

CARA NEWS WIRE

Culpeper Amateur Radio Association

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The CARA is a Culpeper Virginia based amateur radio organization whose members enjoy and practice the use of amateur radio for personal and multi county emergency communication services and activities. The CARA NEWS WIRE is a publication intended to help inform members of CARA and the local governments served and covered by the CARA resources.

Dec, 2011 Edition:

IMPORTANT NOTE: *The Face to Face meeting will be held on Monday, December 19th at 7:30PM.*

CARA OFFICERS and STAFF:

President: Barbara, KI4SXQ, Fauquier County, VA. Email: KI4SXQ@yahoo.com



Hello Everyone:

Another year is coming to a close and it certainly has been a very blessed year. I want to reminisce for a bit. my year started out with a beautiful cruise to the Bahamas. Eleven days later I was fighting for my life. I would occasionally wake up to see family and very dear friends at my bedside. On January 27th, my left kidney was removed. I came home February 3rd. I was able to come to the February meeting, me and my perocet. We cannot forget April 13th. the day Dennis totaled my redneck truck. By the way we were up visiting Linda and Roland Beard, it took me 3 hours to get hold of a phone and could not remember Linda number so called daughter and she was there in record time. The first thing she said, where is my dad? She figured I was okay since I was talking to her.

Let's move on. I want to thank all of the members of the current staff for their service. Thanks to Tom (AJ4BX) for

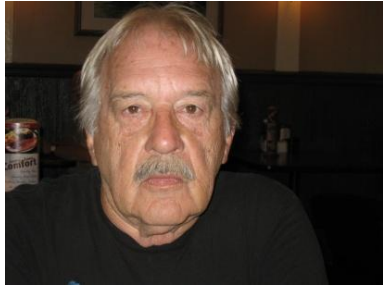
service as VP, to Quinton (W4WHY) for serving on an interim basis as Secretary and to Jim for his continued diligence as our club Treasurer. And to all others who served to make this last year very memorable. Now, congratulations to the new officers for 2012: President: Dick, W6LWG, VP, Chris, KK4AIU and to Jason for volunteering to serve as our club Secretary. I am sure they will all strive to take the club to new heights of membership and participation. Please support them as you have me.

We must not forget the day Dennis got his zero turn radius mower and I am going to leave it at that.

The next meeting will be very short and will have refreshments to celebrate the coming holiday season. See you there and if I don't Merry Christmas to all.

73's for now
ki4sxq
Barbara

Vice President: Tom, AJ4BX Culpeper County VA.



Treasurer: Jim, K9SP, Orange County, VA.,

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Secretary: Quinton, W4WHY, Culpeper County, VA



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Hi Everyone in CARA

Roland and I had a very profitable time in the Philippines. While I was there I



checked into the local ham radio club. They are excited to know we will be joining them when we return. All I have to do now is find out to get my radios over there and

what kind of license I will need to logically work the radios there. We will be returning to the Philippines next April. In the mean time I am here and looking forward to talking on the radios as much as possible. There is a neat small group talking late at night. It is fun to join them if I am up that late. My radio is on when I am home (which is much of the time, but not all of it) so as much as possible I am listening to see if someone is willing to chat a while. Catch me if you can.

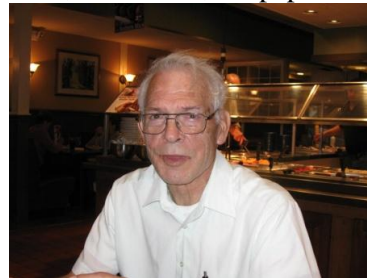
Dick, W6LWG, Dick@w6lwg.com, (No Photo Available)

Webmaster:

Dick, W6LWG, Dick@w6lwg.com. (No Photo Available) Please keep me up to date on changes and ideas you have for improving the W4CUL.com Website. My ideas and scope of vision only take me so far.

Board of Directors:

Evan, KE4BWD, Culpeper County, VA



Quinton WD4WHY

Ralph, KD4LIB: (Silent Key)

Repeater Committee:

Den, K0UN (No Photo Available)

Quinton, W4WHY

Jim, K9SP (No Photo Available)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPDATES:

This section will contain information that may not be posted elsewhere in this publication..

OFFICER ELECTIONS: The Officer Elections were held at the November meeting. The following are the new staff for 2012 serving from Jan 01/2012 through Dec 31, 2012.

President: Dick (W6LWG)

Vice Pres: Chris (KK4AIU)

Secretary: Jason (KJ4NAP)

Treasurer: Jim (K9SP)

Congratulations to all.

The local **CARA FACE TO FACE** meeting is every 3rd Monday of each month. It is at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church. The church is located at 115 North East St Culpeper, VA 22701. It starts at 7:30pm and ends at 9:00pm (est).

The Talk-In is on 147.120, PL tone is 146.2.

The next **Face to Face** meeting and future planned CARA events can be found in the **Calendar of Events** Section of this publication.

Special VE Test Sessions: From Den, KOUN.

Remember, if you feel like you are ready for an update in ham license you can contact Dennis or Barbara and they will set a time for you to come to a VE's home to take the test needed to get the upgrade you want.

EVENT REPORT:

CARA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Future publications will have a two month "look ahead" calendar showing all events and activities posted by the CARA and members.

DECEMBER

December 4, 8:00 – W4CUL Net, 147.120 repeater, PL 146.2

December 7, 8:00 – CARA Breakfast at Country Cookin

December 11, 8:00 – W4CUL Net, 147.120 repeater, PL 146.2

December 14, 8:00 – CARA Breakfast at Country Cookin

December 18, 8:00 – W4CUL Net, 147.120 repeater, PL 146.2

December 19, 7:30 – CARA Face to Face Meeting

December 21, 8:00 – CARA Breakfast at Country Cookin

December 25, 8:00 – W4CUL Net, 147.120 repeater, PL 146.2

December 28, 8:00 – CARA Breakfast at Country Cookin

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All members and guest are welcome to comment on any net, face to face meeting, breakfast, of event t of the club. We will include your comments in future issues of The CARA NEWS WIRE.

MEMBER: ITEMS FOR SALE

Members having radio gear, antennas, coax or any amateur radio related items for sale can advertise them here.

This is a repeat add, because it was not sold at the time of this printing.)

I have a ICOM 756 PRO 3 HF plus 6 meters, 100 watts out, spectrum scope. I

bought it new Feb. 2008 and it is in near mint condition.

Comes with matching ICOM power supply bought at the same time. \$1850 with ICOM hand mic, or \$1950 with ICOM SM-20 desk mic instead of the hand mic. I have all packing materials, handbook, and 12 volt cord. KI4ORU, Wayne at 540-234-8985. P.S. no trades please, TNX.

Hello all,

I thought I would offer some stuff that I am selling to my fellow ham's before I put the stuff on Craigslist. I am doing spring cleaning a little late but maybe somebody wants some of this stuff.

Item 1. Cannon Rebel XTi digital 10.1 mega pixel SLR camera. Includes stock 18-55mm lens, 75-300mm zoom lens, battery & charger, memory card, manual, usb cable and original box.

\$400 for the whole kit...

Item 2. Panasonic home stereo system. It has 5 cd rotary changer, AM/FM tuner, Dual cassette deck, cabinet and 2 speakers. \$100

Item 3. Sony surround speaker set. 5 speakers (center, 2 front and 2 rear). \$50

If you are interest you can contact me at jahillegass@gmail.com or call me 540-846-5820

First come first served....Thanks,
John Hillegass K4GTI

Hi everyone; **(NEW AD)** I have two printers for sale cheap. One is an HP Officejet D135. It's big, but it is an All In One device (printer, Scanner, Fax & Copier) with a 50 page feed tray, and it works. It comes with several new in the pack ink heads and ink cartridges. \$30.00. The other is an Epson, it works, but I have not used it for a very long time. That one is FREE!

Please contact me at Dick@w6lwg.com or 540-272-7474.

MEMBER: ITEMS WANTED

In this section members can post Items Wanted. Please provide the best description you can of the item(s) you are seeking.

I am looking for a 220 radio. Linda, KI5LLB

I am looking for some long lengths (100 ft plus) of RG-58. This is only for VHF and no more than 100 watts. Let me know your price per foot, or per length. Thanks. Dick@w6lwg.com

MEMBER: ITEMS FOR AUCTION

In this section, members can offer up items for auction at any of the club functions where such an activity can be conducted. All proceeds from the auction are donated to the club treasury.

MEMBER SHOUT OUT:

This section is dedicated to those members who want to provide a description of a recent memorable event which the readers may find interesting.

GWEN the Amazing

By: Linda Beard, KI5LLB

Yes, Gwen is amazing. Many people with what we think of as a serious handicap simply give up and will not attempt to accomplish things out of their comfort zones. Gwen is just the opposite; she specializes in doing as many things as possible. Most people in her position would reach a point and give up. But Gwen simply includes everything in life as part of her "comfort zone."

Gwen was born with cerebral palsy because of lack of oxygen to her brain. She has never had the use of her right arm. An

infantile stroke in the left hemisphere of her brain further affected the arm and leg on the right side of her body adding complications to her health issues and leaving her a hemiplegic

Some people would let this limit what they attempt to learn or accomplish, but that is not true of Gwen. She credits her mother as the inspiration behind much of her drive to achieve what would normally be considered impossible for her. She says her mother drilled her gently by repeating the story of the Little Engine that Could to her often as she grew up. She also told her often that she (Gwen) could do anything she wanted. She recalls being told over and over, "You might have to try harder, but you can do it. Everyone in life has things they have to deal with." Gwen manifests a can-do spirit that enables her to accomplish many things others with her health issues would shun. She has done a magnificent job of dealing with the problems she has had to face in her life.

Tests given at an early age showed no mental disability, vision, speech, or hearing complications, which often accompany cerebral palsy. Instead she was an honor roll student. Gwen uses her brains to out-smart details others use both hands to fulfill in everyday activities such as tying her shoes, carrying books between classes in a school that would not allow book bags or backpacks, various needlecrafts projects like crochet, cross-stitch, latch hooking, and embroidery, and in her spare time, Gwen is learning to knit. She uses her teeth, right foot, and legs to act as a fact slimily of her missing arm.

Among her many accomplishments, Gwen works with the Louisa County Volunteer Rescue Squad, where she is a regular crewmember. There are very few duties she cannot perform as a crewmember. Gwen has mastered enough skills to be an accomplished EMT. She wants to become certified in shock-trauma as her next job related skill.

Gwen is married and along with her husband Billy and help from her mother and father, they are raising her identical twin boys. Both boys are autistic. Gwen and Billy sleep in a nice house trailer in her parent's yard; the boys sleep in her parents' house, which helps maintain a regular routine. This arrangement allows Gwen and Billy to work night shifts to help support their family and be home with the boys during the day.

Few people have more reasons to be bitter or downtrodden than Gwen, but the most amazing thing is her upbeat attitude. It is her positive attitude that drives her to accomplish so much. Gwen says, "To me, I do not have a disability. A disability is something that hinders your ability to enjoy life. I do the same things everybody else does. I just do them a little differently." By the way, Gwen is our newest General class amateur radio operator.

The information for this article came from talking with Gwen one night on our ham radios and an article that was published in The Central Virginian (Thursday, August 17, 2006).

**THANK YOU FOR READING THE CARA
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