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# Time Out

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## ***Special Announcement!***

This is advanced notice that the amateurs with the Southington Civil Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be operating communications during a drill on June 5, 2010. It will involve Bristol Hospital and others. The time window that will be set aside for the communications will be 0800 to 1600 local time on June 5th. The CERT Commo Leader KA1ILH has requested use of K1DFS/R for the drill. All members of ICRC are asked to leave the repeater clear for their use.

Net control will either use a personal call sign or will use the callsign W1ECV (Southington Amateur Radio Association).

Provision of the repeater for emergency or drill use is a primary function of the club, and we are happy to make it available for this drill.

The drill will utilize K1DFS/R (146.88/146.28, PL=77.0 Hz) from 0800 to 1600 on June 5, 2010.

This is a very important training opportunity for a new(ish) commo team, and we would not want to interfere with their training, either the successes or the oopses! Please leave the frequency clear.

OOs will be monitoring for conformance with FCC regulations.

Larry K1HEJ

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

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This month's meeting will be held on Friday, April 16th at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave. (Rte. 4), Farmington, CT. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

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***Last Month's Meeting***

## ICRC Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	3/19/10
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:35 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:30 PM

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

**Attendees (Callsign):**

N1WGK	K1WMS	KA1NDE	N1JGR	K1DFS
W1ZFG	N1RLA	K1HEJ	KB1TTM	N1RMF
KB1SNL				

**Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

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

unanimous

**Treasurer Report:**

Dues are coming due on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Dues are \$50. Although dues are higher than some other groups, you get commercial grade repeaters and commercial grade amplifiers. You also get a wonderful group of people. Consider keeping your membership active and also consider giving a tax deductible donation.

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Reconciliation Summary

BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		3,023.41
Checks and Payments	2 Items	-150.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0 Items	0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		2,873.41

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

### YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:		2,873.41
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-100.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Balance as of 3/11/2010:		2,773.41
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:		2,773.41

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	N1JGR

unanimous

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

Noise on the 88 machine and noise periodically, possibly from 440 link. There was a discussion about it but everything is working well.

Packet is working fine, even though Rick "turned it off"  
Bethlehem is working fine, too.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KA1NDE
Abstain:	

### **Website:**

Web has been updated to a point. There's also a breakfast tomorrow (March 20<sup>th</sup>) on Rt. 3 at Pickle Deli at 8AM. Walt Styslo has more information. Check out the website at [www.icrcweb.org](http://www.icrcweb.org)

### **Old Business:**

N1WGK still needs to look for the bylaws to send to Chuck  
There were a couple of emails that bounced but we discussed it.

Bike Race, Winding Trails, Farmington: Meet at Dunkin Doughnuts on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7AM. Race goes on until 4PM. If interested in helping out, contact Rick, N1JGR. Discussion on bringing the repeater to the site.

Klondike – patches were passed out to all folks present that were helping at the Klondike Museum ships is "dead" but N1JGR will be trying to resurrect it.

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

### **New Business:**

Membership lists are being reviewed

Field Day again at Pete's place. This year, we will have 2 towers. Fred will be there for CW this year!!

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

## ***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.

It's Spring break for many colleges this week--and spring is only a few days away, a welcome event after this long winter. Many communities throughout the Section were really hit by the storm this past weekend. Allan, NN1H, DEC Region 1 is still out of power as I'm writing this and has just got his phone service restored. I wonder how many of you lost antennas with the heavy winds? Happily, mine have survived this time!

If you happened to hear the news last week, you might have heard about the house fire in Derby. Very sadly, we lost an avid ham radio op who was truly helpful to all he met. Dave Kostrey, KD1BD unfortunately passed away in that fire. He was a longtime member of The Valley Amateur Radio Association and more recently a member of Derby OEM where he was Deputy Director and a member of the Greater Bridgeport ARC. Dave was really proud of his sister Joanne AB1KQ who became licensed last year and very soon upgraded to Extra Class! There is an article about Dave on Eham posted by John K1FBI at <http://www.eham.net/forums/Articles/198974>. Dave was the trustee of the VARA 2 meter repeater. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our deep sympathy and prayers go out to Joanne and her family.

This coming weekend, March 20 and 21 marks the beginning of this Section's Spring Hamfest season. The Eastern CT ARA is holding their flea market on Saturday at the St. Joseph's Church Hall, Dayville and The Southington Amateur Radio Association is holding one on Sunday at Southington High School that will include the ARES annual meeting.

Here are some details.

ECARA Flea Market: Saturday, March 20, 8:00-12:00 350 Hartford Pike rt 101, Dayville, GPS 41-50-82N / 071-53-60W. Admission \$2 to benefit the club; tables \$10. VE Tests given, must pre-register. Contact Paul KE1LI 860-928-2456, [kelli@arrl.net](mailto:kelli@arrl.net) for further info.

Directions: North & South: Rt 395 to exit 93. Go west on Rt 101 to church, .6 miles. West: Rt 84 East to Rt74 East, To Rt 44 East to Rt 101 East. 3.5 miles on left side. East: Rt 101 West. .6 miles after Intersection of Rt 395. Talk in on 147.225 Mhz PL 156.7

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

Sunday March 21, The Southington Flea Market Southington High School, 720 Pleasant St. 8:00-12:00 noon. Six foot linear table space \$15 must be received in advance. Spaces \$20 on Sunday. Pay half price if you bring your own table. General admission, \$5, children under 12 free. Talk-in frequencies 147.345 kHz, 145.49DV (digital voice), 224.80kHz, 444.25DV, PL 77hz. GPS coordinates: N41&deg; 37.134' W72&deg; 51.614'. Exams for all classes at 10:00a.m. Walk-ins welcome but best to contact Norm W3IZ; [w3iz@arrl.org](mailto:w3iz@arrl.org). The ARES annual meeting conducted by SEC Wayne, N1CLV will be at 11:00am. For further info, contact [n1clv@arrl.net](mailto:n1clv@arrl.net).

The following comes from Jim Cross, WI3N, SM MDC: The Foundation for Amateur Radio administers scholarships on behalf of Amateur Radio Clubs, organizations, and private individuals. The Foundation administers these scholarships without cost to the applicants or sponsors.

The deadline of March 31 for The Foundation for Amateur Radio scholarship applications is fast approaching. Scholarships are open to all licensed amateurs who are pursuing a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school.

If you or someone you know fits the above description, please go to the F.A.R. website, <http://www.farweb.org/scholarships/index.php>, download the application and directions, get signatures from organizations where applicable, and mail it in time to meet the March 31 cut-off date.

You remember that I mentioned I would be sponsoring webinars. Well, I have not yet given the one about the field organization so you can still register if you like. It will be held this Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. Send me an email and put Register Fieldorg in the subject line and I'll give you the link. I'm hoping to have others do some talks and training on the Web soon so stay tuned.

GNARC now has an Echolink node hosted by West Mountain Radio on the Club's 2 meter VHF Repeater 146.475 (+ 1 MHz Split). The node number is 501635.

CARA members enjoyed a talk by member Steve Simons W1SMS on tower construction, a great topic now that antenna projects will get done in the better weather. Here are some of the tips Steve shared: (1) In the long run, a new tower is better and often cheaper than taking down a used one and fixing it up. (2) Carefully document and plan the project right from the start. (3) Collect materials, safety equipment and tools. (4) Put together a crew of people to help with the erection of the tower. (5) There is no place here for horseplay so make sure everyone understands that safety is first. (6) The person up the tower is in charge.--CARA Capers March, 2010.

The CT Phone Net is now meeting at 1800 local on 3.973 Monday thru Saturday, 10:00am local Sunday. The membership decided to always meet at 2200z Monday-Saturday to accommodate difficult winter conditions. Next Fall when Standard Time comes around again, they will meet at 1700 local.

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

Are we taking our repeaters for granted? Don't forget that each of these systems costs money to maintain and pay the rent for the site. Some of the sites cost over \$100 a month just for the rent so remember, if you are using a repeater on a regular basis, please help out the group that maintains it by becoming a member. Remember that repeater owners, too, are volunteers and these systems can only be on the air if they are affordable. Thanks for your consideration folks. See you this weekend at both flea markets, on the air and in this column next month.

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