
Time Out

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Special Announcement!

This is advanced notice that the amateurs with the Southington Community 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

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, May 21st at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave. (Rte. 4), Farmington, CT. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

<i>Last Month's Meeting</i>

ICRC Meeting Minutes

Date:	4/16/10
Time Started:	7:45 PM
Time Ended:	8:47 PM

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall – W1ZFG

Attendees (Callsign):

K1HEJ	N1JWF	K1WMS	KA1NDE	W1CKV
N1ITT	W1VJA	KB1RRR	N1JGR	KB1SNM
KB1SNL	W1ZFG	KB1TFU	N1RMF	

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1HEJ
Seconded by:	K1WMS
Abstain:	N1JGR & W1CKV

unanimous

Treasurer Report:

Dues are due on April 1st, 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.

Treasurer's report was tabled to next month, due to the absence of the Treasurer.

Motion to Accept:	N1JWF
Seconded by:	W1WMS
Abstain:	W1CKV

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Tech. VP Report:

Everything works. Packet is also working. The Burlington packet site has been used recently.

Motion to Accept:	N1ITT
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	KB1SNL

Website:

The website is up and running. Notices about the upcoming bike race and Skywarn training have been posted. Check out the website at www.icrcweb.org

Old Business:

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

Our planned solar power project at the Burlington site is moving along. There are several trees that need to be removed, along with some badly needed maintenance to the poles. Both are planned for this summer.

New Business:

The repeaters will be de-linked on Saturday, June 5th to allow use by the CERT Team exercise. See notice at beginning of newsletter.

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:	N1JWF
Seconded by:	KB1RRR
Abstain:	

Fat Tire Classic Bike Race – Winding Trails

Once again, on Sunday, April 18th, members of the ICRC provided radio communications and marshalling activities for the Fat Tire Classic Mountain Bike race at the Winding Trails Recreation Area in Farmington. Operating from positions along the course were: George – N1RMF, Larry – K1HEJ, Chris – KA1NDE, Rick – N1JGR, Dan – W1ZFG, Pete – KB1KZC, Steve- KB1RRR, and Walt – K1WMS. Net control and start/finish were handled by Al – N1JWF, with the assistance of Nick – KB1SNL and Tyler – KB1SNM. The EMTs were assisted by Rick – N1WGK. The weather started out a little cold, but warmed up nicely during the day. A great time was had by all. We had just enough people to man all the requested positions – except one. We could use a few more people for next year. It's a great way to spend a day out in the woods, plus provide a valuable service for the race organizers.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leaders:

Section Manager: K1EIC - Betsey
Assistant Section Manager: KD1YV - Jim
Assistant Section Manager: W1FXQ - Al
Assistant Section Manager: K1STM - Anne
Official Observer Coordinator: K1DFS - Chuck
Public Information Coordinator: KA1TCH - Al
Assistant PIC: KA1WPM - Dana
State Government Liaison: K1MK - Mike
Section Emergency Coordinator: N1CLV - Wayne
Section Traffic Manager: K1HEJ - Larry
Technical Coordinator: N1KHB - Joe

The new ARRL Web site is now live—go check it out. It's quite different from what you're used to. You will soon find a link to your Section Page on the top of your screen when you log in. There's lots of new functionality: you'll be able to customize what you see and you'll be able to set up favorite areas so you can get to them quickly, you can upload a picture in your profile, view the profiles of others who allow it, and lots more. The site isn't fully functional yet, but know that ARRL staff is working very hard to address any problems. If you see a problem, click the link on the bottom of your screen and fill out the form. It's a new look so go ahead and check it out!

My thanks to Dana, KA1WPM for taking over the functions of the PIC while Al is recovering from a recent surgery. Dana has started a mailing list for CT PIOs so if you're interested in becoming a PIO and getting involved write to him at ka1wpm@arrl.net.

Your SM enjoyed participating in the Southington Hamfest where there was also the ARES annual meeting, the ECARA Flea Market and the Tri State Trade Show exhibit put on by the Southern Berkshire ARC. I was really pleased to be able to get to all of these events—they were well attended and run well. Congratulations to you all! Congrats to Ray - N1TAI on his new call: KA1AAA.

SEC Wayne, N1CLV is looking for volunteers for Angel Ride. Here's his message:

“CT ARES will be assisting with communications for the Angel Ride two-day charity bike ride on Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (29May10 and 30May10). The ride originates at the Yale School of Music in Norfolk early on Saturday morning. They travel 85 miles east to Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford and stay overnight there.

On Sunday they ride 50 miles south from Ashford to the Mystic YMCA. Over 250 hundred riders are expected for the weekend! We need ham radio operators for rest stops, some key road intersection checkpoints, and a few for SAGs. We will use the KB1AEV-linked repeater system on Saturday and several Region 4 repeaters on Sunday. In most route locations you will need a mobile radio or "go box" to get into the repeaters. There are only a few spots where a handheld will work OK. Please let me and your DEC know if you can assist on either or both days.

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Also, please follow this link and formally register as an Angel Ride Volunteer. Under Volunteer Task Selection, choose #11 ARES Radio Operator. Note: you do not need to make or get any cash donations unless you want to!

<https://www.teamholeinthewall.org/SSLPage.aspx?pid=829&tab=2>

They are also looking for volunteers for other tasks as listed on their website. So your non-ham spouses or friends are welcome to sign up, too!"

I have the sad duty to report the following silent keys in CT that I know about:

John Englund, K4SF former Section leader in GA, member of both Greater Fairfield ARA and Greater Norwalk ARC and QCWA.

Diran Varzhabedian AB1K was a member of GNARC and an early member of the Stamford AARA.

NTS Reports March, 2010 Compiled by STM Larry K1HEJ
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ARRL NTS REPORTS

Station Activity Reports March, 2010 Compiled by STM K1HEJ

CALL ORIGINATE RCV SEND DELIVER TOTAL

W1WCG 0 228 261 0 489

K1EIC 0 30 30 0 60

NM1K 110 10 130 5 255 BPL

K1HEJ 0 29 24 0 53

KB1NMO 0 21 43 0 66

KB1NAL 1 34 8 2 45

Public Service Honor Roll Mar 10

CALL 1 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL

KB1NAL 35 40 10 0 0 0 85

K1HEJ 40 40 30 0 0 0 110

KB1NMO 40 40 30 5 0 0 115

KA1GWE 40 40 10 0 0 0 90

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NET Stats Mar. 10

NAME SESSIONS CHECKINS TRAFFIC NM ANM

CPN 31 185 65 N1DIO NX1Q

CN 19 20 2 WA1GGN

ECTN 28 126 37 NX1Q KB1RPP acting nm

KB1NAL acting ANM

WESCON 31 208 43 KA1GWE KB1NMO

NUTMEG 25 125 14 K1HEJ N1JWF

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