



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 May 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Newington Senior Center.

Our president George AB1GL will demonstrate a live demo of an HF digital mode, which according to the survey, a majority of the club is interested in. He will be using an Icom7000 with Signalink to hear something -- anything provided that the antenna will work at the Senior Center.

Presidents Corner:

Phil Roland is looking to sign up volunteers for field day:

- Pre-event publicity and invitations to officials and groups
- Signage
- Info table with brochures, flip books, demo items
- Parking scheme
- Tables, Chairs, tents, generators, lights
- Setup/breakdown assignments

- Food assignments
- Other bonus point activities

See you at the May meeting!

--George Lillenstein, AB1GL, NARL President

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Newington Amateur Radio League Meeting Minutes for April None was submitted at press time.

Thanks to Phil for the following:

Parks on the Air
World Wide Flora and Fauna in Amateur Radio

I've always enjoyed pursuing some outdoor radio work. It's an excuse to combine some of my favorite past times: Ham Radio and Hiking. We're lucky to have a number of State Parks, Hiking Trails, and preservation areas here in Central Connecticut. In addition, there always plenty of activity on the bands to make a couple of contacts when I'm wandering around in the woods. I've recently discovered the Parks on the Air Program, also known as World Wide

Flora and Fauna (WWFF) in Amateur Radio. It's a world-wide effort to encourage radio operations outdoors in designated park areas. While WWFF has its roots in Europe, a view of their website will show active programs around the world. The US affiliate of WWFF is known as KFF, or simply "Parks on the Air". The US certainly got a boost in Park Radio Activity with the ARRL's National Parks on the Air Program during 2016. When NPOTA came to a close last year, a number of Chasers and Activators seemed to have switched over to the WWFF / KFF program to keep going with this great part of our radio hobby.

Participation in Parks on the Air is pretty simple. As an activator, you transmit from inside the boundaries of a State or National Park, make at least 10 contacts, and upload your log to the WWFF for credit. You can combine multiple visits to the same park to reach the minimum required contacts. You simply have to operate within the boundary of the park. Portable and mobile operations both count! And here's where the program gets interesting. In Connecticut, we have over 50 Parks and wilderness areas to choose from for credit in the WWFF. You can find plenty of info plus each park's designator on the WWFF website referenced below. Plus, you can get a series of nice certificates for every 10 parks you Activate.

My personal radio journey with WWFF

began in March at Penwood State Park in Bloomfield. Like so many of us, my days are busy with commitments at home and work. I don't live very far from Penwood, and the Park's entrance is just down the road from my house. I have a Yaesu 857d radio plus LDG autotuner installed in my SUV with a comet mobile mount on the back hatch and a collection of hamstick antennas purchased at local hamfests over the years (thanks Quick Silver Radio). I picked a day with light rain and 35 degrees to make the journey...not sure why. I started with a brief hike on Penwood's service road. It wasn't too bad with layers, gloves, and a raincoat (this is outdoor radio after all). However, I returned to the truck after about 30 minutes to warm up and dry out. I called CQ on 20 meters CW using 75 watts for a while and got a couple of replies. While the current sunspot cycle doesn't necessarily make me think of higher bands, I tried my 17 meter haystack for the first time and had a nice run of European stations answering my call. After about 2 hours I was cold and had logged the 10 contacts needed for this outing to qualify as a Park Activation.

You can find great info on the WWFF/KFF program on-line: World Wide Fauna and Flora program: www.wdff.co
Unites States KFF Parks Program: www.wdff-kff.com
Ham Radio 360 Podcast Episode February 21, 2017

If you enjoy the outdoors plus portable/mobile ham radio, I hope you'll give Parks on the Air / WWFF a try. It's also fun to chase other park activators, making QSOs with other hams operating from Parks. You can find DX spots filtered for park activators around the world on the WWFF website. I've since visited Stratton Brook State Park for an activation, and tried Old Furnace State Park but didn't do very well there. The weather is warming up, and I have a goal to visit every Connecticut State Park in the years to come. Hope I'll see you there.

73
Phil, N1DN

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

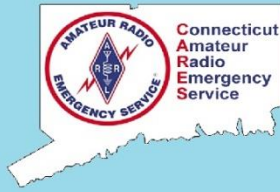
Participate in a QSO party, give contesting a shot, experiment and build a new antenna, try a new mode/band.

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

	<p>CT ARES in this area is growing and needs more volunteers. We now have many local served agencies, as well as our usual State of CT, American Red Cross and Salvation served agencies. If you are interested in joining ARES, please contact your Region 3 DEC for more information.</p> <p>George Lillenstein AB1GL@arrl.net CT ARES Region 3 DEC</p>
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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,

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

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.

Local Newington ARES Net Sundays @ 7:30 PM on the W1AW Repeater. Except for the last Sunday of the month when we are on Simplex 147.480 our backup frequency is 147.525

Also our DMR meets on the second Wednesday, and the last Sunday of the month @ 7:00PM on the Bristol Local DMR.

Thank you,

73,
Lori A. Kosior
EC, Newington
ARES Region 3, CT
SKYWARN



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