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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, January 15th at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave. (Rte. 4), Farmington, CT. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

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

## **ICRC Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date:</b>	12/18/09
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:39 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:29 PM

**Minutes taken by:** Rick Johnson – N1WGK

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

K1DFS	N1JGR	N1RMF	K1WMS	W1ZFG
KB1KZC	KB1SNL	WA1NXC	KB1RRR	K1PCL
N1JWF	K1HEJ			

### **Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	K1DFS
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N1RMF
<b>Abstain:</b>	

unanimous

## ***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

### **Treasurer Report:**

BALANCE 9/30/2009	1,097.31
	-100.00
R	2,500.00
	-50.00
	-100.00
	-473.90
10/1/2009 - 12...	1,776.10
BALANCE 12/18/...	2,873.41
OVERALL TOTAL	1,776.10
TOTAL INFLOWS	2,500.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-723.90
NET TOTAL	1,776.10

Motion to Accept:	N1W GK
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

### **Tech. VP Report:**

Everything is working.

Discussion of antennas and repeater site issues that need to be dealt with sometime in the near future.

Discussion regarding batteries needed for the site

Field Day Update: 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state for 3A

Motion to Accept:	N1KGY
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

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

Note from Red Cross Emergency Department thanking us for our involvement with the SET

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Webmaster Report:**

Web site is up and operational. There's been some activity at the FCC regarding best practices, link up back to them.

Bike race is up there.

Klondike is up there.

Hams needed is up there.

Anna's Diner in Southington for breakfast tomorrow, 12/19/09.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1WGK
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Old Business:**

KLONDIKE: Still a go, need 15 operators. Contact N1JGR if you can help. Date is Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Be there at 8AM on Saturday for assignment. Right off Rt. 44 in Ashford, CT.

BIKE RACE: April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Need 10-12 operators for this race. If you are interested in helping, contact N1JGR.

**New Business:**

MUSEUM SHIPS: We have one here in CT, called Nautilis. On Memorial Day, the ships are opened up for people to walk through and we are planning on transmitting from this ship.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1WGK
Abstain:	

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

Section Leadership: K1EIC SM; ASMs: K1STM, KD1YV, W1FXQ; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1TCH; SEC N1CLV; ASEC N1FNE, K1BRF, AF1HS, K1VSC; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB.

Sure hope you are enjoying a wonderful holiday week. I am much later than usual with this column because I took a quick cruise in early December to the Eastern Caribbean. The travel with the holidays kept me especially busy this month.

The Insurance City Repeater Club will be participating in the annual Klondike Derby in early February. Rick, N1JGR is looking for operators. Contact [n1jgr@arrl.net](mailto:n1jgr@arrl.net) to see if he still has openings and if you can help.

Congrats to Steve Ewald WV1X who has been elected as president of NARL and a huge thank you to Mary Hobart K1MMH who did a fantastic job as president for the last two years even with her very busy schedule. Many thanks Mary. I am planning to be at their annual holiday party and awards dinner next week. Paul K1PL gave a presentation on satellite communications to the club at their December meeting.

Congratulations to the nine new technician-licensed ops who are members of the Orange CERT team. They studied for their licenses attending classes run by the newly formed Orange Amateur Radio Association which recently received their ARRL charter of affiliation. They meet the second Monday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Rd, Orange, Ct. For further information contact president Faustino NF1Y [тино@tinorusso.com](mailto:тино@tinorusso.com) or newsletter editor Al KB1QEX [kb1qex@arrl.net](mailto:kb1qex@arrl.net).

Congrats to the Meriden ARC on their successful second one-day technician class with seven new hams as a result. And note that MARC placed first in CT on FD and seventh in the New England Division!

Congratulations to Eric, KB1EHE for initiating and coordinating an NVIS experimental net on 75 meters in which there were 41 participants! His wife Elsie, KB1IFZ was the op in charge of keeping track of the data collected. Check out the results at <http://www.remarkable.com/NVISnet.html>. And while you're at it, check out two propagation resources he has posted at [www.remarkable.com/HFpropagatio](http://www.remarkable.com/HFpropagatio). The experimental net was attended by ARES ops who continue to look for ways to communicate in difficult conditions. Unfortunately, I was away and did not get to personally witness the net but from what I've heard, they had a lot of fun. SEC Wayne and I were excited about the project when Eric initially contacted us. Our personal thanks to Eric and Elsie for coordinating this on-air event.

Congratulations to Technical Specialist Chuck AB1CR on his promotion to the rank of captain in the Bolton Fire Department. Chuck has recently been certified as an EMT instructor!

And now, let me tell you about a really neat special project coordinated by Dave Hyatt and the CQ Radio Club. They had two events for the local boy scouts to introduce them to ham radio. They set up nine tables, many of which related ham radio to computers: #1 9 minute video "Hello & the 2008 FD"; table #2 PSK 31 in operation; table #3 HF SSB in operation; table #4 Internet Radio Global Radio; table #5 Code Oscillator with Flash Cards so each scout could send his name in CW and receive a certificate; #6 HT's on simplex gave them a chance to talk across the room; #7 APRS show UI VIEW in operation; #8 Icom Comic Books; #9 handed out Certificates for the CW code. There were two participants who spent 20 minutes at each table then proceeded to another table. Even the parents enjoyed the event! The club plans to do more similar events for the cub scouts and girl scouts!

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

I think you'll all agree that this project is wonderful work and we need to do what we can to interest young people to our service. All who participated are to be commended for this work which I think deserves meritorious recognition!

On Wednesday, November 25, the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) -- WT Docket No. 09-209 -- seeking to amend the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules to clarify certain rules and codify existing procedures governing the vanity call sign system, as well as revise certain rules applicable to club stations. According to the FCC, almost 80,000 licensees have replaced their sequentially issued Amateur Radio call signs with a vanity call sign since the program began in 1996. See full story at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/11/25/11220/?nc=1>.

The New Year is coming so maybe you want to try something different like Dxing or some other specialty aspect of Amateur Radio. The CT DX Association meets each month on the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at ARRL Headquarters. You are welcome to come by and learn about the club and how your DXing can be enhanced. The club does not meet during July and August.

In closing, the Section cabinet and I wish you a very happy, healthy and safe New Year. And I must admit that I hope HF propagation improves in 2010! See you in the New Year!

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