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SPEAKER TOPIC FOR MONDAY, February 6,2012

**GUEST SPEAKER FOR NARL FEB. 6
 WILL BE ARRL's MANAGER OF PR ALLEN PITTS W1AGP.
 HE WILL CLUE US IN ON
 ARRL's DIY INITIATIVE.
 HE PLANS TO SHOW SLIDES and/or VIDEOS
 HE'LL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS
 FUIRTHERMORE
 YA GOTTA COME, BECAUSE ALLEN IS ONE OF US.
 HE IS PAST PREZ OF NARL.**



Allen Pitts, W1AGP, is an Amateur Extra class licensee who lives in New Britain, Connecticut, and works as Media and Public Relations Manager for the ARRL, American Radio Relay League. Pitts came to the ARRL in September, 2004, and as he sees it, he arrived at the League at a critical juncture for Amateur Radio as BPL issues and Hurricane Katrina operations soon challenged the ARRL. Pitts emphasizes that while he takes his public relations role most seriously, he also wants it understood that he's an active radio amateur and "not just a PR person." Pitts came to the ARRL after a three-year stint as executive director of The Box Project Inc—a national, member-based charity that matches volunteers with families needing help. For eight years prior to that, he directed a multi-program human services agency that, among other things, was responsible for emergency shelters, transitional living, a court alternative sanctions program, emergency food services and an AIDS respite program. He also has many years' experience as a senior therapist in hospital psychiatry settings. A radio amateur since 1999, he's no stranger to the ARRL Field Organization, having served as an ARES District Emergency Coordinator and later as Connecticut's Section Emergency Coordinator and an ARRL Assistant Section Manager. Pitts holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and a Master's degree from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (he served congregations in Kansas and Connecticut in the 1970s and 1980s) and plays (continued on Page 7.)

Prior to the program

**Pre-meeting "bite-to-eat" gathering prior to the meeting.
 Now in the PRIVATE ROOM at VITO'S PIZZERIA
 14 EAST CEDAR STREET, Newington, at the junction of CT Route #175 &176
 Just 1 block from the Senior Center.**

Vinnie Alianiello, Jr
W1VJA

NARL Club President



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Presidents Message

Greetings to all NARL Members.

On January 7th I attended the ARRL New England Division Cabinet Meeting along with Steve Ewald. There was a lot of information provided. One of which is the new ARRL DIY and we will learn more about this at the February meeting. I hope all members will attend. The New England Division Convention will be in August at Boxboro, MA. This is held every two years. In 2014 is the 100th Anniversary of the ARRL and the League is looking at moving Boxboro to Newington and making it the National Convention. We as the Capitol Region Club should take a lead in this but we all need to get active. Let us take this opportunity to build our club membership. Attendance at meetings has been declining some have moved away others may have lost interest and others are not always able to attend. I ask our members to encourage members past and present to come to the meetings. I challenge every member to bring a non- member ham to a meeting and event.

Remember dues were due at the end of January and if you did not pay then you don't have a vote at the meetings. We will be following our by-laws so if you don't have a copy and want one let the board know.

Thanks & 73's
Vinnie - W1VJA

We need your PICTURES!

If you are participating in any NARL events, please take pictures and email them to George (AB1GL @ arrl.net) and (Quentin kb1ewm@arrl.net) for use on the web and our newsletter.

CT DX Association

New to HF? Interested in learning more about contesting and DX (distant) communications?

Please consider attending and learning more about the CT DX Association. The CT DX Association meets at ARRL HQ the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. We recess during June, July & August.

Meeting info: ARRL HQ, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT, 7:30 PM

Minutes of the previous NARL Meeting

Newington Amateur Radio League
January 16, 2012
Minutes

The January meeting was held at Paradise Pizza. It was the annual Installation and Awards meeting and dinner.

The meeting began at 6 p.m. with dinner; the formal part of the evening began at 7:35 p.m. with introductions of special guests Myra Cohen of the Newington Town Council and Donna Miller, director of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library, by outgoing President Steve WV1X. Steve presented Ms. Miller with a Certificate of Appreciation of Partnership of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library and NARL. The library will be presented at a future date with a set of books from the ARRL to replace the library's current outdated collection.

Al Cohen was honored for his 94th birthday.

Steve presented Certificates of Merit to Al Cohen W1FXQ, Activities Chair ; Carmen Landrian, club photographer; Armando Landrian KB1PRP, Public Service Chair; Vinny Alianiello W1VJA, Treasurer; Tony Rita W1ADR; Vice President; Paul Gibson N1TUP, Tech Chair; George Lillensten AB1GL, Webmaster; Quentin Hinton KB1EWM, Newsletter; Ethel Kramer KB1NMO, Assistant Public Service Chair; Chuck Skolaut K0BOG, VE; Al Gierke N1JWF, for assisting at events all year; and Ellen Leonard KB1PCU, Secretary.

The NARL Ham of the Year and George Hart W1NJM Leadership Award was presented by Vinny and Steve to Quentin Hinton.

Announcements were made by Al for events that may be of interest to club members.

New President Vinny Alianiello W1VJA was introduced by outgoing President Steve WV1X. The new officers and board were presented. Vinny challenged the membership to expand our club by bringing in new members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Raffle prizes were awarded to Ethel KB1NMO(QRP Manual); George AB1GL (ARRL Small Antenna Manual) and Mary KC1IHS (ARRL Operations Manual).

**Ellen Leonard –
KB1PCU**
NARL Club Secretary



Quentin Hinton III

KB1EWM
 NARL Treasurer
KB1EWM@arrl.net

Treasurer Says.....

Deposit Accounts As Of 1/30/12

Account Name	Account Number	Current Balance	Available Balance
6 MONTH CD	x5662	\$3,151.85	\$3,151.85
BUSINESS CORE CHECKING	x6059	\$5,035.29	\$4,985.29
Petty Cash		\$47.00	\$47.00
Totals		\$8,234.14	\$8,184.14

E. Jonathan Hardy

KB1KIX – Special
 Projects Committee,
 CT ARES DEC
 Region 3



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Special Projects Committee / Newsletter Announcements

Brrrr! Cold weather ahead. Let me know if you need to borrow the clubs antenna analyzer for any pre-snow projects. I can schedule a time to meet up and give current club members a crash course on how to use the analyzer to test their shack setup.

Buildathon: Parts will be ordered this month and as soon as they come in, we will be planning the session at ARRL HQ.

We are already looking at our late winter project. So far, there are at least 4 of us that want to make a DSP speaker (like QST had a few months back). We may use those plans and start compiling a parts/cost list soon. If you are interested, please let me know ASAP. This may be a two or three session buildathon depending on experience levels.

E. Jonathan Hardy

KB1KIX
 CT ARES Region 3 DEC



www.ctregion3.net

ARES Region 3 News

Winter is the time when we usually wind down our activities unless needed by our served agencies. That being said, in a couple months, we may be running some NVIS (Near Vertical Incidence Skywave) antenna tests as well as a VHF/UHF repeater test. Details will be forthcoming.

Our friends in Region 2 are having a live, in person ARRL EmComm Level 1 course. Prerequisites are NIMS ICS 100 and ICS 700. More details have been posted on our regional site at www.ctregion3.net.

-Public Service News

**Armando Landrian,
KB1PRP**



**Armando Landrian
KB1PRP
NARL Public Service
Chair
Kb1prp@arrl.net**

Hello to everyone,
Our friends at the ICRC will be conducting their annual Mark Twain Klondike Derby at the F.S. Barbour Scout Reservation 333 Loon Meadow, CT 06058 on the weekend of February 04-05, 2012 Please contact George Carbonell, N1RMF at n1rmf@comcast.net if you are interested in participating in this event. Check out their website at www.icrcweb.org for the latest updates and their new Elmer's Net starting on Monday, January 30 at 7:00 pm, all are welcome.

The Newington Amateur Radio League presented Donna Miller, Library Director of the Lucy Robbins Welles library with a Merit Certificate Award for our partnership in serving Newington's community at our Awards Dinner Night. We will be making a presentation to the Lucy Robbins Welles Library with the American Radio Relay League's Library Book Set on Saturday, February 04, 2012 at 10:30 am. Everyone interested is welcome to join us for the presentation.

The Public Service Team has been invited to participate in the early planning meetings with the Board of Trustees for the 5k road race. We have a date set for the Lucy Robbins Welles Library 5k race for 9:00 am on Sunday May 20, 2012 at Mill Pond here in Newington. We are looking for 12 volunteers for this event, mark your calendars now for this and many other Public Service events announcements that may be of interest to you. Contact any of the Public Service Team members to participate.

Thanks for your support and 73,
NARL Public Service Team...First to Volunteer, Second to None !!!

Armando Landrian, KB1PRP
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Public Service Officer
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Allen Pitts (continued from page 1)

A 12-string electric guitar (badly, but joyfully). He and his wife, Donna, have three grown children and six grandchildren. Pitts is active on HF, VHF and UHF. Although primarily a phone operator, he says he tries to keep up at a “basic level” on CW whenever he can. He claims his most creative ideas come in the middle of the night as he talks things over with his friend, Bear. The new ARRL DIY initiative reaches out to the growing numbers of “makers” who are not content to just be consumers of mass produced products. They like to create things for themselves and celebrate a level of non-dependence. If that sounds like most hams – it is! We have a lot in common. Learn what is being done to reach out nationally and talk about how you can use this opportunity locally.





Quentin, KB1EWM asks.....

Are you a member of a specialty club here in CT?

I would like to assemble a "flyer" for new hams and those visiting here in Connecticut.

I'm looking for information on all kinds of specialty clubs (DX clubs, Satellite clubs, QRP clubs, etc).

If you belong or know of any active clubs in the area, please let me know meeting dates, times, contact information and websites (with a brief description) for future newsletters.

Contact Quentin at kb1ewm@arrrl.net

Amateur Radio Newsline

Free, weekly program
downloadable from:

www.arnewsline.org



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

KB1KIX.net

Want to explore more about various operating modes/activities in amateur radio?

Hop on over to the KB1KIX blog at www.kb1kix.net.

Plenty of information regardless of your license class!

Bored with radio?

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

If you'd like us to schedule a speaker or workshop on any of the above topics, contact Jonathan, KB1KIX at KB1KIX@arrl.net



	<h3>CT ARES Region 3 Net</h3> <p>Please Join us by checking into the ARES Area 3 net on Monday nights at 8:00 PM.</p> <p>CT Linked Repeater System (KB1AEV) 147.345, standard offset, PL 77.</p> <p>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.</p>
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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.

Have Club Pictures?

Please email them to me so I can include them in the newsletter.

KB1EWM@arrl.net

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	K1STM	Southington
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	147.06/+600/156.7	TBA	Salem
Nutmeg VHF Traffic Net (NVTN)	Daily	2130	147.090/110.9	K1RGQ	Glastonbury
	Daily	2130	146.685/141.3	K1RGQ	Glastonbury



Ham Tips and Tricks

Do you want to update your repeater listings for our area? 70cm, 2M, 6M and more are all available on the great resource The New England Repeater Directory.

This database is regularly updated and available in various formats – I like the Excel spreadsheets myself. Check them out at:

www.nerepeaters.com



Weekly Weather Net

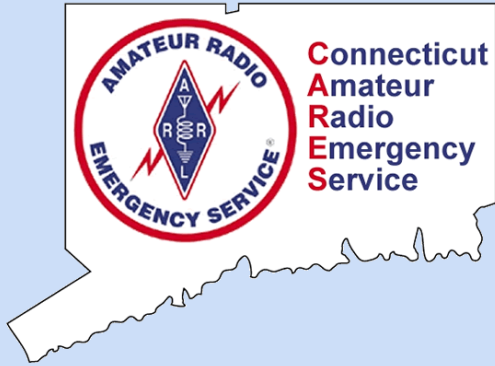
Come join us every Thursday evening at 9:00PM for our Weekly Weather Net.

Weather data and SKYWARN information is discussed. Weather instrumentation is not required, just check-in and let us know your listening.

Weekly nets on the primary 146.790 repeater, except for the 2nd week of the month, the net is on the backup 147.000 repeater.



SKYWARN
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



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.

E. Jonathan Hardy, KB1KIX – KB1KIX@arrl.net

Communications assistance for public service activities

- Boy Scouts Klondike Derby orienteering exercise
- Muscular Dystrophy Walkathon fundraiser
- Greater Hartford Marathon
- Newington Lucy Wells 5K
- Boy Scouts S.W.A.M.P.
- Newington Memorial Day Parade
- Freemasons 5K Race/Walk
- Hartford Veterans Day Parade
- Head of The Riverfront Regatta

If you know of a non-profit organization that may benefit from our services, please let Ethel know!!!

If you'd like to help, please contact Armando, KB1PRP at kb1prp@arrl.net



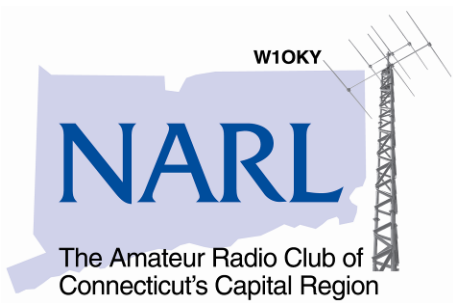
Elmer – where are you?

We have several projects on the burner that need club support. If you'd like to participate in project building, new ham mentoring, teaching a class, volunteering for an event, etc ask any board member – we'll put you in touch with the appropriate person.

For us to succeed – we need your help!



**See you at
Our next Meeting!!!**



Thank you for joining or renewing your membership to NARL and/or the ARRL.

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!

- \$15.00 New NARL Membership
- \$0.00 New NARL Membership (NARL sponsored class)
- \$15.00 NARL Membership Renewal (NARL Member Since:)
- \$39.00 New ARRL Membership / ARRL Renewal (please circle)
- \$8.00 Student or additional family members
- _____ _____
- Total: \$ _____ Donation – Funds collected as club donations are used for various club activities as well as our annual NARL Scholarship fund. 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