



NARL

NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Newington Amateur Radio League, Inc.

In this edition you will find details for our next NARL monthly meeting. Columns include the president corner, meeting minutes from past meeting, treasury report and various points of interests.

### **Next Meeting Topic:**

Our next NARL general meeting is Monday January 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Newington Senior Center.

Happy New Year everyone!

For the January 7th meeting, we are bringing back the tradition of having food at meetings. In celebration of the (re-)installation of the clubs' elected and appointed officers, I will kick us off with a heated triple buffet server filled with Italian meatballs, penne pasta (gluten free), and a fresh homemade marinara sauce. I've been tweaking my recipe for the sauce all month, I hope you enjoy it.

Also hoping others will bring pot luck dishes -- don't care if you make it yourself or buy it, but please bring enough for yourself and a few others. Hopefully that way there will be enough so everyone can get a taste of something, but not so much that there will be leftovers to cart away.

Please invite spouses, friends, even strangers to the meeting.

I have a brief presentation prepared in case we get some new visitors, entitled "What is ham radio, and how can it possibly still be fun after more than 100 years?" I'll skip it if only "the usual suspects" show up.

January 12th I will attend the ARRL New England Division Director's Cabinet Meeting. I am anxious to meet with Fred Hopengarten, the newly elected Director, and exchange ideas about what we can do for the ARRL and what it can do for our club in the coming year.

Here are just a few of the challenges we are facing this year, some of which I hope will become topics for monthly speakers:

- The imminent move of our repeater to a new tower -- raising the question of whether we put in new transceivers, can we implement remote control, do we link VHF+UHF, get an internet connection, implement an AX.25 node? And if so, how do we pay for it?
- Public service -- do we want to provide support for more than just the Welles Library and Shriner's runs?
- Classes -- do we want to hold them, when and where?
- Field Day, Narlfest, nets, operating contests as a club -- do

we want to do more or less this year?

- Hands on demonstrations -- we have all kinds of talent within our membership. Let's get back to sharing our knowledge. At each monthly meeting, we'll have someone do a "show and tell" about something they've tried -- even if it turned out to be a dud. Could be a new antenna, a hotspot, a make-it-yourself station operating aid, a kit build, repair, or restoration, or operating on a mode they've never tried before.
- The web site and social media sites will be revamped

I think if we do these things, some old members will return and some new members will be attracted. See you there!

--George Lillenstein, AB1GL  
President, NARL

### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

NARL Meeting Minutes for Dec 3, 2018  
Revised AB1GL 12/5/18

Attendance: AB1GL, President & webmaster KB1QQI, Acting Secretary in lieu of WV1X, Public Service Chair, equipment trustee KB1DMX, co-Treasurer KB1KOS, member at large  
Excused absent: N1DN, WV1X, KB1EWM 4 addnl club members

Secretary's report: Revised Minutes of the November meeting were read by Paul Labieniec, in Secretary's absence Minutes as amended were adopted by vote

Treasurer's Report by Rich Lawrence, KB1DMX Checking account: \$2,187 Operating Account: \$3,000 No major bills to be paid Report accepted by vote

Public Service Report by Paul Labieniec  
• No public service events for remainder of 2018. • Expect the club will participate in the Lucy Wells Race and Shriner's Race for 2019

Equipment Trustee report by Paul Labieniec the club's generator is being tested monthly and is in good operating order.

Old Business A. NARL Election of Officers Page 1 of 4

• The 2018 slate of officers was modified to leave the position of Vice President empty. N1DN, Phil Roland, will continue as Activities Chair. • By unanimous consent, the acting Secretary cast one vote, electing the slate as amended for 2019.

B. Member participation and attendance at meetings An expanded discussion about having food at meetings to draw more participation was held. Some suggestions were: • Assign specific pot luck dishes by alphabetic order member last name • Have a sign up sheet so people don't bring duplicates • Have someone coordinate who brings what (nobody volunteered to do it) • Let each person bring whatever dish they want, as long as it will feed at least 4 people • Have pizza The issue was tabled for additional discussion.

C. Our next meeting Jan 7, 2019, will be our inauguration of new officers. AB1GL has offered to bring root vegetable soup, pasta, meatballs, an induction cooker and triple buffet

warmer. Phil Roland offered (via email) to bring chicken strips. KB1QQI to bring paper plates and utensils.

D. Repeater news. Nothing has changed since last meeting

E. Amazon Smile AB1GL explained how this would work. He will sign the club up for the program. We don't expect it will generate more than a few dollars a month, but better than nothing.

New Business A. New Web Site The current web host, 1&1.com, has been sold to IONOS. The package of multiple web sites including NARL.NET and NARLFEST.NET is Page 2 of 4

currently being paid for by AB1GL with no expense to the club. The new web host has offered to convert the sites to a newer software for less than the current contract. Benefits will be faster response, better adaptation to mobile phone, and free current security certificates. AB1GL has signed up for a 30-day trial and will re-build the web sites on the new platform.

Seeking photos of members from the current year for the new site. Please pick one favorite photo you have of a member at a club event and email to webmaster@narl.net. Do not send hires, we only need 640x480 or so.

B. Ideas to attract more attendance to our meetings 1. Topics of discussion 2. Build-a-thons (kits? station accessories? antennas?) 3. Basic rag chew with information 4. Have a Show and Tell

General discussion At this point a general question-and-answer session ensued. Among the questions answered: • What is Yaesu WIRES?

How do you tell when it is on? How do you turn it off? How do you use it? Are there any local WIRES-enabled repeaters? How does it differ from IRLP? • How does Wires work with C4FM (system fusion)? • What is Encode/decode? How do you enable/disable them? When do you use it? What effect does it have? • Are CTCSS tone frequencies common across manufacturers? • My home is in between some hills. How can I hit 2-meter repeaters without building a tower?

Suggestions for January meeting topics:  
• Dues for 2019 • Planning for Field Day

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• Report on the New England Region President's Meeting to be held in January (Rich Lawrence asked for permission to attend in lieu of the Vice President)

Motion to adjourn at 20:25 (8:25 pm)

## **NARL is an active club**

- Field Day
- Hamfest
- Annual picnic
- Public service
- New licensee classes
- Buildathons and workshops
- Monthly speakers/presentations

**Please join us on many of our club activities**

# **Ham Radio is constantly growing !!!**

*Time to try something new!*

*QRP, work a satellite, build a transceiver or accessory, explore APRS, try a digital mode, work meteor scatter on six meters*

*Participate in a QSO party, give contesting a shot, experiment and build a new antenna, try a new mode/band.*

## ***Do you know of a nonprofit event that could use communications support?***

Send inquiries to:  
NARL, Inc.  
PO Box 310133  
Newington, CT 06111

Or join us at a club meeting and inquire about getting amateur radio support.

## **CT ARES Region 3 Net**

Please join us by checking into the ARES Area 3 net on Monday nights at 8:00 PM.

CT Linked Repeater System (KB1AEV) 147.345, standard offset, PL 77.

The current Net Manager is W1RGC Richard Claing – but Net Control Station Training is greatly encouraged. Email Richard if you'd like to handle the net or get NCS trained – [w1rgc@arrl.net](mailto:w1rgc@arrl.net).

<b>NTS Nets</b>	<b>Day (s)</b>	<b>Time (local)</b>	<b>Freq/offset/PL</b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>QTH</b>
<b>CT Phone Net (CPN)</b>	M - S	1800	3.973 MHz None / none	N1DIO	Gilford
<b>CT Phone Net (CPN)</b>	Sun.	1000	3.965 MHz None / none	N1DIO	Guilford
<b>CT Net (CN)</b>	Daily	1900	3.533 MHz None/none	WA4GGN	West Haven
<b>Western CT Traffic Net (WESCON)</b>	Daily	2030	147.18/+600/141.3	KB1NMO	Prospect
	Daily	2030	147.12/+600/141.3	KB1NMO	Danbury
	Daily	2030	145.41/-600/141.3	KB1NMO	Vernon
<b>Eastern CT Traffic Net (ECTN)</b>	Daily	2100	146.73/-600/156.7	W1MCT	Norwich
<b>Nutmeg VHF Traffic Net (NVTN)</b>	Sun, Mon, Tues, Thurs. Fri.,Sat/	2130	146.685/141.3	KB1RGQ	Bristol
	Weds	2130	147.090/110.9	KB1RGQ	Glastonbury



Thank you for joining or renewing your membership to NARL and/or the ARRL. NARL Membership is from Jan 1 to Dec 31.

Your membership contribution helps ensure the future of Amateur Radio in CT's Capital Region.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address is important – this is how you receive our monthly club newsletter and important announcements!**

\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	New NARL Membership
\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	New NARL Membership (NARL sponsored class)
\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	NARL Membership Renewal (NARL Member Since:)
\$49.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	New ARRL Membership / ARRL Renewal (please circle)
\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student or additional family members
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Total: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation – Funds collected as club donations are used for repeater expenses and various club activities. NARL is an IRS designated 501 (c) (3) organization. Federal Tax ID: 06-1391927

As a NARL member, I will comply with the NARL By-Laws and follow the rules of the club, attending club meetings and supporting club activities as a volunteer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

For NARL use only  
Amount to NARL: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to ARRL: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring a completed membership form to the next club meeting or mail to:  
NARL  
P.O. Box 130133  
Newington CT 06111