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

**\*\*\* SPECIAL NOTICE \*\*\* LOCATION CHANGE \*\*\***

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, March 18 at the Farmington Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave, at 7:00 PM. Hopefully, what was supposed to have happened last month will happen this month. Anyone planning on participating in the emergency exercise in April should plan on attending.

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

## **ICRC Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date:</b>	February 18, 2005
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:15PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:30PM

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

**Attendees (Callsign):**

N1WGK	N1KGY	KB1KNV	KB1KZC	WA1PAT
N1JGR	K1DFS	K1WMS	KA1KRP	N1JWF
K1HEJ				

**Secretary report:**

E-Mailed report to committee for perusal.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	K1DFS
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KA1KRP
<b>Abstain:</b>	
unanimous	

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**Last Month's Meeting – cont'd**

**Treasurer Report:**

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Reconciliation Summary

**BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:**

Previous Balance:		673.29
Checks and Payments	3 Items	-127.00
Deposits and Other Credits	1 Item	25.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0 Items	0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		571.29

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP report...**

A filter needs to be set up the 6M remote base for packet. It shuts down the 6M repeater on a packet burst.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

unanimous

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

### **Old Business:**

Grand time at the KLONDIKE. They could have used another 5 hams but it worked out. Instead, they had to use commercial radios to make up the slack but they would have liked to have ham radios all the way through to minimize confusion.

Thanks, Chuck, for bringing the commercial portable radios and the wireless router.

There was plenty of venison stew this year. There was also a lot of discussion on how to make it a lot better for the future.

TOPOFF (may be old/new business) We will need a full crew and we need to give times. The dates will be April 4-6, 2005.

Packet: K1HEJ did an extensive study of the times and how flexnet changed the routes to us...

The 440 machine did an interesting thing during the inversion...it dropped. I don't understand most of this discussion but am trying to follow along. Isotrop inversion is when cold air is trapped below warm air. Unfortunately, when the weather gets warm, we lose Betsey.

### **New Business:**

Possible project involving Burlington. High speed digital communication, networking, TCP/IP network, etc. This could be very interesting.

BPL assignments have been made in CT. They are testing BPL in Shelton 12 house test and New Haven 12 house test. After this discussion, I realize I really don't know half of what everyone was talking about. There was something about 90 degree mounts for 10 meter antennas and using that to find the noise from BPL.

Antenna bill: At the moment, the bill is in limbo because we are waiting for K1MK to get back to us. Larry has downloaded 7,000 names and addresses of all the hams in CT.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

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## **Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary**

We in Amateur Radio have a wonderful opportunity to provide a public service. In fact, we will be very accountable to top officials during the Top Off drill, a major DHS exercise involving CT, and NJ. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Even if you are not an experienced ARES member, you too can help out because everyone will be working in teams. If you are considering signing up to help, DO IT TODAY please because you will have to be credentialed in order to participate.

The process goes like this:

(1) Register (see info below). (2) You will be given an assignment that you're comfortable doing. (3) You will be sent by email important information.

On the day you report, you will be briefed and then sent off to your tasks. SEC Chuck AB1CR is our incident commander for this event--he is the person in charge of our Amateur Radio effort. He has asked me to post the following.

Please provide the following information to [ablcr@comcast.net](mailto:ablcr@comcast.net):

Full legal name:

Call Sign:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Address:

What types of positions you can cover (based on the list below):

When available: April 4 - April 5 -April 6 - April 7 - April 8

(Note: If you say are available from 6:00 am to midnight, rest assured we will not give you an 18 hour shift. It would be helpful if you can tell us the maximum shift duration you are comfortable with - if that is longer than your availability.)

Other information:

The four types of positions are:

1 - Permanent Fixed locations where the radios and antennas are already setup and we just need operators.

2 - Temporary Fixed Locations where the communicator will need to bring at least a 25 watt radio, power supply, backup battery and portable antenna with mast.

3 - Shadow stations who will stay with key people and will need a handheld radio and plenty of battery (either AA battery backup or small Jell Cell battery backup).

4 - Mobile in Red Cross or other vehicles will need at least a 25 watt radio, mag mount, and the ability to take power from a cigarette lighter jack or straight from the vehicle battery.

What do we really need now? We will be running three shifts each day (as far as we know.) It is a drill and we do not have full details. Currently it looks like we will be needed Monday through Wednesday only.

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

We need people at stationary positions like Net Control, OEM Offices, and a listening post/backup net control at staging area. Probably still need one or two more people on each shift. We need people at Temporary Fixed locations: Currently need about five people on each shift. We need people to shadow key Red Cross people. Currently need about three people on each shift. We need people to provide communications for the Red Cross vehicles. Currently need about 10 people per shift.

The shifts will start early in the morning, probably 6:00 or 7:00 AM and go through 6:00 PM or 7:00 PM The "evening" shift will start about 5:00 PM and go through about midnight The "night" shift will start about 11:00 PM and go through about 7:00 or 8:00 AM (Note that individual position assignments may vary slightly from these times, but this gives you an idea what to expect.) Please note that these shifts overlap as we have to get credentials, exchange people without leaving positions uncovered, etc.

In order to keep updated on this event and all ARES activities, it is important that all participants need to be signed up on the Section ARES reflector which we call the Discussion List. Send a blank email to [discussion-subscribe@connares.org](mailto:discussion-subscribe@connares.org). Then follow the directions you receive in a subsequent email from that list. Thank you.--Chuck Rexroad, AB1CR SEC CT

SB 92.--I am sorry to report that for now, it's dead. No motion to draft SB-92 as a bill is on the agenda for today's (Thursday) meeting of the Energy and Technology Committee. Apparently the issues I mentioned last month were not resolved even by a substantial amount of quality, technical testimony on the subjects of antenna height, RFI and property value that was submitted after the hearing. Know well that your SGL Mike, K1MK and many of us on the leadership team put in hours of work and we're going to do it again next year with a different emphasis. We will begin to plan that effort in June or early July. Again, thanks to everyone who helped out in any way--volunteers and ARRL staff--we all worked hard. On the positive side, three bills were introduced and in addition to their three sponsors we collected 12 co-sponsors. That's more sponsors and co-sponsors than many pieces of PRB-1 legislation that have been passed in other states garnered. So folks, we'll be doing this important legislative effort again.

Shoreline Auction. -- The Shoreline ARC of Westbrook, CT, will again be holding our Annual Auction, March 17, 2005, Doors open at 6:00 PM, at the Daisy Ingraham School, on Goodspeed Drive, off Rt. 1, Westbrook. Auction will begin at 7:00 PM. Our auctioneer will be the well known Randy, W1IN (formerly K1WWI). If you've never been to our auction, and never heard Randy, you're in for a treat. Refreshments will be available. In order to participate in the auction, you must receive a bidders number. The bidders number allows you to sell and buy items up for auction. This number will cost you \$1.00. The auction is open to the public. Any questions, you may E-Mail at: [N1KSY@juno.com](mailto:N1KSY@juno.com). NOTE: Parking is available in the side parking lot. You may load and unload in the rear, but you must remove your vehicle to the side lot. Tnx, come and enjoy an evening out with us.--N1KSY

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

CT Op Wins Award.--Hearty congratulations to my good friend and colleague Paul Danzer, N1II who is the recipient of the Bill Orr, W6SAI, Technical Writing Award. Paul is being recognized by the ARRL Foundation for his article "Open Wire Feed Line--A Second Look," which appeared in the April 2004 edition of QST (p 34). N1II is quoted by ARRL staff: "I am surprised and proud to be named in the same sentence as Bill Orr, who was a major contributor to the ARRL goal of providing practical technology to radio amateurs around the world," Danzer reacted. "I am grateful that the editors of QST have allowed me to make a small contribution toward that goal."

Congrats, also goes to Ann, KA1GWE, NM WCTN. She was featured on channel 12 cable TV Norwalk in a 3-minute segment which aired 4 times last week! Good work Ann.

ARES Symposium.--I am also proud of the marvelous response to our first structured day-long workshop in which operators trained for Top Off. Sixty volunteers learned about the operation of tactical nets, the construction of "go kits". The National Incident Management System, NTS traffic handling and Red Cross disaster services. SEC Chuck, AB1CR assigned this task to his membership and training coordinator George, N1YAE and really, it was great!

It was so good to see so many ARRL staff participate as volunteers to hone their skills. Thanks to the speakers: N1FNE, AB1CR, KY1F, N1HAX and K1DAV.

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