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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, May 20th 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>	4/15/11
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:37 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:42 PM

**Minutes taken by:** Dan Wall – W1ZFG

### **Attendees (Callsign):**

AB1NH	KB1UIK	KB1SNM	W1ZFG	N1JGR
KB1SNL	KB1RGQ	KA1NDE	N1JWF	KB1SNK
N1QLN	N1RMF	K1DFS	K1WMS	KB1RRR
N1KGY	KB1KZC	K1HEJ	KB1UTT	

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

**Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Treasurer Report:**

The club is financially solvent until April, when this year's dues become due.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP Report:**

Both repeaters are running, but separately until after the Bike Race. The 440 machine is off because of interference with the portable 440 system used for events. Packet is still running.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

**Presidents Report:**

Nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

**Admin. VP Report:**

Nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

**Webmaster Report:**

Website is up to date including bike race and boat race.

Motion to Accept:	NIKGY
Seconded by:	WIZFG
Abstain:	

**Old Business:**

The Boat Eater boat race went well – no glitches. Next year, the chart will be sorted by Checkpoint Number for easier use. The antenna needs to be higher, due to problems contacting the checkpoints at the far ends of the course.

A work party is scheduled for Saturday 4/23 to work on the solar panel array at the Burlington site. (Cancelled due to heavy rain.)

**New Business:**

Upcoming opportunities for public service communications will be on May 1 – a road race in Terryville and the Calhoun Cancer Ride on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Field Day Plans will be discussed at the May meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	NIKGY
Abstain:	

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## ***Fat Tire Classic Bike Race***

On Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, members of the ICRC once again provided radio communications and marshalling duties for the Fat Tire Classic Mountain Bike Race at the Winding Trails Recreation Area in Farmington, CT. Despite a chilly start, the weather turned out to be sunny and warm. We had our largest turnout of volunteers in all the years we have been supporting this event. As always, a good time was had by all.

Thanks go out to the following hams who volunteered for this event:

Al – N1JWF and Jane – KB1SNK at the Start/Finish Line.  
George – N1RMF and Dan – KB1VNT at Checkpoint 1.  
Chris – KA1NDE and Dave – N1LRP at Checkpoint 2.  
Chuck – K1DFS and Tyler – KB1SNM at Checkpoint 3.  
Nick – KB1SNL and Rick – N1JGR at Checkpoint 4 and also Net Control Station.  
Dan – W1ZFG at Checkpoint 5.  
Larry – K1HEJ at Checkpoint 5A.  
Bob – KB1RGQ at Checkpoint 5B.  
Walt – K1WMS and Perry – WY1O at Checkpoint 6.  
Pete – KB1KZC and Steve – KB1RRR at Checkpoint 7.  
Mike – N1QLN at Medical Liaison to EMS.  
Chuck – N1KGY at Floater.

Several discoveries were made during the course of the event. Having the Net Control Station located at someplace other than the Start/Finish line seemed to work out well. In past years, Net Control was stationed at the Start/Finish Line, but there was way too much activity at Start/Finish for one or even two people to handle effectively. Also, having two people at each checkpoint made it easier to record the rider's numbers as they passed by. One person calling out numbers and another person recording them seemed to work out better than one person trying to do both activities.

Here are some pictures of the day's festivities:



How many hams does it take to assemble an antenna?



Riders on the course.

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## ***Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary***

SM: K1EIC ASMs: W1FXQ, KD1YV, K1HEJ  
OOC: K1DFS SGL: K1MK  
PIC: KA1WPM APIC: KA1TCH  
SEC: N1CLV ASEC: K1BRF, N1FNE, K1VSC, AF1HS  
STM: K1STM TC: N1KHB

Spring is finally here, the flowers are in bloom, some of us are feeling the effects of the high pollen but the warm weather sure is welcome! Weren't the hamfests fun last month? Many thanks to the ECARA and Southington clubs for excellent flea markets. Your response to the Section effort to get letters to Chwat regarding HR607 was wonderful. Thanks to SGL Mike K1MK, Khrystine K1SFA, PIC KA1WPM, we got 200 letters to Chwat about our concerns. We were all kept very busy so I didn't get to talk with you as much as usual but we'll make up for that I'm sure. Great team work folks—thanks!

The Nutmeg VHF Traffic Net is currently meeting on the Middlesex Amateur Radio Society's 147.09 repeater PL 110.9 as primary frequency and the Bristol Radio Club's 146.685 repeater as secondary. The thought is to use both repeaters for the handling of traffic concurrently when that becomes necessary. Our STM K1STM would like to meet regularly on the alternate frequency couple of times per week to allow for coverage differences and nearby repeater interference and other "ridge or mountain" problems that occur for all of us at one time or another here in CT. All operators are reminded that when you are guests on another club's repeater, it is not appropriate to tie up a machine for long QSOs outside the net. Thanks. Many thanks to ICRC for hosting the net for so many years. Thanks to MARS/CARES and BRC for hosting us now and to all the repeater groups who continue to host public service nets.

The National Weather Service Taunton Massachusetts forecast office in coordination with the National Hurricane Center will be hosting the P3 Hurricane Hunter Aircraft, part of the NOAA/National Hurricane Center Hurricane Awareness Tour, on Monday May 2nd, 2011 at the Otis Air Force Base (AFB) in Falmouth Massachusetts. Public tours will be open from 230-530 PM. School tours will occur between 930 AM-130 PM. This is similar to what was done in 2007 at Quonset State Airport in Rhode Island. A flyer on the Hurricane Awareness Tour can be seen via the following link:

[http://www.erh.noaa.gov/box//HAT\\_tour.shtml](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/box//HAT_tour.shtml)

In addition to the P3 Hurricane Hunter Aircraft, there will be numerous information booths from numerous agencies at the base for the Hurricane Awareness Tour. This will include a 'special event' Amateur Radio Station to make contacts via Amateur Radio nationally and internationally and will include making contact with the National Hurricane Center Amateur Radio Station in Miami Florida, WX4NHC. Amateur Operators will also be providing event communications for National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center personnel. There will be several other information booths at this event.

QCWA Chapter 149 annual meeting and spring luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 7 at the Groton Inn and Suites 99 Gold Star Highway Groton. Contact Gary K1MQ [gary@qcwa149.org](mailto:gary@qcwa149.org). Elections will be held at this meeting. Guest speaker is GEORGE CASSIDY KA1UUX. He served as an intelligence operator aboard the USN's first "spy ship", USS OXFORD (AG-159 AGTR-1) from 1963-1965. He has created a web site for that ship located at: [www.ussoxford.com](http://www.ussoxford.com)

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He appears in the book BODY OF SECRETS (Doubleday) written by James Bamford. Here you can see some of the unclassified incidents that he can still speak about. Sounds like a great meeting!

Congrats to John formerly KB1QBZ on his call sign change to WB2RYV. We also have Tom WA2RYV active in CT!

Here are some words from our SEC Wayne, N1CLV. Allen NN1H has completed a period of distinguished service as DEC for Region 1. We wish him and his wife well on retirement as they relocate to Tennessee. Without missing a beat, Toy, K1WYQ has stepped up to assume the duties of DEC. Please welcome and assist Toy with his new responsibilities. Thank you both for your time and service.

Greetings!

AngelRide 2011 will take place on Memorial Day Weekend (Saturday, 28 May and Sunday, 29 May)! This two day bike ride raises funds to support the Hospital Outreach Program at Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for kids with serious illnesses. For the 4th year in a row, CT ARES is committed to supporting this extremely worthwhile event!

If you can help, please send an email to your DEC (copy to

[N1CLV@arrl.net](mailto:N1CLV@arrl.net)) as listed below:

Region 1 - Toy [K1WYQ@arrl.net](mailto:K1WYQ@arrl.net)

Region 2 - Wayne [N1CLV@arrl.net](mailto:N1CLV@arrl.net)

Region 3 - Jonathan [KB1KIX@arrl.net](mailto:KB1KIX@arrl.net)

Region 4 - Bill [W1GTT@arrl.net](mailto:W1GTT@arrl.net)

Region 5 - David [K1DAV@arrl.net](mailto:K1DAV@arrl.net)

The 2011 AngelRide Route listing and maps for Day 1 and Day 2 can be found in my Dropbox public folder:

[http://dl.dropbox.com/u/23770047/AngelRide\\_ROUTE\\_2011.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/23770047/AngelRide_ROUTE_2011.pdf)

[http://dl.dropbox.com/u/23770047/2011\\_AngelRide\\_Day1.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/23770047/2011_AngelRide_Day1.pdf)

[http://dl.dropbox.com/u/23770047/2011\\_AngelRide\\_Day2.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/23770047/2011_AngelRide_Day2.pdf)

In addition to making your availability known to your DEC and me, please follow the link below to register with the AngelRide folks (for insurance purposes, etc). The form will default to a fundraising commitment of \$100 -- you may ignore that. Also, there is a known issue with using the same user name as last year -- please pick a different one if necessary!

[http://www.angelride.org/volunteer\\_register.php](http://www.angelride.org/volunteer_register.php)

The ARES Leadership Team and I will be coordinating ARES participation and passing along more information in the near future. Thanks for your support!—N1CLV

The following announcement comes from Rob KD1CY SEC EMA and New England Sky Warn coordinator which involves CT Sky Warn. Southern New England SKYWARN was featured on The Weather Channel in the Weatherview segment aired over the weekend. This segment has been captured and put online for people

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who wish to see it. This can be seen via the following link:

<http://www.nsradio.org/video/features/medioclips/WeatherChannel/>.

In addition, videos on the winter of 2010-2011 and the Indiana-Michigan-Ohio video 'Amateur Radio SKYWARN's Best Practices in Southern New England' are also on the SKYWARN video page. These videos along with the complete archive of SKYWARN videos can be seen at the following link:

<http://video.nsradio.org>.

Special thanks to The Weather Channel and Meteorologist Eric Fisher for working with us on the segment on The Weather Channel. We appreciate the publicity on the SKYWARN program. A photo taken by Armondo KB1PRP, EC Newington, of the EF-1 tornado that went through the NARL campsite at the start of Field Day 2009 was included in the photos shown during the video. Congrats—great work!

Congrats to Barb, K1EIR on her new position as president of the Valley Amateur Radio Association.

Paul N1II gave a fine talk at the Greater Norwalk ARC on antenna myths.

Congrats to Barry, KA1JDD on new grandson in Cape Cod and granddaughter in California! It's sure a busy time for his family.

Members of the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association will be operating from W1AW May 8 during the New England QSO Party weekend of May 7-8. They're also operating a special event station to celebrate their 80th anniversary as a club that day so look for them on the air from W1QI.

Mark your calendars: May 28 the Hartford Hamfest sponsored by the Natchaug ARC at the Tolland County Agricultural Center Vernon.

June 4 Southern Berkshire ARC annual Hamfest Goshen Fair Grounds.

June 18 NARL Fest with ARES annual meeting St. Mary's High School Newington.

That's the news from here. See you next month.

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