a relaxed contest at speeds less than 20 WPM. **Participants are encouraged to operate at 12**

WPM or less so that CW newcomers can participate at a pace that is comfortable for them.

The SST Open takes place on Friday, September 13 from 2000 UTC to 2359 UTC. The exchange is your name and US state, Canadian province, or "DX" if located outside of the US or Canada. More information on the SSO is available at www.k1usn.com/SSO.html.

October 4: October 2024 Capers input deadline to w1qk@snet.net

Editor: Dates, links, and other details for this column provided by:

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

For current scores, visit:

<https://www.3830scores.com/index.php>

Use this link to access the WA7BNM Contest Calendar website:

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

Editor:

CARA has contributed financial support to WA7BNM for his Contest Calendar and 3830 Contest Scores websites for two years.

2024 Ham Exam Schedule



Upcoming CARA 2024 Amateur radio exams:

I have scheduled the following times for ham radio testing at the Stony Hill Firehouse.

All sessions are at 11:30 am on Saturdays.
December 7, 2024

73, Jon Bernon - AJ1U
CARA Volunteer Examiner Session Coordinator



CT ARES Information:

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 Monday of the month –
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.

hford01@snet.net

Visit this website to learn more about CT ARES,
the weekly 2M FM nets, and WinLink
Wednesday:

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

This document lists CT DEMHS Towns by
Region:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEMHS/Emergency-Management/Resources-For-Officials/Regional-Offices/Towns-by-Region>

Upcoming Free CT CERT Webinar:

October 22 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Targeted Violence Awareness and Prevention

Register at:

<https://www.train.org/connecticut/course/1110854>

*Submit CT ARES news to CARA Capers to
be included here in next month's issue.*

*"When Everything Else Fails. Amateur
Radio often is our last line of
defense...When you need amateur radio,
you really need them."*

The Hon. W. Craig Fugate - Former
Administrator, US Department of
Homeland Security, FEMA

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. 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 Danbury EOC Greater Danbury
Area
145.630

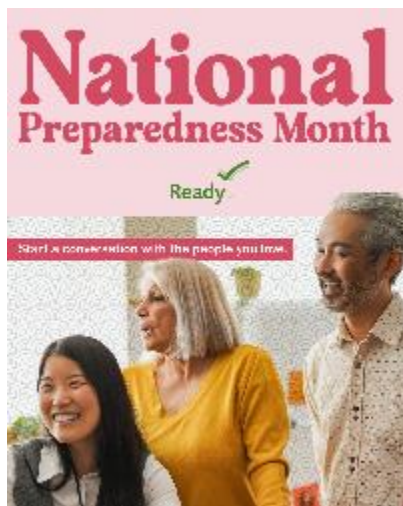
Next CT ARES WinLink Wednesday:
Wednesday, October 2



John E. Ross, KD8IDJ, Editor | August 29, 2024

Resilience Through Amateur Radio for National Preparedness Month

Amateur radio is an excellent tool for community resilience in times of crisis. The utility value of the critical



Graphic courtesy of Ready.gov

communications it provides is enhanced by having well trained local **Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®)** groups and other teams. However, to maximize the value to yourself, your family, and your community; an operator must be prepared. **September is National Preparedness Month.**

ARRL's partners at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are sharing tips to help you be prepared. They are centered around the theme of **"Start a Conversation"**. ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, is starting the conversation with radio amateurs to help make sure you, your station, and your family are ready for whatever may come your way. "It's important that we take steps to ensure that not only are we ready to provide assistance to our served agencies, but that we have a plan for our families as well," he said.

Over the month of September, ARRL will share best practices to help prepare you, your station, your family, and your local ARES® group to thrive in times of emergency.



"There are times when hams may be activated to serve when all aspects of your life, your station, and your environment are under stress. That's not the time to start planning or to discover shortcomings," said Johnston.

Johnston encourages any radio amateur who is interested in participating in ARES® to

check out the "Join ARES" [flyer](#), then reach out to their local ARRL Emergency Coordinator. If you don't know who that is, find your local [ARRL Affiliated Club](#), or reach out to your ARRL Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator, whose contact details you can find on page 16 of QST or on www.arrl.org/sections.

Find resources for ARES® at www.arrl.org/ares and tools to help plan your family's resilience at www.ready.gov.



The CW Operators' Club

cwops.org

The CW Operators' Club, commonly known as CWops, is an international organization, in membership and management, for amateur radio operators who enjoy communicating using Morse Code. Its mission is to foster the use of CW, whether for contesting, DX'ing, traffic handling, or engaging in conversations.

Visit the CWops website to learn more about [CW Academy](#) and how you can sign up for the popular & free [on-line CW training classes](#).

<https://cwops.org/cw-academy/cw-academy-options/>

To become a member of CWops:
<https://cwops.org/membership/>

Solar Cycle 25 Producing Record High Sunspot Numbers

From: donovanf@starpower.net

Date: Sat, 17 Aug 2024 11:28:50 EDT

<https://www.arrl.org/news/solar-cycle-25-producing-record-high-sunspot-numbers>

73

Frank

W3LPL

Dr. Scott McIntosh Cycle 25 Update: August 14, 2024

From: Larry Banks

Date: Fri, 16 Aug 2024 17:51:53 EDT

Hi all,

If you have not already seen this, I highly recommend it. This is a very informative discussion of the current solar cycle. Dr. McIntosh is part of the team that predicted a different outcome a few years ago.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yj3TcoajK_o&t=3s

Note that it is about an hour long, but the actual talk is about 20 minutes. However, some very interesting questions are asked later: at about 24 minutes W3LPL gets involved. A bit later VK0DS -- in Antarctica -- asks some questions. At about 40 minutes there is an interesting discussion about the science of Solar Weather and the conflicts with academic/commercial interests. If you care about solar magneto-hydrodynamics, stick around to about 44 minutes.

Larry / W1DYJ

Re: Members using ears rather than computers?

From: Stew GW0ETF (919)

Date: Sun, 08 Sep 2024 07:42:16 EDT

A couple of comments from me which shouldn't really need making....

[First off CWops isn't a contest club.](#) Many members contest and a large proportion of those do it extremely well. And no successful CW contester will use anything other than ears and brain to decode the received Morse. Contesting is (read the title) competitive and has evolved to use whatever new tools have been developed by hams to make it yet more competitive. Hence the use of computer logging and machine sent CW. Nothing is preventing anyone sending everything by hand, even with a hacksaw blade; that would be fun for some. And if you really want to spend the rest of the week dupe checking paper logs and entering hundreds of contacts into a

computer to generate an entry that's a choice too. This evolution occurs in any competitive activity. It's human nature to strive to improve and push the boundaries. If some of the attitudes expressed here were applied to human evolution we'd still be living in caves?

I enjoyed the Open, it's a cracking and unique contest. There's no unassisted category so I ran the cluster and had a band map on both K3 receivers. I ran when I could but being QRP it could be slow so was also using the 2nd receiver to search for new spots to call. With DxLog I can either tune or jump from spot to spot on vfo-B with <Ctrl-Alt><Up/Down Arrows>. That's fun and helps make my meagre efforts more efficient.

In my view contesting and conversational CW are 2 different animals and don't mix. And we should be thankful we have clever folk in our hobby to develop innovative tools to make contesting more competitive and enjoyable.

73, Stew GW0ETF / GW4J CWops President

The Amateur's Code

The Radio Amateur is:

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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October issue input deadline: October 4

A brief word from our editor...

CARA CAPERS is the monthly publication of the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (CARA) and is intended to present news, issues, and opinions of interest to CARA members and the Amateur Radio Community.

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.

Ideas for, and contributions to the CAPERS should be submitted to: w1qk@snet.net.

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.

The CAPERS is published by CARA Capers Editor. All material contained herein is considered the opinion of the author and not necessarily that of CARA.

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<http://www.mvara.org/News/Current.pdf>



About ARRL:

Founded in 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim, ARRL (American Radio Relay League) is the national association for Amateur Radio in the US. Today, with more than 161,000 members, ARRL is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the world. ARRL's mission is based on five pillars: Public Service, Advocacy, Education, Technology, and Membership.

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Information**

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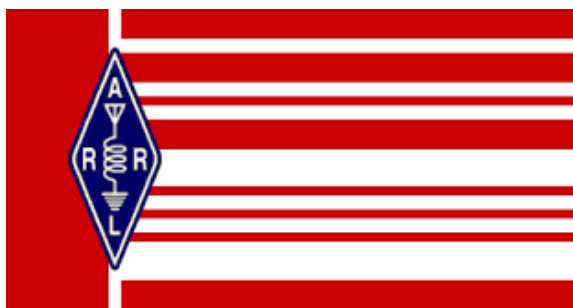
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- [NCJ -- National Contest Journal](#). Published bimonthly, features articles by top testers, letters, hints, statistics, scores, NA Sprint, and QSO parties.
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The Yankee Clipper Contest Club is a special interest amateur radio club devoted to the pursuit of operating and technical excellence.

There are in excess of 400 testers who are members of the club throughout New England, New York, and Canada.

YCCC has members who are some of the most proficient contest operators in the world.

Several CARA members are also members of the YCCC.

More information about the YCCC at:
<http://www.yccc.org/>

Editor: Excerpts From the YCCC Groups IO Reflector with credit to all contributors:

Station Chair Opinions:

I do recall a few months ago a discussion of recommended chairs to use at the station. My chair is giving up the ghost and my body is starting to feel it.

Any recommendations from personal use? I'm a shade under 6ft and weigh about 190. Price is a consideration as is back support and comfort plus arm rests.

Any recommendations would be appreciated.
73, Art - N2KA

From: N2WQ

Date: Sun, 11 Aug 2024 08:22:22 EDT

I would highly recommend you go to your local staples and sit on various chairs. We humans are quite different and have preferences.

Rudy N2WQ

Re: Station chair

From: Mel Granick

Date: Sun, 11 Aug 2024 09:18:47 EDT

Check out gaming chairs.

Locally at Staples and at Micro Center.

Lots of choose from.

Try before you buy.

73, Mel - KS2G

Re: Station chair

From: Michael (N1EN)

Date: Sun, 11 Aug 2024 09:39:24 EDT

Chair preferences are going to vary from person to person, because people come in many different dimensions. Going to a physical store with a tape measure in hand and figuring out what you do/don't like is a useful experience.

A few years ago, after having been frustrated with chairs from the usual office supply chains that were either ridiculously expensive and didn't fit me, or which didn't last more than 1-2 years, I stumbled on the notion of looking into the chairs gamers use, as they have the same general concerns that I do as a telecommuter and a sometime-contester.

At that time, there was a common recommendation among gamers – Secret lab

They post detailed dimensions of their chairs on their website (looks like the easiest way to access them these days is via <https://secretlab.co/pages/compare>), so I was willing to gamble in getting one.

I now have two, and they work very well for my needs. I remember reading that K9CT has a fleet for his contest station.

They aren't cheap, but they aren't as ridiculous as some of the higher-end office chairs that some folks rave about. And at this point, I've probably broken even economically by virtue of the likelihood that I would have needed to replace basic

OfficeMax/Depot chairs a couple of times already in the timeframe I've had my Secret labs.

However, I'll caution again that different people have different dimensions, and different preferences when it comes to chairs. Your mileage may vary.

Michael Adams – N1EN

Re: Station chair

From: Bob Shohet, KQ2M

Date: Sun, 11 Aug 2024 10:16:05 EDT

I also have a Secret lab Titan Chair which I bought 3? 4? years ago. Solid, durable but HARD. Know that if you have the kind of body that needs some padding on a hard chair some foam rubber would be helpful. But if you like hard chairs then it is excellent.

Of particular note, this is one of the few chairs that I have ever had where my back hurts very little to sit in it even after 10 - 15 hours straight.

My most comfortable chair ever (I have two) is a Costco leather executive chair that I bought almost 30 years ago. Unfortunately, after a long time the hydraulics gave out so it has limited usage now and the manufacturer went out of business decades ago so I can't pump it back up and keep it at a high enough position.

For cost effective everyday use and prices, Costco is your best bet - much better than Staples/Office Max. They offer different chairs at different points in time and you need to sit on them to try them out. Keep in mind that any chair can feel comfortable for 15 minutes but may start to hurt after 2 - 3 hours and cause agony after 10 - 20 hours. So, it is hard to know in advance what will work and what won't.

Generally, you want to buy something with a SOLIDLY built frame (wood or metal) with preferably 5 wheels on the bottom, a comfortable seat and good back support - you should be able to spot this quickly by sitting in it.

At my station here are my priorities:

- 1) Comfortable seat
- 2) Back support.

3) Durability

Another option for GOOD quality office chairs is to find a (relatively) nearby Office Furniture Liquidator; someone that buys the stock of office furniture companies and small - mid-size businesses going out of business. This is often a lively market with an inventory that constantly changes. The liquidators usually have a public auction every few months to a year and some may have a warehouse. Often at auction you can buy any type of office equipment/file cabinets/furniture for 5% - 20% of retail cost and may be able to arrange cheap delivery as well. I have purchased many high-quality items this way and MOST are still useful as long as 35+ years later. This is hit or miss but when you hit it can be a bonanza with a relatively low downside cost if it doesn't work out as you hoped.

73, Bob - KQ2M

Re: Station chair

From: David Mackey

Date: Sun, 11 Aug 2024 10:58:36 EDT

I have been using a Herman-Miller Aeron chair for many years. Very expensive when new, but I got mine at a used office furniture warehouse store nearby. Still not cheap at the time, but with now 14+ years of service for me and , who knows how many for someone else, it is still in excellent working condition. Cheap in the long run.

73, Dave - K1KA

Re: Station chair

From: DJToman

Date: Sun, 11 Aug 2024 11:21:13 EDT

Fully agree.

Mine has the adjustable back rest.

Re: Station chair

From: John Nitzke

Date: Sun, 11 Aug 2024 18:33:08 EDT

A few years ago - I think it was as the result of recommendations on this e-mail reflector - I bought a HON "Ignition" nylon mesh chair and have loved it. HON is the big office furniture company we all have known for decades.

I'm 6' - 4" at 200 lbs. and spend many hours a day in it. It never gets uncomfortable for me. Seat height, armrest height and armrest spread are all adjustable.

Mine is black and the exact model number is HIWMMKD.Y2.A.H.IM.CU10.AL.SB.T at www.hon.com/chairs/ignition/hiwmmkdy2ahimcu10alsbt

Its official name is "HON Ignition 2.0 Mesh Back Fabric Computer and Desk Chair."

But try searching for just "HIWMMKD" to see all the back and cushion color choices.

Staples, Wayfair, Amazon - All the big box stores and on-line sellers carry them.

I ended up buying from Walmart, and they delivered it in two days. I will probably buy another for my office in a few weeks.

Re: Station chair

From: Jim Idelson

Date: Sun, 11 Aug 2024 19:20:46 EDT

I think Alex is correct. You really have to find one that fits your individual ergonomic needs.

I will note that there is a very highly rated chair from Steelcase that comes in at a much lower price than the Aeron.

73, Jim- K1IR

Re: Broken Antenna Wire

From: Tony Brock-Fisher

Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2024 19:26:27 EDT

The problem with the lineman's splice is getting the oxidized wire clean enough to take solder. There have been discussions about how to do this but nothing I've tried has gotten the wire clean enough to take solder well. Short of an effective chemical dip, I have unwound the wire and used sandpaper or crocus cloth to remove the oxide, then retwist the wire.

I have used these on my flag, which deer walk through often and break:

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-3-16-in-Zinc-Plated-Flush-Type-Wire-Rope-Clamp-2-Pack-42984/205883072>

They work well and the clamping action breaks through the oxide to make a good connection.

Finally, I have crimped ring terminals onto the wire and connected them with a stainless 1/4-20 bolt. This works well too. If you don't solder it, you need a very tight clamped/crimped/crushed connection that makes a gas-tight seal between conductors to eliminate corrosion and high resistance at the joint.

-Tony, K1KP

Re: Broken Antenna Wire

From: JAMES REDFIELD

Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2024 22:25:02 EDT

Take the wire and dip the ends in vinegar for 30-45 minutes. Wipe dry, add flux and solder away.

James - W1JSR

Re: Broken Antenna Wire

From: Bob Shohet, KQ2M

Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2024 22:36:42 EDT

The Lineman's splice is what I use on all of my antenna wire, guy wire, rotator cable splices except for those under heavy tension - like beverage wires through the trees suspended above ground. For those I use split bolt connectors.

Certain wires oxidize badly, and that oxidation/corrosion needs to be stripped away in order for the wire to take the solder well, allow it to flow and make a good electrical connection. In order to remove oxidation, insulation and "crud" and get to the bare wire I use a utility knife to carefully, lightly scrape everything off the wire. Just keep rotating the wire a few degrees at a time and re-scrape. Afterwards your antenna wire or other wire should be shiny, wrap easily and take the solder well. This process would probably work even better with an Exacto knife as long as the blades are new and sharp.

Depending on the wire and the type of debris on it, sometimes I use fine sandpaper first. If you do, make sure that you wipe off the sandpaper residue before you twist the wires or solder them.

You should also clean/remove debris and oxidation from the wires this way if you are going to use a split bolt connector as well. On any splice, your goal should always be to make the best electrical AND physical connection possible.

73 & GL Bob - KQ2M

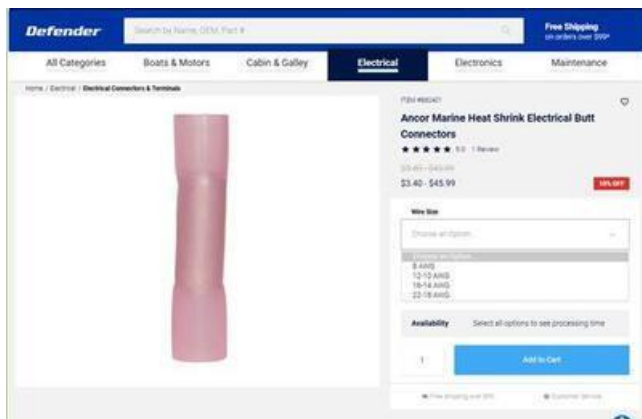
Re: Broken Antenna Wire

From: Chet – N8RA

Date: Thu, 15 Aug 2024 09:40:00 EDT

https://defender.com/en_us/ancor-marine-heat-shrink-electrical-butt-connectors

Additional comment from Defender's website: Use only marine-grade butt connectors; never use wire nuts, commonly used in household wiring, on a boat. Household wire nuts are banned by the ABYC. The sheathing of marine-grade connectors is made of semi-transparent nylon rather than the solid-colored vinyl jacket found on household connectors.



Vinyl connectors are more likely to be punctured by the crimper, a common flaw, and the sheathing is more likely to dislodge, leaving your connection open to corrosion and worse. Adhesive-lined heat shrink connectors provide excellent insulation for wire splices and connections. Cool Seal connectors from BSP use an innovative sealant that is activated by simply inserting the wire into the butt connector — no heat is required. The ABYC also bans flat forked

connectors because they can easily pull loose if the screw vibrates loose. Fork connectors that include hooks are allowed where access to the screw is particularly difficult

73, Chet, N8RA

Re: "Get On The Air" series

From: N2WQ

Date: Sun, 08 Sep 2024 14:57:41 EDT

Here's the quickest way to submit your questions, see what others are asking, and up vote questions for the first session **Get On The Air- RTTY, to be scheduled for September 18th:**

<https://app.sli.do/event/cUbBhBzQxyu3CogoXffnim>

Gathering question upfront is one way to make sure the content meets participants' expectations.

Rudy N2WQ

On Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 11:35:45 AM EDT, Rudy Bakalov <r_bakalov@yahoo.com> wrote:

We are in the process of planning a series of webinars on helping folks prepare for upcoming contests. The first 3 are on 1/getting started with RTTY, 2/mastering propagation, and 3/improving your CW skills.

We are also thinking of having a lot more time for Q&A instead of the usual mostly presentation format. Think live Q&A.

Call to action: If you have any specific questions/topics on your mind aligned with the first 3 sessions, please let me know ASAP.

Rudy N2WQ

**Event: Get on the Air - RTTY - Wednesday,
September 18, 2024** #cal-invite

From: noreply@groups.io

Date: Mon, 09 Sep 2024 15:38:32 EDT

Get on the Air - RTTY

Meeting ID: 891 9853 0620

Passcode: 112330

When:

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

7:30pm to 9:00pm

(UTC-04:00) America/New York

Where: Zoom

Organizer: WO1N - Ken

wo1n@arrl.net

[View Event](#)

Description:

Hi all,

First in a series of talks organized by Rudy,
N2WQ

Zoom channel will be open 15 minutes before
scheduled start (7:30PM)

YCCC Zoomers is inviting you to a scheduled
Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Get On The Air - Getting Started with
RTTY**

Time: Sep 18, 2024 07:15 PM Eastern Time (US
and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89198530620?pwd=MTQMKd0L4buFn4wZpt0uMxxDZMzasE.1>



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

CARA special event station operation on Saturday, September 7 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm:

W1QI was activated on September 7 from the Danbury Railway Museum - DRM, on White Street in Danbury in conjunction with the Metro North Railroad Amateur Radio Association - W2MNR in recognition of DRM's 30th year anniversary celebration.

A special certificate for making contact with either W1QI or W2MNR can be requested here: <https://cararadioclub.org/>

<https://cararadioclub.org/special-event-station>

More information about DRM at: <https://www.danburyrail.org/>

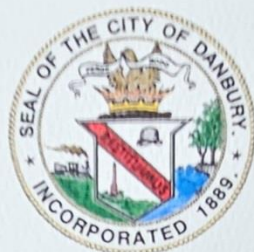
The Danbury Railway Museum is in the heart of Danbury, Connecticut. Our [fully restored train station](#), built in 1903, houses a collection of historically significant artifacts and a [research library](#) covering railroading's rich heritage in New England and the northeast United States. [Just behind the station is an extensive rail yard](#), featuring over 60 pieces of [historic railroad equipment and rolling stock](#). The Museum and rail yard are [open year-round](#). Family-friendly [rides aboard our historic trains](#) are offered every weekend between April and December, and special event trains are operated for Easter, Autumn, and Christmas. **Welcome aboard!**

Source: <https://www.danburyrail.org/>



DANBURY
RAILWAY MUSEUM

Editor: Photos contributed by Dan – N2DGT and Harlan – W1QH



Mayor's Proclamation

Be it hereby known to all that:

The Mayor and the Citizens of the City of Danbury
RECOGNIZE

METRO NORTH RAILROAD AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION & CANDLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO ASSOC. IN THE CELEBRATION OF DANBURY RAILWAY'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

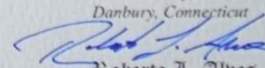
WHEREAS: The Metro-North Railroad Amateur Radio Association and the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association have joined together to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Danbury Railway and honor First Responders through their Special Event Radio initiative; and,

WHEREAS: This event highlights the critical role of amateur radio in emergency communication and the invaluable contributions of First Responders who ensure the safety and well-being of our community; and,

WHEREAS: The collaboration of these organizations in recognizing both the milestone anniversary of the Danbury Railway and the dedication of First Responders reflects their commitment to community service and enhancing public safety through innovative communication methods; and,

THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that, I, **Roberto L. Alves**, as Mayor of the City of Danbury, do hereby commend the Metro-North Railroad Amateur Radio Association and the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association for their outstanding efforts in celebrating Danbury Railway's 30th Anniversary and honoring First Responders, and for their ongoing dedication to improving community safety and communication.

Signed this 7th Day of September, 2024
In the City Hall
Danbury, Connecticut


Roberto L. Alves
Mayor



Danbury Mayor: Roberto Alves reading Proclamation



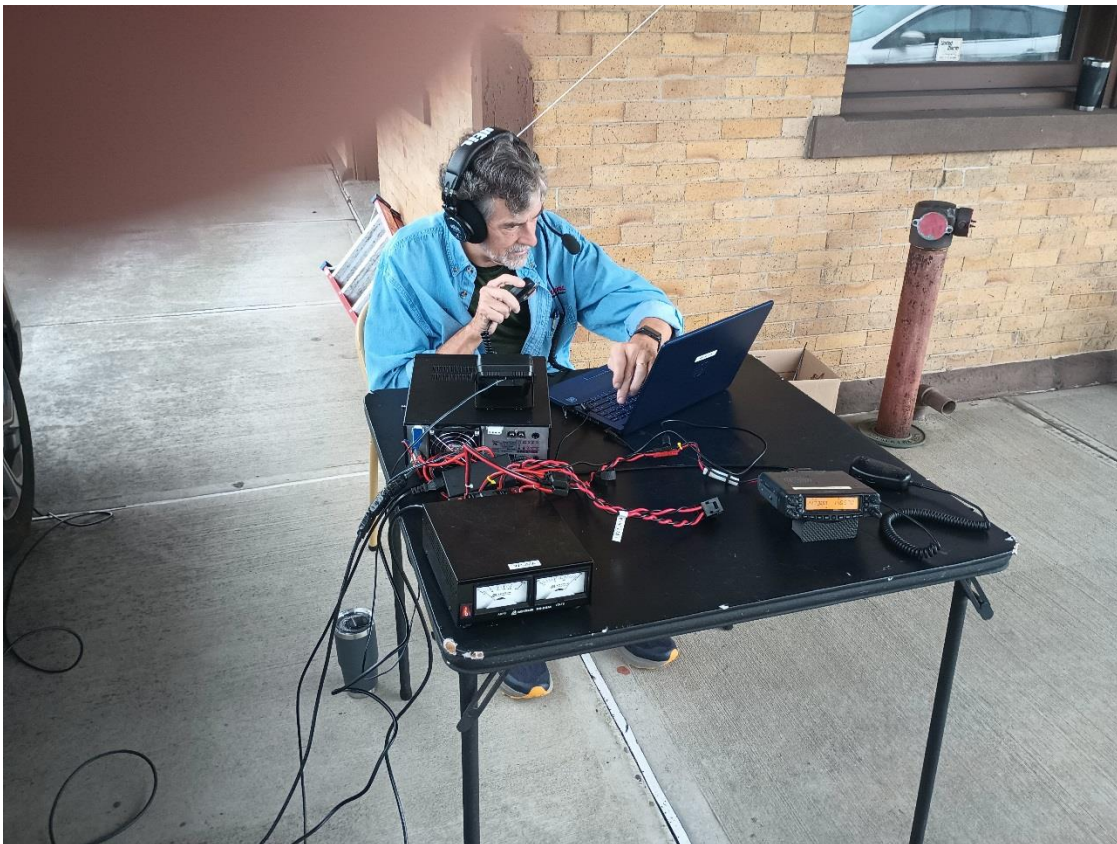


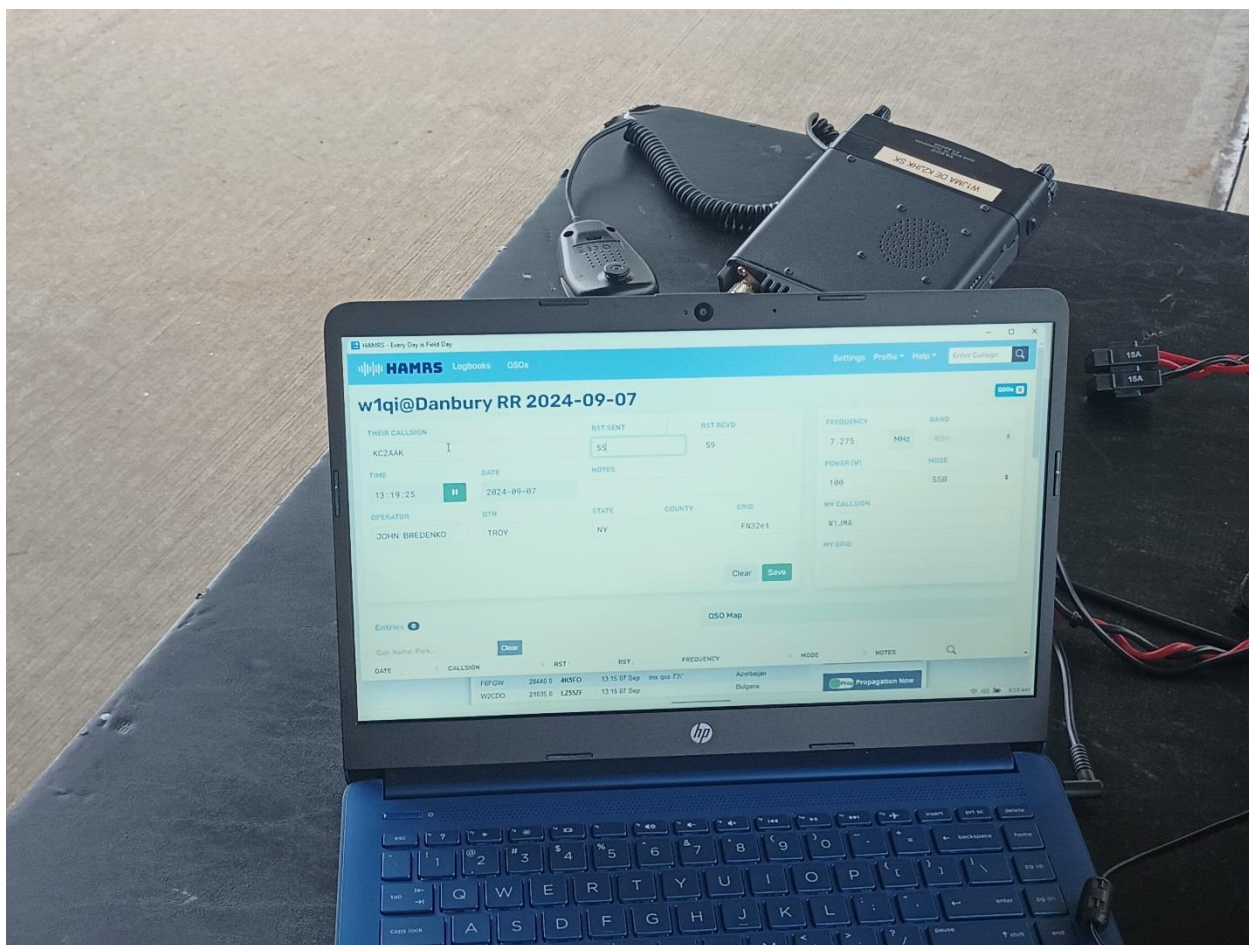












W1QI & W2MNR Special event stations:

Danbury Railway Museum

Participants:

Bud - W1NSK
John - W1JGM
Dan - N2DGT
John - W1JMA
David - KB1ZAC
Lindsay - KC1RXG
Harlan - W1QH
Rosty - W2ROS
Steve - KC1EEQ
Rudd - KC1TVA
Steve – W1SMS
Stephanie - KC1UZZ & OM David
Rich – KC1RBN
Bill - KA1FAI
Greg - KB2CQE
Matt - KB1GCT

To:caraw1qi@groups.io

Sat, Sep 7 at 8:14 PM

Thank you very much Dan for grilling! Despite the gloomy weather, it was a great day.
Sorry I missed the Mayor.

Best Regards,

Richard - KC1RBN

On Sep 7, 2024, at 7:51 PM, Rosty W2ROS via groups.io <roslabicky=att.net@groups.io> wrote:
Ditto John.

Thanks to Dan and Stephanie for organizing this event.

Dan thank you for the farm to table fine cuisine. Yum.

73, Rosty

On Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 05:43:29 PM EDT, John W1JMA <w1jma@w1qi.org> wrote:

Good evening. Thanks to Dan, N2DGT and Stephanie for all the work they did planning today's event and working to get the certificate process automated on CARA's website. W1QI made 64 qso's on 40m and 2m. W2MNR made 32 qso's on 20m.. Band conditions were so/so, very happy with the number of contacts.

What a fun event and thanks to all members who came down to operate and see the event...

Don't forget if you worked us, go to our website to put your request in for the Certificate....

73 John W1JMA

Re: [CARAW1QI] Special event Danbury station

Lindsay KC1RXU via groups.io

To:caraw1qi@groups.io

Sun, Sep 8 at 9:21 AM

Thanks for such a fun event! I loved seeing both clubs operate together. It was also a really a great time for my little toddler Cameron! He loved playing with the train sets and was excited to hang out with everyone and meet other little kiddos. (He slept for like 11.5 hours straight at like 7:30pm!! Quite the accomplishment)

The food was wonderful ☐ it was very yummy and thanks for the fresh jalapenos! (yours came out much more flavorful than mine this year)

Despite me personally not making any contacts, it was still fun to try and had a great time calling out over the radio. Thanks to all the gentleman who took the time to explain the various conditions and how they affect radio operations and antennae discussions. Super useful and fun to advance my hobby and absorb. It was really neat to meet the mayor too ☐☐👉

The weather was challenging, but it didn't evolve into a major storm (all but maybe a tiny big wind burst here in Sherman) so a huge plus on my book.

Camping adds to Parks on the Air, POTA fun

By: David Teagarden – KB1ZAC

Want To add some Late- Night or early morning activation contacts to your log? How about some Late-Night QSO's on FT8? Or maybe just roast some marshmallows? Looking for a more relaxed way to operate portable? This POTA option just might be for you.

I just completed my third POTA/Camping outing. I do POTA activations from rented cabins at Connecticut state parks. They have small cabins that were added to the camping choices in addition to tent and trailer parking options.

My last, and so far, most successful, camping POTA was at Kettletown State Park in Southbury on the shore of Lake Zoar (Housatonic River).



I was there last year on August 4-6, where I made over 200 contacts. I used an end-fed antenna on Saturday, then finished off Sunday with 20M and 40M Hamsticks. During this trip, fellow CARA member, Dan Thill – N2DGT, stopped in to visit during the day - but didn't operate.



I returned to Kettletown again the last Friday in June this year. However, antenna issues and weather shortened my outing to just Friday night. I left Saturday at 3pm right before the rain started but managed to make 97 contacts - all on 20M.

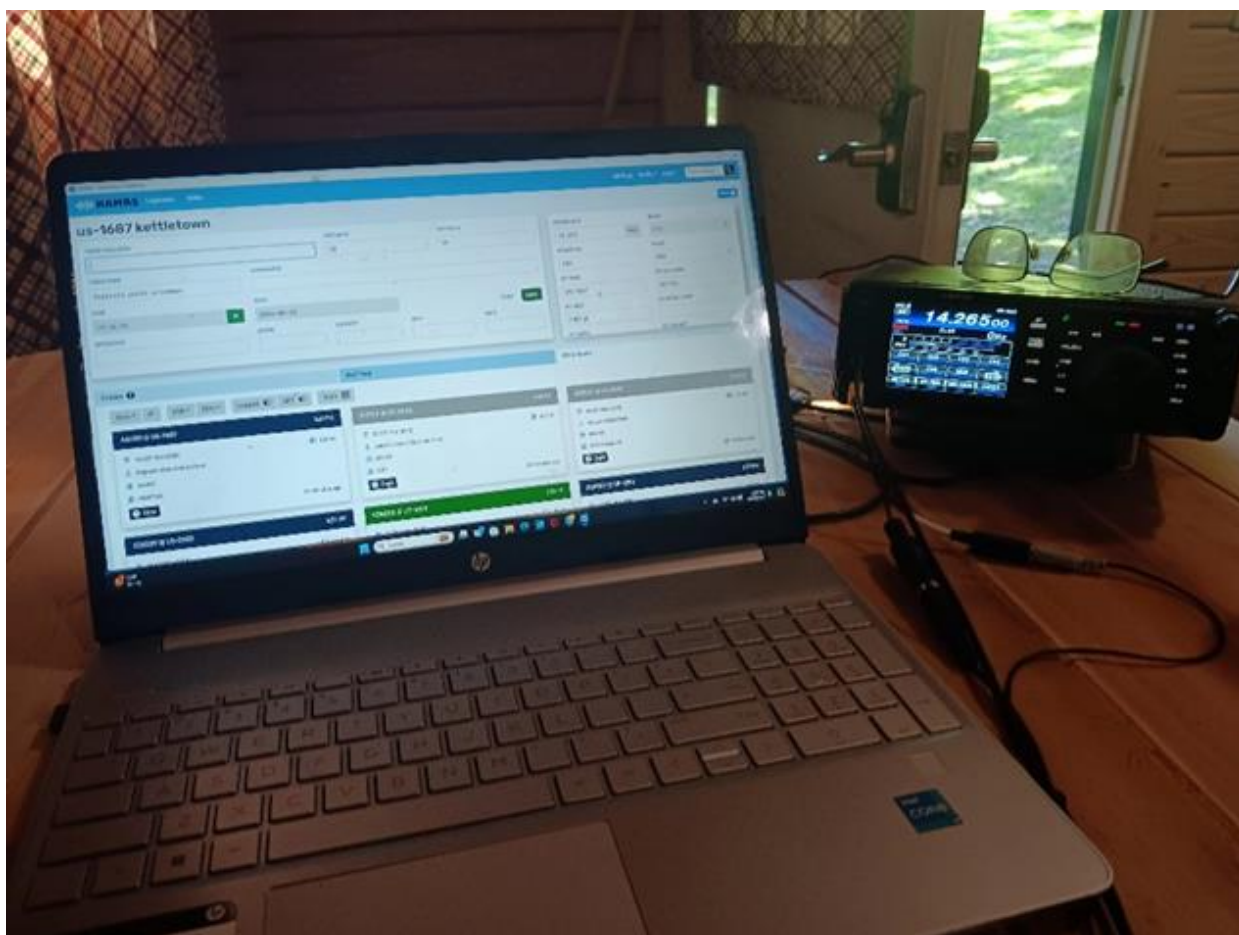


My latest trip was Friday, August 2nd. This time at Lake Waramaug State Park in Kent - camping with a non-friend ham. We left at the end of the day on Saturday - also due to weather issues. and poor band conditions. During the Lake Waramaug outing, band conditions were challenging, and I made very few contacts during the day. Weather and time permitting - sometimes, I throw a line into the nearby stream or pond to see what I can catch.



However, the late shift was going well - as bands had improved to enable making a contact with Sweden on 17 meters. That's until a thunder and lightning storm forced me to take down the antenna and pull the plug. I have no interest in becoming a Silent Key.

In all, I made 64 contacts between the 20M, 40M and 17M bands. My Setup during these camping trips was a Yaesu FT-991A, a 10M – 40M end fed antenna and some Hamsticks.



Logging was done on HMRS. When activating, I create one log for each trip, then upload to the POTA system, which divides them by separate days. <https://hamrs.app/>

When activating for several days, it's important to remember that a new UTC day begins at 8:00 pm *Eastern Daylight Time*. I earned my Late-Night Activator award after this last weekend.



There's a two-night minimum for tent or cabin reservations - except cabins at the parks on the coast are reserved by the week.

I highly recommend these POTA State Park cabin camping trips as they are an affordable way to enhance the "fun factor" compared to a regular POTA activation.

The CT State Park cabins must be reserved, and they tend to book up months in advance. Tent sites tend to be easier to get, but also get completely booked. However, you can probably find these sites with less lead time. I reserved my cabins for this year back in October of last year. Not all state parks nor state park campgrounds offer cabins, and a list can be found online. Connecticut State Park cabins are all the same: two rooms, no bathroom, no kitchen. There are bath houses nearby. Other states differ.

Connecticut camping reservations are made on-line at reserveamerica.com where you can select your camp site or cabin.

When I was at Kettletown, I chose a cabin that was set back from the others – hoping to make antenna set up stealth.

I usually participate in CARA's Monthly POTA activation at Squantz Pond State Park in New Fairfield and Putnam Memorial Park in Redding. John – W1JMA, is CARA's POTA Activation Coordinator.





No ropes nor wires are allowed in trees at all Connecticut State parks. I activate using a DX Engineering 25 Ft telescoping fiberglass mast with a drive-on base; setting the antenna up as an inverted Vee. Sometimes, I use an end-fed antenna.





CARA's next POTA event will be held from 10:00 am ~ 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 21 at Squantz Pond State Park in New Fairfield. I hope to see you there.

73,

David – KB1ZAC

KB1ZAC: All-Time Statistics

	Activator	Hunter
Activations	83 / 88	----
Parks	32 / 32	2609
QSOs	3249 / 3273	6626

W1QI activated for 3 August CWops CWT's by W1QK

Every year for the past several years, I've activated W1QI, CARA's club callsign during the three CWT events (contests) sponsored by CWops that are closest to Walt Munzer's August birthday. Here's the comments I submitted with the entry:

W1QI was activated during the three CWops CWT Sessions on August 21, 2024 at 1300 UTC and 1900 UTC, and August 22 at 0300 UTC by CARA Trustee, W1QK.

The operator's name sent was WALT, in honor and in memory of one of CARA's Charter Members, Walter J. Munzer (1900 - 1968).

Walt's callsign was W1QI, which was issued to him in 1927.

Walt was the original holder of W1QI until he became an SK in 1968, and CARA applied for, and was granted his call as our club callsign in 1969.

I understand that Walt was a very proficient CW operator and want to recognize his status as one of CARA's Charter Members in 1946.

I never met Walt, as I joined CARA in November 1968 (as WA1KRG when I was 16 years old) after Walt became an SK.

I also met long-time CARA members Dave Coelho - WA1JGA, Lou Parascondola (formerly WA1GSO and now W1QJ) and Bill Webb - W1AFX in 1968.

I did know CARA Founder, Joe Feeley - W1ADW and his son, Ray - K1CSB (both SK) who lived on Stone Street in Danbury. Both were my mentors.

Former CARA member, Steve Grouse was KA1ECL before becoming W1ADW, - so the CARA history is being carried forward by Steve.

I began to research, and document CARA's history several years ago. A good Winter project to look forward to complete, then share in Capers and on the CARA Website.

CWops Test (CWT) 2024 1300Z Aug 21 Claimed Score

Click on a call below for a list of all the contests for which that call sign is listed as an operator. Click on the *[email]* link to send an e-mail to the contester who posted the claimed score.

Call: **W1QI**

Operator(s): **W1QK**

Station: W1QK

Class: **Single Op LP**
QTH: Connecticut
Operating Time (hrs): 1
Location: USA

Summary: [Compare Scores](#)

Band	QSOs
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40:	52
20:	36

Total: **88** Mults **79** Total Score **6,952**

Club: Candlewood ARA

Comments: [\[email\]](#) 2024-08-21 14:15:11

Thanks for the CWT contacts. W1QI will be activated during the CWops CWT Sessions on August 21, 2024 at 1300 UTC and 1900 UTC, and August 22 at 0300 UTC by CARA Trustee, W1QK. The operator's name sent will be WALT, in honor and in memory of one of CARA's Charter Members, Walter J. Munzer (1900 - 1968). Walt's callsign was W1QI, which was issued to him in 1927. Walt was the original holder of W1QI until he became an SK in 1968, and CARA applied for, and was granted his call as our club callsign in 1969. Logs for these three CWT sessions will be uploaded to the W1QI LoTW account. We look forward to making a contact with you. 73-Dan, W1QK #1506
W1QI Trustee

<https://www.3830scores.com/currecscores.php?arg=Rvne7izVLDn0U>

[CWops Test \(CWT\)](#) 2024 1900Z Aug 21 [Claimed Score](#)

Click on a call below for a list of all the contests for which that call sign is listed as an operator. Click on the [\[email\]](#) link to send an e-mail to the tester who posted the claimed score.

Call: [W1QI](#)
Operator(s): [W1QK](#)
Station: W1QK

Class: **Single Op LP**
QTH: Connecticut
Operating Time (hrs): 1
Location: USA

Summary: [Compare Scores](#)

Band	QSOs
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40: 15
20: 50
15: 27
10:

Total: **92** Mults **84** Total Score **7,728**

Club: Candlewood ARA

<https://www.3830scores.com/currecscores.php?arg=Rvne7izVLDnuU>

CWops Test (CWT) 2024 0300Z Aug 22 **Claimed Score**

Click on a call below for a list of all the contests for which that call sign is listed as an operator. Click on the *[email]* link to send an e-mail to the contester who posted the claimed score.

Call: **W1QI**

Operator(s): **W1QK**

Station: W1QK

Class: **Single Op LP**

QTH: Connecticut

Operating Time (hrs): 1

Location: USA

Summary: [Compare Scores](#)

Band	QSOs
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40:	36
20:	32

Total: **68** Mults **61** Total Score **4,148**

Club: Candlewood ARA

<https://www.3830scores.com/currecscores.php?arg=Rvne7izVLDneU>

The CARA Lend/Lease Program – Icom, Kenwood and Yaesu rigs available

John - W1JMA

Fri, Jun 28 at 8:43 AM

Attached please find the manual for the Icom 756p3 and in blue the link to the FTDX-1200 manual. We encourage members to borrow any of the 3 rigs available. 73 W1JMA

<https://www.manualslib.com/manual/814077/Yaesu-Ft-Dx-1200.html>

I have a Kenwood TS 440 I am not using and may be willing to donate for this lend lease program. Last known in working condition and I have mic and power cord. Last tested a few months ago and checked OK. I should have the operators manual some place if I can find it. The TS 440 as I recall has the 100% duty cycle and is all mode.

https://www.qrzcq.com/pub/RADIO_MANUALS/KENWOOD/KENWOOD-TS-440S-User-Manual-.pdf

On Mon, Jun 24, 2024 at 8:25 AM John W1JMA via groups.io <w1jma=w1qi.org@groups.io> wrote:

We have an Icom 756p3 and Yaesu FTDX-1200 currently available. Both rigs were used at field day this past weekend. Members are encouraged to participate in this new program. A great way to see if you like Icom or Yaesu. Gives members a chance to try before they buy!! It would be nice to see the rigs in use rather than sitting waiting for the next Field Day! Experienced members are available to help install antennas, grounds, etc....

CARA HF Transceiver

Lend/Lease Program

Policy and Procedure

Policy: CARA through generous donations of HF transceivers from members past and present, has several HF transceivers to lend to qualifying club members in good standing.

Procedure: The lend/lease program shall be adjudicated by the CARA Officers. Interested members please email your request to: Treasurer@w1qi.org.

1. Qualifying members may apply for an initial lease of 6 months.

a. Qualifying member definition

- i. Current in Dues Payment
- ii. General Class license or higher
- iii. Member has ability and adequate real estate to install an HF antenna and proper ground system.

b. Members may apply for a second and final 3-month term.

- i. No member shall have use of the transceiver for more than 9 consecutive months.

2. Prioritization Criteria for selection should we have multiple interested members:

- a. First come first serve basis or
- b. Member employed in Middle or High School Teaching setting.

i. Encouraged to start or help with an existing school club.

3. CARA will supply:

- a. HF Transceiver
 - b. Power cord
 - c. PDF instruction Manual
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4. Member will supply:

- a. Power Supply- minimum 30amp
 - b. Microphone/Headset
 - c. Key/Keyer paddles.
 - d. Necessary cables to interface with member's computerized logbook/computer.
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5. Members agree to send an ADIF log file or copy of paper log to the club secretary on the first day of each month for the previous month to prove the rig is being used. CARA secretary will confirm receipt of and report on the activity of the transceivers in lend/lease program.

- a. CARA may ask for the return of the transceiver should it be determined it is not being used on a frequent basis.
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6. Members will return the transceiver and power cable one week prior to June Field Day and Winter Field Day for club use. Members shall take possession of the transceiver immediately after FD for the remainder of their lease term.

7. Members shall return the transceiver and power cable in good working condition at the end of the lease term.

8. CARA can cancel the lease at any time with 30-day notice.

6/24/24

On Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 08:02:28 AM EDT, John Ahle <wljma@w1qi.org> wrote:

The Yaesu is out on lease with Win - KC1OAJ and the Icom is going to Ed - KC1URY. Win is on the air and Ed is gathering his power supply and antenna. No one asked for the Kenwood. Note Kenwood is not owned by CARA.

WinLink 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	Fairfield	Danbury EOC	145.63		5	Y

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



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and ARRL Connecticut State Convention

Sponsored by the Meriden Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Sunday, October 13th, 2024 - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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<http://www.w1nrg.com/activities/nutmeg-hamfest/>

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FEATURED SPEAKERS & ACTIVITIES

ARRL FORUM

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Fred, AB1OC, ARRL New England Div. Director
Douglas, WA1SFH, ARRL CT Section Manager

CONNECTICUT POTA ACTIVATORS GROUP

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Shawn, KC1NQE

WINLINK & ARES: 2024 & BEYOND

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Bill, NR1B

AMATEUR RADIO & WEATHER: THE ROLE OF SKYWARN & CoCoRaHS

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ed, W1YSM, MARC President
Matt Spies, CT CoCoRaHS Coordinator

PLUS: GO BOX COMPETITION - CW DEMONSTRATION - CERT / EMCOMM EXHIBIT - ARRL BOOTH

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Inside vendor setup & tailgating starts at 6:00 AM

Building opens to the public at 8:00 AM

Admission: \$10.00. **Under Age 18 admitted free**

Tailgating: \$15.00 per outdoor space.

Inside Tables: \$25.00 (\$20.00 if paid by 9/10)

6 ft table & chair

**STUDENTS
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VENDOR CONTACT

John Bee, N1GNV
Quick Silver Radio
47 Billard Street No. 7
Meriden, CT 06451

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VE SESSION

The VE Session begins at 9:00 AM sharp

Contact: Jim Savage, N1ZN@arrl.net

Note: While we may be able to accommodate walk-ins, pre-registration is strongly recommended.

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ARES and POTA “GO BOX” Show and Tell (10/13/24)

Douglas Sharafanowich - WA1SFH

From: wa1sfh@optonline.net

To: announce@ct-ares.groups.io

Mon, Sep 2 at 9:07 AM

ANNOUNCEMENT...

WHAT: ARES and POTA “GO BOX” Show and Tell

DATE: Sunday, October 13, 2024

HOURS: 8:30 am – 10:30 am

WHERE:

NUTMEG HAMFEST 2024

Maloney High School

121 Gravel Street Meriden, CT 06450

Open to ALL Hams

A Perfect excuse to "Get Organized" to "Go Portable"!

- Make Portable operations less of a hassle and chore.
- Eliminate the last minute hunting for gear before leaving.
- Banish the frustration of not having what you need at the operating site... because it is still back at the home QTH.

Note: For many hams on a budget, their “Go Box” does “double duty” as their Home Station.

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- Public Service Events
- ARES Drills/Exercises
- Real World Disasters
- Parks On The Air activations
- Day Trips to: the Park, Beach, Woods, or... the In-Laws.
- Weekend Get-Always
- Vacations

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You can build/assemble your own “Go Box” in less than one day, and it will probably be better than my Proof

of Concept example.

See: www.ctaresregion2.org/forum/prepared-to-go-go-go

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AWARDS

- Best ARES VHF/UHF "Go Box"

This will include Voice and Digital/Data capability (WinLink, "Classic" Packet Radio)

- Best ARES HF "Go Box"

This will include Voice and Digital/Data Capability (WinLink/HFVARA)

- Best ARES VHF/UHF/HF "Go Box"

This will include Voice and Digital/Data capability for each radio as appropriate.
(VHF/UHF WinLink, VHF/UHF "Classic" Packet Radio, WinLink/HF VARA)

- Best POTA 100w (max) radio "Go Box" *

- Best POTA QRP "Go Box" *

* Where POTA "Go Box" includes: Cases, Backpacks, Camera Bags, etc.

Entry DETAILS @

<https://www.ctaresregion2.org/forum/announcements/695-the-great-ct-ares-2024-go-box-show-and-tell-10-13-24#901>

W1QK: Photos of the 2016 "Great ARES Go-Kit Competition" organized by Douglas – WA1SFH and Mike – W8ZY.







