



Directions to CAARA

Take Route 128 North to Grant Circle, Gloucester.
This is the first traffic circle you will come to.
North on Route 127 (Washington Street – toward Addison Gilbert Hospital) approx. 1.6 mi.
Turn right on Stanwood Street.
Clubhouse is the red building on the left.

SEND TO:
**CAPE ANN AMATEUR
RADIO ASSOCIATION**
6 Stanwood Street
Gloucester, MA 01930

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PLEASE SEND ME:

- More information about joining CAARA.
- Names of Amateur Radio instructors in my area.
- Details about obtaining my license.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____



Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association

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CAARA Repeaters

W1GLO 145.13, no PL
224.90 & 443.70 MHz

Echolink: W1GLO-R, Node 480139
APRS Digipeater: 144.39 MHz

Website: www.caara.net
Tel: 978 282-7645



CAARA is a Special Service Club of the American Radio Relay League and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.

CAARA General Information

CAARA is an ARRL affiliated club with over 100 members and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. **CAARA** was formed in 1977 and operates the **W1GLO** repeater on **145.130 MHz** with antennas located on the Cingular tower in the Blackburn Industrial Complex in Gloucester, Massachusetts. It has an average effective radius of 60 miles, and serves Eastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, Rhode Island, Southern New Hampshire, and Maritime Mobile stations. **CAARA** also operates the **W1GLO** repeater on **224.90 MHz**. The **W1RK** repeater on **443.70 MHz**, has been moved to CAARA and operates under **W1GLO**. The **145.130 MHz** and **224.90 MHz** repeaters are no longer equipped with auto patches.

The Association is one of the few amateur radio clubs in the area that has its own clubhouse. Located at 6 Stanwood Street in Gloucester, it includes a permanent HF station with rotating beam and vertical antenna along with a 2 meter packet station and 2 meter and 220 MHz voice transceivers. We also have Echolink and PSK31 digital mode capabilities. The clubhouse has emergency operating power and is designated an **Emergency Communications Location** by the City of Gloucester, MA. **CAARA** provides emergency communications for the entire Cape Ann Area.

Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon our clubhouse is open to members and their guests, visiting amateurs, and other visitors who have an interest in amateur radio. You are welcome to join us for coffee and goodies. Talk-in is available during this time on our **145.130 MHz** repeater, **W1GLO**. Directions and a map to our clubhouse may be found elsewhere in this brochure.

Amateur radio license exams are held on the second Sunday of each month from 10:00 AM until roughly 12:00 noon at the **CAARA** clubhouse. Anyone who is considering a new license or an upgrade is welcome to test with us. There is no pre-registration necessary. Contact the head of our VE team, Bob Quinn **WV1A** if you have any questions about testing.

Monthly member meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month except during July and August.

Each Sunday night at 9 PM, the club operates a 2 meter net on **145.130 MHZ**. This is an open and informal net, which disseminates club news and prepares operators for emergency communications work. **All are invited** to check into the net; club membership is **not** a requirement.

We look forward to seeing you at our clubhouse this Sunday for a visit and a tour of our facility. And, we hope that you will be able to check into our Sunday night net, too. You are always welcome!

73's
Stan Stone, W4HIX
Club President

CAARA Website

CAARA operates a website at www.caara.net. It contains lots of information about the club, technical articles of interest to hams and non-hams alike, links to other ham-radio related websites, the club newsletter, etc. Please visit whenever you can.

Community Involvement

The club is very active in the Cape Ann community, providing communications services for many activities including the Cape Ann Road Race, the annual Fishtown Horribles Parade, and the annual Section Emergency Test. **CAARA** is also very active in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).

Meetings

The club has regular Membership and Emergency Communications meetings at the clubhouse every month on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The Board of Directors meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. All meetings start at 7:30 PM. The club does not hold meetings during July and August.

Social Programs

Several times a year the club sponsors social events such as a summer picnic, a Christmas Party, and a Spring Dinner. Notice of these events may be found in the club newsletter and on the club calendar published on the website.

Membership

CAARA welcomes applications for membership on a form provided by the Association or electronically via our website at www.caara.net. All applications must include one years dues, which for regular members holding an amateur radio license of any grade is \$30.00. The membership year is from January 1 to December 31.

Donations

The Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association welcomes any donation of amateur radio equipment that can be used by the organization. Items of specific interest are HF and VHF/UHF transceivers, antennas, as well as related auxiliary and test equipment. Please contact one of the Elected Officers or a member of the Board of Directors for more information or assistance.

2013 Elected Officers

President: **Stanley Stone, W4HIX**
Vice President: **Jake Hurd, K1LDL**
Clerk: **Dean Burgess, KB1PGH**
Treasurer: **Henry McCarl, W4RIG**

2013 Board of Directors

Paul Anderson, **KA1GIJ**
Larry Beaulieu **AJ1Z**
Ross Burton **W1RAB**
Jon Cunningham, **K1TP**
John Graves, **WA1JG**
Ruth Hodsdon, **WW1N**
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Bill Poulin, **WZ1L**

Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association Mission Statement

The Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association is a non-profit organization whose mission is to:

- provide health and safety communication services for emergencies and disasters on Cape Ann and in other areas when requested
- provide health, safety and coordination services for community events
- maintain disaster and emergency readiness by conducting regular simulation drills and participating in national disaster simulations
- educate and train new amateur radio operators and to maintain a well-tuned disaster team
- conduct FCC testing for new licenses and those wishing to upgrade
- provide educational services and demonstrations to local area schools and community organizations such as the Boy Scouts
- conduct public demonstrations and educational events
- assist public utilities, such as the Mass Electric Company, in finding radio frequency interferences that could potentially harm or hinder emergency communication activities
- create a positive, supportive environment for our members that promotes camaraderie and fellowship. Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association members will serve the public unselfishly, will not take any form of remuneration for their services, and will only undertake activities that are 100% for the general good.