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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, February 21st 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>	2/15/08
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:48 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:45 PM

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

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

N1WGK	K1DFS	N1JGR	W1ZFG	KA1NDE
K1WMS	K1HEJ	KB1KNV	N1KGY	

### **Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	N1KGY
<b>Seconded by:</b>	W1ZFG
<b>Abstain:</b>	KB1KNV, N1JGR

unanimous

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

Previous Balance:	\$1078.40
Checks and Payments	-\$63.59
Deposits and Other Credits	\$50.00
Service Charge	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement	\$1,064.81
Cleared Balance:	\$1,064.81
Checks and Payments	-\$100.00
Deposits and Other Credits	\$0.00
Register Balance as of 2/11/2008	\$964.81

Motion to Accept:	NIWGK
Seconded by:	KB1KNV
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP report...**

George and Chuck went up to the Bristol repeater site, George figured out what's going on with the 88 repeater and found the right connections. 88 and 440 are both controlled with the controller and K1WMS is now hooked up. PL for both repeaters is 77.0 HZ, for both send and receive. The 15 repeater is carrier controlled, for now.

Other discussions occurred regarding the Bristol site. In the spring, we will be having a weekend worth of work at the Burlington site to do a complete cleanup. Probably going to happen late April. Please come out and support the work crew, we can really use the help.

NIJGR is practicing delegation and had nothing to say for this entire report. Chuck and Chuck basically carried the discussion

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KB1KNV
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Old Business:**

Klondike didn't happen this year because there was an issue trying to get a place. This was a big disappointment for the members.

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

### **New Business:**

The earliest we will hear about the bike race will be April, but as soon as N1JGR hears, we will try and get Farmington for the Field Day in June.

Field Day is the last full weekend of June, (June 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>), consider coming down!

We will be doing some Navy Mars stuff. Navy Mars will be going to the Sub Base. Armed Forces Day is the middle of May. There was discussion regarding Navy Mars. If interested in more information, please contact Chuck, K1DFS. There will be cross-communication between the Navy Mars folks and Amateur Radio.

The first weekend in June, K1SSN, there will be a special event at the Sub Museum and some assistance will probably be needed. They will be transmitting on the Amateur frequencies

The Nautilus will be N9N on the first weekend in August, with a special event. These should be very interesting! If interested for more information, please contact Chuck, K1DFS.

Dues are \$25/year and will be coming out in March. Also, donations for replacement repeaters will be gratefully accepted!

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

Unanimous

## ***Items for Consideration***

Two issues for between meeting consideration have come up. NARL is looking for folks to help with the CPTV Science Fair at the Ham radio booth. Dates are April 24 – 26. You must be well dressed for this event. The site this year is the Expo Center off Jennings Rd in Hartford. Even if you can only do 1 hour they need the help this year. For further info contact Ethel, KB1NMO Email Morgentha@aol.com or on either the 88 Nutmeg traffic net or the WESCON traffic net.

We have asked by N1URO if we would be willing to host a non-computer 220/440 node for the Flexnet network at the Burlington site. The equipment he would provide would be a TNC 3 with all the software loaded into a six-pack chip set. The node would be running Flexnet and as such would be “handshaking” every three minutes (as the old computer resident nodes did). We should have both coax runs and a 220 & 440 antenna still mounted on the poles from our previous part in the Network. The additional power draw off the batteries in an emergency would be the two transceivers and the TNC3. At 12 V, the decrease over what we used to run would be about 20 amps an hour. Brian has told me that the station can be configured so that the Flexnet link can continue to operate without 07 being interconnected should the commercial power fail. You should know that W1EDH (one of the current paths to Springfield area) needs to have emergency power manually started when commercial power fails.

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## ***Items for Consideration – cont'd***

The other path that feeds the Springfield area and K1YON comes in from K2PUT. That site is very remote and it also takes considerable time for their technical team to reach that station when it fails, It as failed several times over the last years and most requiring 2 days to weeks before equipment could be reached and repaired.

Larry – K1HEJ ICRC President

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

Section Leadership: K1EIC SM; ASMs: K1STM, KD1YV, W1FXQ, NK1J; OOC W1GC; PIC KA1TCH; SEC K1BRF; ASEC N1FNE; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB. The following sad news comes from ASM Al Cohen, W1FXQ: It is my sad mission to report the passing of Harold Chase Sr., W1EES.

Harold was a member of the National Board of QCWA for many years and served as President of QCWA Nutmeg Chapter 149 many times. Harold's son, Hal Chase N1URW, reports that his dad passed away peacefully in his sleep. May he rest peacefully forever and ever, and may his good name remain with us as a blessing.--W1FXQ

I had the honor of knowing Harold and Gladys W1VPF (sk) for many years and always enjoyed their company. The CT Section extends our sincere sympathy to N1URW and the family.--K1EIC SM

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Mark your calendars! February 24 this coming Sunday: CSMA Meeting 10am, Marcus Communications, 275 New State Road, Manchester, CT. Contact president Paul N1TUP [n1tup@arrl.net](mailto:n1tup@arrl.net) for further information.

March 15--ECARA Ham Fest Pomfret Community School Pomfret Center, CT; contact Paul KE1LI [ke1li@arrl.net](mailto:ke1li@arrl.net) for further information.

March 30--Southington Ham Fest and Annual ARES Meeting at Southington High School; contact Chet KA1ILH, [ka1ilh@arrl.net](mailto:ka1ilh@arrl.net) about the Hamfest and SEC Brian, K1BRF [k1brf@arrl.net](mailto:k1brf@arrl.net) for info on the ARES meeting.

May 2--NEAR-Fest Deerfield, MA <http://www.near-fest.org>;

June 21--NARL Ham Fest; contact president Mary Hobart K1MMH, [k1mmh@arrl.org](mailto:k1mmh@arrl.org).

Three very active volunteers are moving away from the Section. Greg N1AEH is off to The Villages in Florida, a very nice retirement community. Greg has managed the Section CW net CN since 1993 providing liaison stations to 1RN, the first region net which handles out-of-state traffic. Greg has been incredibly faithful to NTS in CT and in the region and area through changing times. In addition, he served as treasurer of the Hampden County Radio Association in Agawam, MA for over 30 years. We will miss you very much Greg.

Don and Martha Babbitt, KB1IET and KB1IES have been members of the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association and the Northville ARA for many years. Both of them have spent hours teaching amateur radio

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

with great success in the Newtown School System. Several students have been licensed and coincidentally, are high honor students! Don and Martha are moving to upper New York State. CARA President Frank N8WXQ presented them with a gift from the club. I'll sure miss seeing you at the club meetings--we'll all miss your enthusiasm and hearing about the classes.

Thanks Greg, Martha and Don for your time and work in this Section--it is truly appreciated. Greg participated in a meeting with other members of The Connecticut CW Net to talk about ways in which this net might continue to move forward. So everyone, we're starting a slow speed net twice per week on Wednesday's and Saturday's at 1900 hours local on 3.533. Andy NX1Q will be control on Wednesday and Bill KW1B on Saturday. Come join us! The net meets each night of the week; we are beginning to add more net controls. So give it a try--you will be welcomed and mentored!

Have you worked a newly-licensed operator lately? Are you their first contact? Why not go to <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/award/certificate/1contact.html>, fill out the form and present that person with a First Contact Award certificate to mark the occasion!

And speaking of awards, there were several given at the NARL Holiday Party in early January. K1MMH was inducted as president of NARL--congratulations Mary! AB1GL was honored with a plaque for his service as past president and Chuck K0BOG for his work as treasurer for several years. Many thanks George and Chuck for your hard work during an active year! DEC Jonathan Hardy KB1KIX received the John Hennessee N1KB Distinguished Service Award--the first one given in memory of John. Jonathan, who continues to work tirelessly for NARL, was a close friend of N1KB so this was very special. Steve Ewald, WV1X received the NARL Ham of the Year Award which for the first time was named The George Hart W1NJM Leadership Award. Your SM was a bit choked up when this award, in honor of George Hart, W1NJM--author of the NTS--was presented to a NARL member and an ARRL staff member who works closely with SMs and other field appointees. I must say, Steve was really surprised and felt very special to be honored in this way. Honorary life member plaques for 25 years of service to the club were given to Steve WV1X, and Joel Kleinman N1BKE. And Al W1FXQ received a very nice plaque in honor of 75 years in Amateur Radio!

Another treat was to hear George's voice on the phone congratulating Mary and saying hello to the whole gang. The whole evening was wonderful--we had several new directors and vice directors in attendance, as they were in the area for their orientation meetings. And we were treated to a great keynote address given by Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, CEO of ARRL: Not Your Grandfather's Amateur Radio. More news next month! Enjoy the snow.

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