
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, May 18th 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

Date:	4/20/07
Time Started:	
Time Ended:	

Minutes taken by:

Attendees (Callsign):

K1HEJ	KB1KNV	N1JWF	N1IKM	
W1ZFG	N1JGR			

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

unanimous

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Treasurer Report:

No treasurers report was made, due to the absence of the treasurer.

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 official business meeting held last month, due to the lack of a quorum. However, an informal discussion was held, covering topics such as plans for work at the repeater sites this summer, and the up-coming bicycle race at Winding Trails.

Motion to Adjourn:	
Seconded by:	
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.

Don't forget The Eastern VHF Society Conference this 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, we should have bright sun shine!

A huge thank you to everyone who stood by last Sunday during the Noreaster ready to assist. DEC Art K1WMQ spent the day into the early hours of the morning at Region 2 DMHS Hq despite its being his 40th wedding anniversary! We surely owe him and his understanding wife a certificate! Roger K1PAI, Skywarn Coordinator Hartford County tracked the storm as he always does and ran nets in between celebrating his 60th birthday! Many of you stood by in communities all over the Section. Our SEC kept us current on several aspects of the storm. Shelters were opened in Eastern CT as well as in Norwalk and Westport areas.

Just the day before, 15 members in Region 4 took part in the third annual Recon Rally which was organized by DEC Wayne N1CLV. The primary purpose of this Rally was to familiarize ARES Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) with important locations within Region 4. This year's Rally covered from Old Lyme to Colchester to Norwich to Mashantucket; local Red Cross shelters, and the two Tribal Nation casino sites. They also had five Scouts from Troop 240 East Lyme and two leaders (Dan KA1IAX and Wayne's wife Becky participate for the first two hours. The Scouts are working on Emergency Preparedness merit badge and needed to participate in an emergency drill. They got the briefing about the area, some intro to ham radio, ARES, and APRS. From my perspective, this is a really fine example for all of us to follow in our clubs and in our own smaller groups. Great work everyone!

Members of Area 4 also took part in the Colchester Dept of Public Health Point of Dispensing (POD) Drill this week, again coordinated by Wayne N1CLV who has boundless energy! 'Amateur radio was integrated into the drill from the beginning of their planning. We had a total of 11 hams involved - 3 at the Bacon Academy POD, 5 at the Colchester EOC and 3 at the Westchester Transportation site. These operators played a large role in the overall success of the drill and received some very nice compliments at the debriefing from both the participants and the evaluators, e.g., great, tremendous, phenomenal, invaluable, not sure how we would have done it without them!' Fantastic -- thanks all! Your DEC is proud of you and so are we all!--K1EIC

The Meriden Amateur Radio Club very much appreciated the training class on Airmail presented by DEC Wayne N1CLV and TS Bill, W1GTT. Twelve ops, mostly from the Club, attended the class in Wallingford. If your group is interested in learning about Airmail, contact either of the trainers @arrl.net or send me a note to investigate the possibility of arranging a workshop.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Speaking of digital comms, Betsey K1EIC added an M2 7-element 220 beam which is pointed at the W1EDH packet node to enhance communications to the center of the State. For details on this older but still useful digital mode, go to <http://www.ctares.org> and click on Digital Communications. Both Airmail and classic packet are in our ecomm plans so don't miss out! Enjoy the networks. Four volunteers are needed to help out with the communications for the MS Walk this Sunday, April 22. If you can help, please contact either DEC Art, K1WMQ or EC Chris, WA1VXH who is coordinating the effort.

Field Day is just around the corner and thanks to PIC Khrystyne, K1SFA's effort, Governor Rell has proclaimed June 17-23 Amateur Radio Week in CT. The text of the proclamation will be up on the Section news Page on the ARRL Web site soon so watch for it. Thanks much Khrystyne!

Division Director Tom Frenaye spoke at The Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club recently. He updated them about various aspects of Amateur Radio news and what's going on at Hq. Tom always has interesting stats about our service.

DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L spoke at the April NARL meeting about DXCC, various related awards which ARRL offers, Logbook of the World and the QSL Bureau. Be sure your new members know about these wonderful operating opportunities! NARL is still looking for help for the CPTV Science Expo on April 26-28. For further details, contact Al W1FXQ w1fxq@arrl.net or coordinator Ethel, KB1NMO, kb1nmo@arrl.net. You can also help from home!

Get CW training Sunday evenings 1930 145.45 repeater from Rick N1JTB--two way participation so get that code practice oscillator going and have fun!

Many thanks to Skip W1SKP of the Meriden Club for running several classes for the BSA Radio Merrit Badge--great!

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Winding Trails Mountain Bike Race

On Sunday, April 29th, members of the ICRC once again contributed their time and effort to provide radio communication for the annual Fat Tire Classic mountain bike race at the Winding Trails Recreation Center in Farmington, CT. Positioned at various locations along the course were: George – KB1JYX, Allan – W1LOZ and daughter Lori – KB1MYL, Rick – N1JGR, Dan – W1ZFG, Larry – K1HEJ, and Pete - KB1KZC. Chuck – K1DFS was stationed with the paramedics, and net control was handled by Al – N1JWF. The weather was nice and there were no major accidents for us to contend with, but still a good time was had by all. A special thanks to our Tech VP, Rick – N1JGR for bringing the .15 machine to the site for improved radio communications.

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