
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, June 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:	5/18/07
Time Started:	7:53 PM
Time Ended:	9:35 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson, N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	N1JGR	K1HEJ	N1KGY	N1RMF
KB1KZC	N1JWF	W1ZFG	W1LOZ	

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1KGY
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Treasurer Report:

Motion to table until next meeting, due to the absence of the treasurer.

Motion to Accept:	N1JWF
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP report...

We will need to do work on 88 and 15 machines and try and take care of the listening problem on 88. The 88 radio is rather old and looking into setting up a replacement for 88. We are looking to “rip and replace” the units. There was some more discussion on planning for working on the sites.

There will need to be a discussion on a tower party, etc., contact Rick, N1JGR, to determine when to meet.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

The bike race was awesome! Everything worked out very well.

MARS folks did a cross band with amateur radio, 168 contacts! This was a pre-run for Armed Forces Day. It worked out very well...Rick had photos.

New Business:

Next Saturday, is a Memorial Day parade in Newington. NARL is looking for people to help them with the parade. If interested, contact K1HEJ

June 24th is Field Day at the archery range in Winding Trails in Farmington. Contact Rick, N1JGR, if you want to get involved. Rick would like to run a digital station, side band on 2M or 440, generator/battery power, completely on emergency power. Probably run 20M, 40M and 80M as well...please consider participating! We need to discuss the menu at the next meeting.

The next bike race is September 23rd, 2007 at Winding Trails...

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

Unanimous

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section cabinet: ASMs: K1STM, NK1J, W1FXQ; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator K1SFA; Section Emergency Coordinator K1BRF; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB.

Field Day is right around the corner so please do get your FD sites to TC Joe, N1KHB who annually collects them for a listing on the Section Page ARRL site.

Members of the Candlewood ARA enjoyed operating W1AW again this year for the New England QSO Party in early May; thanks for putting W1AW on the air for that event.

Approximately twelve participants learned about Airmail and a bit about classic packet at each of two workshops given by DEC Wayne, N1CLV and TS Bill W1GTT. All 25 participants really learned a lot. If your group would like a similar workshop, contact Wayne or Bill: n1clv@arrl.net, w1gtt@arrl.net.

CT congratulates Rick N1RL on his retirement after many years as editor of The ARRL Letter and the voice of ARRL news. We have all appreciated his professional work and wish him the very best in his new endeavors. We'll look for you on the air.

Congrats to Khrystyne K1SFA who is now going to be writing The Letter; Khrystyne is resigning from the cabinet as PIC as she takes on this important work nationally. Lots of luck Khrystyne.

Speaking of ARRL staff, did you know that Steve Ewald WV1X has worked at Hq for 25 years? He told me the other day that he achieved this milestone in March! Steve is a very big help to all the Section Managers in the country pointing us to resources and good ideas. Of course, he is helpful to huge numbers of field org volunteers. Additionally, he is active in our Section as secretary of the Newington Amateur Radio League and as an ARES member. A big thank you Steve!

On Sunday, April 29th, members of the ICRC once again contributed their time and effort providing radio communication for the annual Fat Tire Classic mountain bike race at the Winding Trails Recreation Center in Farmington. 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 fortunately. They all had a fine time working together.

And that's what it's all about. So now have fun at The Hartford Ham Fest May 26 sponsored by the Natchaug ARC and the Newington Ham Fest sponsored by NARL June 3.

The Natchaug Amateur Radio Club will host the Hartford Hamfest at the Tolland County Agricultural Center in Vernon, CT, rain or shine on Route 30 near the intersection of Route 31. Directions: Interstate 84 to Exit 67, north on Rt. 31, right at light at Rt. 30, short distance on right is the Tolland County Agricultural Center. Admission is \$4.00, unlicensed spouse and children are free. Tailgaters \$6.00, indoor tables \$20.00. Sellers admitted at 6:00 AM, Buyers at 8:00 AM. Talk in on 145.110, PL 77.0. Food and beverages by authorized vendors only. Indoor table reservations or information: Wayne Rychling, N1GUS, 860 487 1921 or Dave Johnson, W1EY, 860 684 4923. Email w1dft@arrl.net.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

I'll send more info on the NARL Ham Fest in another week.

Call changes are fun to hear about. Congrats to Chris, formerly KB1OLS on his new call N1FAA! Incidentally, Chris works professionally for the FAA! Both Chris and Richard, KB1ONS are two new ECs in the ARES program. Chris is working hard under DEC Art K1WMQ and Richard is working with DEC Jonathan, KB1KIX. Thanks to both of the DEC's for recruiting new leaders and congrats to Chris and Richard--welcome aboard!

Your SM sent a certificate of merit to Phil N1BOW for his tireless work each Monday evening except during the summer taking NCS for our Section traffic net CT Phone Net for 25 years. You know, when George Hart, W1NJM created the NTS, it was his vision that ops would take their skeds once per week so that no one would be burdened. NM N1DIO, asst. NM NX1Q, STM K1HEJ and I along with everyone on CPN thank you Phil for your commitment and fine nets over the years. We'll look for you on the weekends!

It was great to see so many of you at the Southington Ham Fest and wonderful to find a big crowd at the ARES Annual Meeting. SEC Brian, K1BRF, the leadership team and I thank you for your continuing support of ARES as together we look toward growth both in numbers and in service. There was a lot of good info shared at the meeting; congrats Brian on a great annual event--it's important to get together!

And finally, while I think of it, all ARES members need to be sure and check the new on-line database and complete your information there. Go to <http://www.ctares.org> and click on ARES membership. If you have questions about the database, contact DEC Art, K1WMQ, k1wmq@arrl.net; as always, contact your SEC K1BRF k1brf@arrl.net for questions you have about the ARES program or ideas you want to share.

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