
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, May 15th 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:	4/17/09
Time Started:	7:37 PM
Time Ended:	8:49 PM

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall – W1ZFG

Attendees (Callsign):

K1HEJ	KB1RRR	N1JWF	KA1NDE	KB1RVU
K1PCL	N1IKM	K1DFS	N1JGR & sons	K1WMS
N1RMF	W1ZFG			

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	N1IKM

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Treasurer Report:

BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		486.81
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-42.00
Deposits and Other Credits	1 Item	200.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0 Items	0.00
 Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		 644.81

YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:		644.81
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-100.00
Deposits and Other Credits	1 Item	150.00
 Register Balance as of 4/13/2009:		 694.81
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
 Register Ending Balance:		 694.81

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

The .88 machine is working fine, so are the .15 and the 440 machines.

Next month there will be some more information about the linking of the .15 machine to the .88 machine.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KB1RRR
Abstain:	

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Old Business:

The Bike Race at Winding Trails in Farmington was held on for Sunday, April 26th. See the article that follows for all the details.

Field Day: This year we will be participating in Field Day activities at Pete-KB1KZC's QTH in Bethlehem on June 27th and 28th. Chuck – N1KGY has tons of big yellow car batteries to lend for the event. More details to follow next month. Stay tuned.

Web Site: Congratulations to George – N1RMF for the great job on updating the web site. The new brochure and membership application have also been posted on the website.

New Business:

There will be a new amplifier for the 440 machine at the Bristol site. Details to follow.

The AngelRide 2009 is coming up on May 23rd and 24th. Volunteers are still needed for one or both days. This is an event to benefit a worthwhile organization to benefit children's cancer research. For more information, go to www.teamholeinthewall.org To volunteer, contact Jonathan – KB1KIX, ARES Region 3 DEC at kb1kix@arrl.net

Next year, on the first weekend in November 2010, the 100th anniversary of Scouting will be celebrated. There is going to be a need for some level of Amateur Radio support for this event. Details to follow.

After the business meeting was concluded, there was a very interesting demonstration by our Technical V.P. Rick – N1JGR. He demonstrated his version of the Spudgun that was described in an article in the March 2009 issue of QST. The spudgun uses compressed air to launch a small projectile attached to a thin line to get antennas and halyards over high supports. Perfect for setting up antennas for Field Day.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership : K1EIC SM; ASMs: K1STM, KD1YV, W1FXQ; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1TCH; SEC N1CLV; ASEC N1FNE, AF1HS; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB. The Spring Training event was absolutely fantastic! Region 5 ARES really put on an event many will remember for a very long time. It was a well-organized professional-level day with a great deal of fun and camaraderie. Each participant received binders with the proceedings of the workshop; the trainers and event coordinators received special plaques with KO1F's wonderful wood working touch presented by SEC Wayne N1CLV; all participants received certificates of completion. As your leader, I was proud and very pleased to help sponsor and use some membership dollars to fund this event. I want to congratulate DEC Dave K1DAV, ADEC Harlan W1QH, ADEC Dave K1DJW, EC Oscar KO1F, the registrar of the event Tom KB1QXN, PIO Dana KA1WPM, and Ann N1RFP for a real first class event.

There were about 70 who attended with everyone having arrived by 8:30 a.m. Usually we're running around looking to chat with one another. But on this day, the focus seemed very different to me. Of course, everyone was glad to see each other and socialized over a very fine lunch as they looked at the emergency vehicles and participated in the "Go Kit" competition, but the main attraction was getting to the right workshop and following the trainer's presentation. It was a real "home run" event; many thanks to Region 5 DEMHS and in particular Region 5 DEMHS coordinator Bob Kenny for hosting us at their Headquarters, John Gustafson, Emergency Telecommunications Manager for CT DEMHS who gave the opening presentation and all the trainers who were outstanding: Dave Brown from DEMHS, John N1OLO, Ned KA1CVV, Chuck AB1CR, Ed W1RFI, Bill N1TIW, Rosty N2FEX, Bill W1GTT, Ken KD1DD, Scott N7SS from Icom, and Peter KB1PCK. SEC Wayne N1CLV and DEC Bill W1GTT won all the prizes for the "go kit" competition. But there were other prizes contributed by the CT Section and West Mountain Radio so everyone had fun! Our thanks to Dan N1ZZ who was responsible for West Mountain Radio's participation.

DEC Chris Burns (W1HVN) - Region 2 DEC brought his mobile station vehicle and trailer. He has done an exceptional job of assembling this mobile station. In addition to showing his station capabilities, he served as communications control for the event. He provided talk-in service and acted as net control for the HT's used by the support staff during the event. Many thanks to him for his excellent support (not to mention the great job he's done putting that station / vehicles together)

Rosty Slabicky (N2FEX) brought the Red Cross, Emergency Communications Response Vehicle (ECRV) to the event. This Red Cross vehicle is positioned in Farmington and is available to respond to an emergency. When properly configured, this vehicle is capable of providing satellite data, voice, internet access, email, and fax communications - not to mention ham radio capabilities. There are a number of ham radio operators trained and available to support the Red Cross here in Connecticut.

The 14th Civil Support Team -- Weapons of Mass Destruction -- Communication Support Vehicle was on hand for the attendees to tour and ask questions. This vehicle provides critical communications support during any applicable emergency where their services are required. The National Guard team demonstrating the vehicle was very complimentary of the hams that toured the vehicle, commenting that this was one of the best audiences they have seen. They commented "these hams really know their business, they asked very good questions and had a good grasp of what we were all about." Now I know all of you couldn't attend and we had hoped to be able to include more participants. But our SEC has assured me that he will make every effort to have more training activities available throughout the Section. Know that we are trying folks!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

If you've been looking for spotter training, you can take advantage of the class being held in Litchfield County. A Sky Warn Spotter class is being held Monday, April 20 6:30 p.m. at the Sharon Fire Department, conference room, 36 Main St., Sharon. To register, go to <http://cstar.cestm.albany.edu:7775/skywarn/Talks.htm>. The class will be taught by meteorologist Brian Montgomery from Albany. Why not refresh your knowledge; hurricane season is coming up you know.

The second annual Tri-state Weather Conference will be held next Saturday, April 25 at the WESCONN Campus in Danbury. DEC Steve K1SJW has assured us that SKYWARN spotters ARES members Emergency Management Officials and anyone with an interest in weather is welcome to attend. For registration and further information go to <http://wcsu.edu/weatherconference/>.

Gary, K1MQ, treasurer of QCWA reports that the May QCWA Chapter 149 Annual Meeting/ Luncheon will be held at the Hideaway Restaurant & Pub, 19 Halls Road, Rte 1 (Old Lyme Shopping Center) Old Lyme on May 9 with social hour at 11:30, lunch and meeting to follow. "A Submarine Radioman's Life in Today's Navy " is the topic by our guest speaker ETCS(SS) Cary L Carroll, Submarine Squadron Two, Communications. Make reservations by writing k1mq@arrl.net.

The Berkshire ARC is sponsoring a Hamfest on May 30 at the Goshen Fair Grounds so come on out and give them some support. By then, the weather should be much warmer!

Several Technician classes are in process or recently completed: Mary Hobart K1MMH has in Wethersfield, Greater Bridgeport ARC has 14 students and W1QH is coordinating a class through the Candlewood ARA. Great work folks! STM Larry K1HEJ gets a letter out from me to all new licensees acquainting them to the Field Organization including clubs and the activities of the Section.

Angel Ride is coming up on the weekend of May 23-24 and volunteers are needed! This is a 2-day event. Forty operators are needed to cover Regions 5, 3 and 4. This is a large event and last year's participation was very successful. I'm signing up so come on--join in and help out if you can. Please contact DEC David Hyatt, K1DAV, k1dav@arrl.net.

The Newington Amateur Radio League is looking for volunteers next weekend, April 26 to help out with comms for The March of Dimes March for Babies at the Hartford XL Center. If you have an HT and can help, please contact Harry AB1ER after 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at 860-667-2367 or by email harry_h_avery@sbcglobal.net.

A note of information: Lentini Communications is now open in their new and larger space at 221 Christian Lane Unit A, Berlin. For driving directions check out <http://www.lentinicomm.com/>.

New appointments. Congratulations to Don KB1FYK on his appointment as EC for the Quinipiac Valley Health District and Richard N1DWM on his OES appointment. Welcome Don and Rich to the Field Organization in CT and a big thank you for your interest in helping out.

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2009 Winding Trails Fat Tire Classic

On Sunday, April 26th, members of the ICRC once again provided radio communications and marshalling for the annual Fat Tire Classic mountain bike race held at Winding Trails in Farmington. It was a beautiful spring day, perhaps a little warmer than normal, but a good time was had by all.

Members of the ICRC who participated were as follows: Net control for the event was handled by Al – N1JWF. The start/finish line was manned by Walt – K1WMS. Chuck – K1DFS assisted the paramedics with one minor case of shortness of breath. (The patient turned out ok.) The five field positions were manned by Chris – KA1NDE, George – N1RMF, Rick – N1JGR, Dan – W1ZFG, and Pete – KB1KZC.

Post-race analysis of our performance revealed that it would be easier to collect the numbers of the riders as they rode by if there were two people in each field vehicle – one to call out the numbers and one to write them down. That means that next year we will need more volunteers than what we had this year.

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