
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, June 17th at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave. (Rte. 4), Farmington, CT. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

Important Message From Our President!

OK ICRC Members and Board. This next meeting is important that you attend. You asked that we get the required Red Cross training during a club meeting and that will happen at our June meeting. That's June 17th at 7:30 PM Sharp at the Farmington Red Cross.

Larry K1HEJ ICRC President.

Last Month's Meeting

ICRC Meeting Minutes

Date:	May 20, 2005
Time Started:	7:45PM
Time Ended:	8:50PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson, N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	K1HEJ	N1JWF	WA1PAT	K1WMS
KB1KZC	KB1JYX			

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Secretary Report:

Not enough for an official meeting...

George went and played with the repeater antennas. He thinks that there is a problem with the mix of the antennas up there. What he wants to do this summer is to get the 440 antenna out there and replace it with a 2m/440 antenna, to break out the transmit and receive.

Larry was talking about some other observations on the noise...the discussion ensued around this topic for some time.

Next month, the Sandy Murdock will be doing the ID's for the Red Cross. Please show up to get your ID's made up.

Looking into getting another antenna for the tower...web address below:

www.new-tronics.com, look up SPIRIT series (Hustler antennas)

Treasurer Report:

No Treasurer Report this month due to the lack of a Treasurer at last months meeting.

Tech. VP report...

No Tech VP report this month also due to the lack of a Tech VP at last months meeting.

NARL Hamfest & Other News

Greetings everyone! This is a quick note to remind you of the NARL ham fest Saturday and Sunday, June 11-12 Newington High School and ARRL. Doors open both days both places at 8:45 a.m. Check for details at <http://www.narl.net>. Riley Hollingsworth is speaking at noon on Saturday, at the banquet Saturday evening and at the ARRL/FCC Forum on Sunday! If you're coming to the banquet contact Dan Miller, K3UFG immediately at k3ufg@arrl.net--cost \$30.00. banquet Saturday night 5:30 at Church of Christ Congregational at Cedar and Main in Newington. Come on out and have a good time--you can't beat the deal--\$8.00 for the whole weekend!

Attention all Field Day groups: Please get the info about your FD site asap to TC Joe, N1KHB n1knb@arrl.net. It's real handy to have this list on hand for your leadership and for newcomers! Remember, it takes time to compile the list and get it up on the Web so please do it this week. Thanks.

On a more serious note, many of you have expressed a concern about the cell phone bill HB 6722. The bill specifically speaks about mobile handheld phones. Please be sure that you are reading the most up-to-date version--go to <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2005/FC/pdf/2005HB-06722-R000595-FC.pdf>.

That's all for now--see you at the NARL ham fest next weekend—more news to come later in the month.
Vy 73, Betsey Doane, K1EIC SM CT ARRL

Engineer's Conversion Tables

This is pretty heavy scientific stuff.....converting units:

1. Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
2. 2000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
3. 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
4. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
5. Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
6. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
7. 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Sterling
8. Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
9. 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
10. Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
11. Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
12. 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
13. 1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone
14. 2 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
15. 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
16. 2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds
17. 52 cards = 1 decacards
18. 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 FigNewton
19. 1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen
20. 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
21. 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
22. 10 rations = 1 decoration
23. 100 rations = 1 C-ration
24. 2 monograms = 1 diagram
25. 4 nickels = 2 paradigms
26. 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League
27. 100 Senators = Not 1 decision

Thanks to Al Cohen for sending this along.

Excerpts from Recent ARRL Bulletins & Newsletters

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and ARRL will sign a Memorandum of Agreement during Dayton Hamvention, May 20-22, where CAP plans to field a major presence. The agreement will spell out guidelines for CAP--the US Air Force Auxiliary, and ARRL--the national association for Amateur Radio, to better use and integrate their resources during communication exercises and emergencies.

Veteran CW contest ops Chip Margelli, K7JA, and Ken Miller, K6CTW. During a May 13 appearance on NBC's The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, the pair was able to pass a message using good old fashioned Morse code more rapidly than a pair of teenaged text messengers equipped with modern cell phones.

New ARRL Radiogram Text:

ARRL to add FORTY SEVEN to its list of ARRL Numbered Radiograms.

The definition of FORTY SEVEN is "Reference your message number ____ to ____ delivered on ____ at ____ UTC."

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

The following comes from our TC Joe, N1KHB who is wonderfully diligent about keeping track of all of the field day efforts in CT. Please help us out this year. Thanks.

Hello to all Field Day participants, It's that time of the year again when we're planning for Field Day. It's just two months away! Your ARRL Connecticut Section will once again be publishing a list of all Conn. Section FD activities. We would like your club, group, and individual plans to be included. Please drop a line that includes your group name if any, your FD location and any other pertinent information such as operating times, directions if needed, etc. so that we can put the list together for publication. Remember, this can be a recruitment opportunity for clubs to enlist visitors as new members, and to perhaps allow members of the public to see what hams enjoy most - operate! Maybe one of them will become a new ham!

Send all info to n1knb@arrl.net as soon as possible, so that we can start assembling this annual listing. Also, please forward this message to any potentially interested parties who may not have received it, Thanks! Joe Wonoski N1KHB ARRL Conn. Section Technical Coordinator

I would just add a note to please include directions to your site in the copy; it is best not to merely point us to a link because it is not real convenient when printing out directions--thanks.

Top Off may be over, but it is not really over! The After Action report is being prepared by the ARES leadership and anyone else who is interested in helping out. The goal is to complete it by late June.

SEC Chuck, AB1CR and SM Betsey, K1EIC were presenters at a packet workshop designed and hosted by DEC Bill, W1WJB called The College of Packet Radio Knowledge. Approximately 20 ops were in attendance at The Area 1 EOC to hear about all aspects of VHF packet operation. There were three packet stations set up to provide various demonstrations; the output was displayed on the screen for all to view. Chuck presented a general introduction to packet radio which included a demo of connecting two stations keyboard to keyboard and connecting two stations through a digipeater.

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Betsey presented material on the packet network, the Flexnet protocol and its auto-routing capability, network commands, the FBB BBS and its connection to the network, and BBS commands. Chuck finished the workshop with a full discussion of various ways in which a packet station can be set up including the use of sound card and USB interfaces. Power Points and live demonstrations were shown by both presenters throughout the presentation. We had lots of fun doing it and from what we could tell, the ops there had a good time too! We even had some good old-fashioned in-person rag chew over lunch!

Congratulations to The Berkshire ARC on its 40th anniversary as an ARRL affiliated club. They will be celebrating this occasion in early June when Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI will present their certificate.

The Newington Amateur Radio League has been very busy these last two months with the CPTV Science Fair, the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon, and the upcoming two-day ham fest June 11 and 12--DON'T MISS IT! Four of their women ops upgraded to Extra Class--congratulations to Carole Dimock, N1NAM, Penny Harts, N1NAG, Mary Hobart, K1MMH, and Rose Ann Lawrence, KB1DMW. They all put a lot of time and hard work into getting the new privileges. They were assisted by NARL member Mark Spencer, WA8SME with classes which he dutifully held each week for the ladies. I am personally aware of the time and effort everyone put into this class; I know I join you in congratulating students and teacher! Bravo!

Members of The Ct Amateur Radio League of Youth (CARLY) were on hand this year at the CPTV Science Fair. Their presence was a real draw to other youth participating in the Fair!

The NARL Hamfest planning continues to be in full swing. A banquet on Saturday 5:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ Congregation at Cedar and Main with speaker Riley Hollingsworth will be part of the weekend's events. You will not want to miss meeting Riley and hearing what he has to say. Reservations are required; \$30 (\$25 before May 20) [Reservation Cutoff 6/5]. Send checks payable to NARL to: Dan Miller, K3UFG - 29 Douglas St, Bloomfield, CT 06002; phone: (860)206-3379. BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY -- Indoor and Outdoor Flea Market Activities at Newington High School, Tours of ARRL HQ and W1AW Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, Checks to: Dan. Outdoor vendor setup at 5:00 a.m. both days; indoor, 6:00 a.m. Doors open at Newington High School and ARRL both days at 8:45 a.m. See further details on the Club Web Site: <http://www.narl.net>.

Members of The Candlewood ARA operated W1AW in the New England QSO Party. K2KJI was present at their May meeting to talk about the newest equipment! Frank N8WXQ gave a talk at their April meeting on the art of QSLing and showed an intriguing display of his own cards!

CT's Big E Exposition booth takes place this year September 15-October 2. We need hams to staff the exhibit so plan early. Contact STM Larry, K1HEJ k1hej@yahoo.com if interested .

Kevin KA6PDG of RASON is experimenting with an Amateur Radio Listening Line which he will publicize. Using Flash mail, those interested in Amateur Radio can call 508-4182390.

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