
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, March 16th 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

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| Date: | 2/16/07 |
| Time Started: | 7:50PM |
| Time Ended: | 8:29PM |

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson – N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

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| N1WGK | K1HEJ | W1ZFG | K1WMS | KB1JYY |
| N1JGR | N1JWF | | | |
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Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

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| Motion to Accept: | N1JGR |
| Seconded by: | N1WGK |
| Abstain: | |

unanimous

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

No report due to absence of Treasurer.

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| Motion to Accept: | N1WGK |
| Seconded by: | N1JWF |
| Abstain: | |

unanimous

Tech. VP report...

Repeaters seem to be working fine. The 15 machine is back in place and operating correctly...

We haven't heard anything bad about the 220 link and it's working well

The can that Chuck has to repair...it turns out it's the cable that was shorted

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| Motion to Accept: | N1WGK |
| Seconded by: | N1JWF |
| Abstain: | |

unanimous

Old Business:

Klondike was a LOT of fun...I was there!!! We wish you were, too...148 scouts and 60 adults attended. We didn't have enough hams but were able to use FRS to fill in the gaps...nobody got lost, nobody got hurt but it was a lot of fun!

New Business:

The quarterly meeting to review the Red Cross operations will be held at 10AM on Saturday, Feb 24th here at the Red Cross. If interested, please attend.

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| Motion to Adjourn: | N1WGK |
| Seconded by: | N1JWF |
| Abstain: | |

Unanimous

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership: ASMs: N1FNE, K1STM, NK1J, W1FXQ; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; OOC W1GC; PIC K1SFA; SEC K1BRF; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB.

Two exciting training opportunities are coming up next weekend--February 24 and February 25. ARES Region 4 is hosting a hands-on workshop covering hardware and software for packet (including Winlink Airmail) and APRS on Saturday, 24 Feb 07. Bill W1GTT and Wayne N1CLV will be the workshop presenters. The event will be held from 0900-1300 at Leonard J. Tyl Middle School, 166 Chesterfield Rd, Oakdale. For those already running APRS, just look for the W1TYL schoolhouse icon on the map!

The workshop will cover installation/setup/operation of several different software applications for both packet and APRS. Some of the possible hardware configurations that can be used for these modes will also be demonstrated. If you have a laptop that you want to setup for packet/APRS, bring it along. If you have a TinyTrak kit you want to build, bring it and the necessary tools (including a small soldering iron) to the workshop.

If you plan to attend the workshop, please send an email to both W1GTT@aol.com and N1CLV@aol.com so we'll know how many handouts to prepare, etc.

Hope to see you on the 24th!!!--Wayne, N1CLV DEC Region 4

Jonathan, KB1KIX invites you to attend a workshop on formal written message traffic handling in the NTS format conducted by noted trainer Dan Brochu, KY1F as part of the Region 3 quarterly meeting on Sunday, February 25 at noon at American Red Cross Farmington. Members of Region 3 should be on hand one hour earlier for the Region meeting. Dan's tutorials have been published for many years in the ARRL Net Directory and in other ARRL publications so don't miss this opportunity to learn this art from a dynamic trainer!

The other reason why next weekend is so important is because of the change in rules come Friday, February 23. Brennan, N4QX writes: I want to remind you that at least two teams of volunteer examiners (and I'm reasonably sure there will be at least three) will be on hand at ARRL Headquarters in Newington starting at 11 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, to administer exams at the first possible opportunity under the new rules and the last possible opportunity under the old rules. As mentioned on the ARRL Web site, W1AW will be open for visitors until at least 4 a.m. The examiners will administer live examinations both before and after midnight and process valid CSCEs for upgrade under the new rules once midnight hits.

The live exams will proceed as any standard test session would. Candidates submitting CSCEs for so-called paper upgrades are invited to arrive and claim a spot in line as early as 11:00. Once midnight strikes, each VE team will examine the documents of three paper upgrade candidates at a time until we get through what we anticipate will be a heavy volume. Once the live exams are through, the live exam team will contribute to getting through the paper candidates. All are welcome. If you are taking an exam or just converting paper, please bring:

- * Your original amateur radio license AND A PHOTOCOPY THEREOF
- * Any original CSCEs AND A PHOTOCOPY OF EACH
- * Photo ID
- * \$14 for the examination fee (exact change appreciated, checks payable to ARRL/VEC).

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Walk-ins are welcome, but calls ahead are appreciated also. Let me know at 860-561-1773 or brennanprice@earthlink.net.

Also, any VEs with ARRL/VEC accreditation who would like to take part are more than welcome to come examine. The more bodies we have, the quicker we can go to bed. A good time should be had by all.

73 de Brennan N4QX

Congrats on N1MIE now president of RASON. Wish Mat KB1LCS the best of luck; he has unfortunately moved out of Section. Chip has lots of ideas for the club and is looking forward to a productive year. Have fun!

CARA enjoyed a program on antique radio given by a real collector and enthusiast Marty K1CVF. You know, if your club is looking for a good program, contact Marty because he does enjoy giving his talk and showing some of the collection.

The club has their new 6 meter repeater operational: input/output 52.130/53.130, PL 100. Look for W1QI/r on the air; send signal reports to Joe, AB1DO, ab1do@arrl.net. It is presently located in his basement in Redding for testing. The repeater is a GE Master II Station, modified for the ham bands, which is connected to a set of four 7ft tall cavity resonators (also known as cans) which together act as a duplexer. These "cans" had to be moved from Hamden to Redding, not an easy feat! Thanks to Bill, N1PJG, the job got done. Ah but much more to the story--it truly is an incredible one--nothing good comes easy! AB1DO, KD1DD, N1PJG, N2FEX, and KF6AJ with his lab for retuning the duplexers worked very hard to make the repeater operational. Watch for pictures of the duplexers on the Section news page at <http://www.arrl.org>. Click on CT Section. Congrats on the operation!

ARRL Connecticut Section
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SKYWARN Training Class

Below, is information for the Skywarn training class in Canton, CT. We are working on a location in Manchester, and details will follow in the next few weeks.

Skywarn Training Class
Wednesday May 9, 2007, 7:PM to 10:PM
Canton Community Center
40 Dyer Ave Canton, CT

Basic weather spotter training open to all, taught by NWS from Taunton, MA
No prior registration needed

73 from Roger - K1PAI Skywarn Co-ordinator for Hartford and Tolland Counties

Note to all ICRC Members: I recommend this one night course if you can make it. Skywarn is one of the most often activated emergency service that hams are called upon several times a year to do. While Roger indicates no prior registration is needed, please let Roger know if you can attend so NWS can know the size of the room they need. Larry - K1HEJ, ICRC Pres.

For the latest information, visit our website at <http://www.icrcweb.org>