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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 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>	3/16/07
<b>Time Started:</b>	
<b>Time Ended:</b>	

**Minutes taken by:**

**Attendees (Callsign):**

K1HEJ				

**Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

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

unanimous

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

Previous Balance: \$945.16

Ending Balance: \$586.16

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP report...**

None

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

There was no meeting held last month due to the heavy snowstorm.

Motion to Adjourn:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Unanimous

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## ***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; T N1KHB. The Eastern CT ARA is holding its flea market Saturday March 17 rain or shine at Pomfret Community School corner of Rt. 169 & 101 Pomfret, CT. from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00. Admission \$2.00, tables \$10.00. VE sessions and more! So if you can, come on out and support ECARA!

Did you know that Ted, K1BV publishes the K1BV DX Awards Directory. Here's the scoop : This is a collection of ham radio awards and certificates. 2007 is the 20th Anniversary of this specialized publication.

He is always looking for rules for any kind of award, you might know about. So if your club has an award or certificate for working members, Ted is willing to give this effort publicity by adding your award immediately to his listing in his online directory at <http://www.dxawards.com/> and in the next printed version of the Directory, now containing over 3,200 awards. For more information and details contact Ted at [k1bv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k1bv@sbcglobal.net).

Another list that might be of interest is Craig's List <http://www.craigslist.com> features free classified advertisements and forums sorted by various topics. The pages of this centralized network of online communities are viewed over 5 billion times per month, making Craigslist the 8th most viewed website in America. If you are looking to reach people in your town and tell them about your club and ham radio then craigslist is a great way to reach hundreds or thousands of potential hams in your community.--ARRL Club News

Why not reward a new ham with a certificate for their first contact! Do you remember how excited you were making your first contact? Why not award a new ham, especially someone you have mentored, with a certificate! Go to <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/award/certificate/> for more information.

Don't forget The Eastern VHF Society Conference weekend sponsored by The Northeast Weak Signal Group April 20-22 <http://www.newsvhf.com/vhfconf.html> at the Crown Plaza Hotel 1 Bright Meadow Blvd. Enfield. There will be a workshop on microwave antennas and operation by Paul W1GHZ patterned after the UK Microwave groups suitable for newcomers.

Mark your calendars now--April 29 -- the Southington Ham Fest and ARES Annual Meeting! SEC Brian K1BRF and the DECs are really looking forward to seeing you all and give you some good information so don't miss it! By then, the snow that is falling hard at this writing will not be an issue, hi.

The Northville Amateur Radio Association will be having a technical program on oscilloscopes. Members are invited to bring one along and learn more about how to use it.

Dell, K1UHF will talk at the CARA Ham Fest about radio in connection with R/C airplanes. Ham Radio operators have a segment of the 6m band devoted to this task.

NARL is participating in the CPTV Expo again this year, a special event station at The Boy Scout Camporee May 19, the 90th anniversary Newington Fire Department parade, planning the ham fest for June and much more.

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

The Meriden ARC will be celebrating its 60th anniversary as a club in October! BSA Radio Merit Badge class --given by Skip W1SKP - Dates 3/10, 3/24, 4/21, and 4/28 at 8:00 AM to late afternoon.

Your Section Manager updated members of the Middlesex Amateur Radio Society about Section happenings and plans to give a similar talk at the Meriden Amateur Radio Club and RASON in the near future. It's always fun to visit clubs and learn firsthand about what you're doing and talk with you about Amateur radio in CT.

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ARRL Connecticut Section

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## ***Winding Trails Mountain Bike Race***

Once again, the ICRC will be providing primary radio communications for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Fat Tire Classic mountain bike race to be held on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Winding Trails Recreation Center in Farmington, CT. Amateur radio operators equipped with mobile radios and/or HT's will be positioned at various places along the race course to serve as safety check-points in the event of an accident and to record the racer's numbers as they pass in case of any disputes as to position or laps run. Other operators will be assigned to follow race officials and paramedic crews to provide them with needed communications. Plan on being at Winding Trails on Route 4 in Farmington by 8:00 AM. We need to have operators in position when the first race goes off at 9:00 AM. (The group can usually be found fueling up at the Dunkin Donuts on Route 4 around 7:30 AM. Talk-in will be on 146.88.) The last race usually finishes by around 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided, but bring along your own water, snacks, etc, along with your radio gear. In addition to providing a much needed service for a worthwhile organization, Winding Trails also makes a very generous donation to the club. On top of all that, its just a fun day playing radio with the gang! We are looking for at least 8 operators, but the more the merrier! If interested in participating, contact any club member, or just show up at the next meeting. We would like to get a head count by the next meeting, if possible. Or just show up the day of the event.

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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>*