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# Time Out

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## ***This Month's Meeting***

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, January 16th at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave. (Rte. 4), Farmington, CT. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

Rick – N1JGR, our Technical VP will be giving a talk on Emergency Communications, battery power, etc. Don't miss it! (Postponed from last month due to bad weather.)

## ***Last Month's Meeting***

Due to the foot of snow we received on last month's meeting date, and the treacherous driving conditions, it was decided to hold the meeting over the air. The results of that meeting are as follows:

## **ICRC Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date:</b>	12/19/08
<b>Time Started:</b>	6:00 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	6:32 PM

**Minutes taken by:** Larry Buck - K1HEJ, acting as NCS.

### **Attendees (Callsign):**

K1HEJ	K1DFS	N1RMF	N1JGR	KB1KZC
W1ZFG	N1JWF	KA1NDE		

A motion was made by Chuck – K1DFS, to cancel the in-person meeting at the Farmington Red Cross because of the bad weather, and to hold the meeting on the air over the 146.88 repeater. The motion was seconded by Al – N1JWF. Roll call vote was unanimous.

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<b><i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i></b>
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**Treasurer Report:**

Chuck – K1DFS, gave the Treasurer Report. No money was spent this month, so the bank balance is the same as last month.

Motion to Accept:	W1ZFG
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP report...**

Tech VP Rick – N1JGR, reported that there has been a problem with the .88 machine. Sounds similar to a de-sense problem. The 440 machine at Bristol is running 18 watts.

George – N1RMF, reported that he is working on the 440 amplifier.

Larry – K1HEJ, reported that the 145.07 packet node at the Burlington site is still working fine.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1WGK
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Old Business:**

KLONDIKE DERBY – The annual Klondike Derby is happening Feb 7th and 8th. Friday, Feb 6 is set-up night. There will be two campers. Power is available, but at least a 15 kW generator will be available as back-up. They will need to leave about noon on Friday. 147.15 will be talk-in to the Klondike site. The site is at a scout camp near the junction of Rt. 44 and Rt. 187. Rick – N1JGR, needs 15 hams on Saturday and at least 6 on Sunday.

**New Business:**

The VE Session scheduled for Dec. 19 will be held at the regular club meeting in January. Chris – KA1NDE was on frequency to relay that information to the person who had indicated they wanted the test session.

All reports accepted by roll call vote.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

Unanimous

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## ***Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary***

Section Leadership: K1EIC SM; ASMs: K1STM, KD1YV, W1FXQ; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1TCH; SEC N1FNE; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB. My, it's been a busy month--so busy that this is coming to you much later than usual. I hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday and that 2009 is the best year ever! Have a happy and healthy New Year with all the good contacts and public service you hope to enjoy through Amateur Radio.

As the New Year approaches, we have some volunteers who have stepped up to take on new positions. Beginning January 1, Wayne Gronlund, N1CLV will be CT's Section Emergency Coordinator. His plan is to add assistant SECs to the leadership team. Wayne, N1CLV, has been District Emergency Coordinator for CT ARES® Region 4 (Eastern Connecticut) since 2006. Prior to that, as ADEC for Region 4 South, he was heavily involved with the Amateur Radio support of TOPOFF 3. Wayne was first licensed as a Novice in 1963 as WN2GID and currently holds an Amateur Extra Class license. He is primarily active in emergency and public service communications, and also enjoys working various data modes, including APRS, Winlink, Packet, PSK-31, and SSTV. He has completed over 30 FEMA emergency management courses and is a member of the DEMHS Region 4 Incident Management Team.

Wayne graduated first in his class from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in 1969. He has a Masters degree in Physical Science and a PhD in Chemistry, both from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. During his active duty Coast Guard career he served as a Deck Watch Officer on the 210 foot Cutter ACTIVE and the 327 foot Barque EAGLE (America's Tall Ship). He was Commanding Officer of the 95 foot Patrol Boat CAPE GULL and Commander of Coast Guard Group Atlantic City, New Jersey. He spent 24 years of his 35 year military career as a member of the chemistry faculty at the Coast Guard Academy, including tours as Chief of the Chemistry Section and as Head of the Science Department. He retired from active duty as a Captain in 1999 to become President of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association. In June 2004 he became Manager of the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Laboratory (MSL) located at Avery Point. MSL is the Coast Guard's only forensic lab and provides analytical "fingerprinting" of oil for the Coast Guard and other Federal, state, and local agencies.

Wayne and his wife Becky live in East Lyme where their son Quentin is a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at East Lyme High School. Wayne is very much looking forward to working with you. He can be reached by email, n1clv@arrl.net. Phone: 860-739-6384.

I'm thrilled you're joining the cabinet Wayne--welcome aboard!

Many thanks again to Rod, N1FNE who did an outstanding job as SEC during the last few months. Rod is happy to be an assistant SEC--he especially enjoys technical work and helping out in projects. Thanks Rod--very much appreciate your time. Rod BTW is involved in an interesting and diverse set of volunteer activities--we'll have to write about them one day.

Bill, W1GTT, has agreed to assume the post of DEC for Region 4 come January 1. Bill has been very active in the region as well as in the Section. He has been a technical specialist since July of 1997 and participated on the digital committee and lead several digital workshops. Many of you met him during the several training sessions he and Wayne did on Airmail. Bill is a leader in the APRS community. Thank you very much Bill--welcome aboard!

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***Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd***

Art, AF1HS, has already assumed the position of ASEC (assistant SEC. He has been active on the ARES leadership team as DEC for Region 2 since February, 2004. Art will continue to chair the ARES Web site, membership recruitment and membership database in his new position and do other tasks as his time permits. Thanks Art for taking on the ASEC role because this work is important to the organization.

Chris, WIHVN, has moved from an ADEC to DEC for Region 2 and has joined the ARES leadership team. He has started a region 2 net that meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month on the following repeaters: 147.505 West Haven, PL77, Input 146.505; 145.290 Killingworth, PL 110.9 standard split; 446.925 Durham, PL77 and std split - ALL linked.

Many thanks for stepping up to this position Chris.

Did you see the latest ARES e-letter? Excellent article about the Manchester Emcomm team--congrats! Log into your Member Page on the ARRL site and go to <http://www.arrl.org/ares-el/> and scroll down to Current Issue to view the Letter. You can sign up for email delivery.

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