
Time Out

Publication of the ICRC, Inc.

June - 2008

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, June 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

Date:	5/16/08
Time Started:	7:35 PM
Time Ended:	9:05 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson, N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	KA1NDE	K1WMS	N1KGY	N1RMF
K1DFS	N1JWF	W1ZFG	K1HEJ	KB1KZC

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Treasurer Report:

Previous Balance:	\$964.81
Checks and Payments	-\$79.50
Deposits and Other Credits	\$105.00
Service Charge	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement	\$990.31
Cleared Balance:	\$990.31
Checks and Payments	\$0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	\$0.00
Register Balance as of 2/11/2008	\$990.31

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP report...

Technical VP will not be here but says Hello. The repeaters are repeating...

The trustee of the repeater was made aware of a minor issue which occurred on the repeater, and it has been taken care of. This should not be repeated.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

Field Day: Pretty much squared away. We will be at Winding Trails. Show up on the Saturday. We will be running 3 stations in the contest, as well as a GOTA station. We will be running 80, 40 and 20 and maybe 15. We also will be running solar power as well as perhaps some other alternative source of power. There were several other discussions on what we would be doing and what would be brought. If I didn't know better, I would think we were actually planning! Bring your own food...

T-Shirt pricing with the ICRC logo: The cost is \$7 each, minimum number of 12 shirts, silk-screened.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

New Business:

Because of all that Walt - K1WMS has done for the club, N1WGK made a motion for Walt to be a Life Member, seconded by K1HEJ...unanimous! Welcome, Walt!!!

Chuck – N1KGY made a motion to allow Chuck - K1DFS to pull the money and pay for the generator, which we have money for. Seconded by K1HEJ, unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	KB1KZC
Abstain:	

Unanimous

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section News: Volume 1 of 2! I have so much to tell you that this will require two letters. Understand that I have limited space for this monthly letter so there will be, for this month of May, in the year 2008, two volumes!

Bob Brill, W1GC has been OOC for just about 10 years and has asked me to look for an OO who can take this position. Bob is also extremely active in the Coastguard Auxiliary. He is the person who signs off on radios and assigns frequencies. Bob has been and I know will continue to be amazingly resourceful. He has been a wonderful asset to me and a tremendous advisor. We've always had fun on the phone, even through some tough interference challenges. So a huge thank you to Bob! I bet I'll surprise him one day over at Dutchess Restaurant in W. Haven!

Please welcome Chuck Motes, K1DFS as our new OOC. Chuck professionally is Director of Health in Southington and has been active in many activities of Amateur Radio. Among many other things, he is an active member (treasurer) of ICRC and active in Navy MARS and has done lots of radio work at Farmington Red Cross in the past. Chuck has been an OO since 1992! Welcome aboard Chuck and many thanks for stepping up to the plate and taking on this important role.

We also warmly welcome Chris Burns formerly N1FAA now W1HVN as ADEC Region 2. Chris is a more recently licensed operator and comes to us with a wealth of experience in emcomm work. He is a real supporter of ARES and very enthused about working as an ADEC in Region 2. Welcome Chris!

Chris isn't the only one with a new call: Congrats to Harlan formerly KB1ILY now W1QH. W1QH, W1QI and W1QK all reside in Western CT!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Ed N2JBA, president of Southern Berkshire ARC sent me this wonderful biography of Sid, K1SS written by their secretary Don, KB2SMZ. The last paragraph says it all: 'Sid has been a long-time member of F.O.C. - First Class Operators -- a world-wide network of CW ops that maintain close relationships. Through that association and through the almost 80 years of ham radio contacts he has made, his life is one great example of the value of ham radio in getting to know people all over the world.' Look for the complete article on the Section Page <http://ct.arrl.org> . Congratulations Sid, K1SS and many thanks to Ed and Don.

The Valley Amateur Radio Association wishes to thank Vinny - KB1PFO for hosting their meeting at Derby City Hall as the club is transitioning to a new location. At that meeting, John, K1FBI was elected president, as Jon - N1BDF is retiring from office. Jon has been president for many years and the club will have a pizza party to thank him and others who have given special service to VARA. A big thank you to Jon on his many years as a very dedicated president. Many thanks to John, K1FBI for stepping up to assume this leadership position.

CT ARES has been requested to help with a wonderful organization called Angel Ride. This organization has been supporting our Children's Hospitals for the past five years by riding bicycles through the state of Connecticut. The route begins in the North West in Norfolk, CT and ends in Mystic. The dates are May 24 and 25; the route encompasses Regions 3, 4 and 5. Your help is needed for both mobile and fixed stations. DEC Dave, K1DAV is the primary coordinator and DECs Wayne, N1CLV and Jonathan, KB1KIX are coordinating their region's effort. Do not wait--this is important--APRS will also be used. Fixed and mobile operations will be needed. Mobile radios will be needed for regions 5 and 3 on the first day, regions 3 and 4 on the second day. There will be Mobiles used during this event. These will be Vans donated by local dealerships. We will need 6 radio operators with go kits and APRS tracking units. We are looking for APRS trackers. The Red Cross will let us use their comm. vehicle if there are no emergencies at that time, otherwise we will go to our backup plan. There will be 8 sag wagons--medical and repair. There will be 20 motorcycles driving the route watching intersections. And these are just some of the details provided by Dave. It's a big event—SEC Brian has commended Dave on undertaking this effort and is encouraging wide participation so please contact K1DAV, N1CLV, or KB1KIX, all at arrl.net.

May 24 is also the date of the 31st annual Hartford Hamfest sponsored by the Natchaug ARC at the UCONN Tolland County Agricultural Center on Rt 30, near exit 67 on I 84. Admission is \$5.00 per car occupant, but this year that includes FREE tailgating. Indoor tables are \$10.00, several vendors present and food and drinks available. The event promises to be bigger than ever! Come join in and have a great time. Call Dave Johnson, 860 684 4923, or aa1j@cox.net for more info and table reservations.

News Flash! CT ARES Region 4 received great news the other day. DEC Wayne, N1CLV has this to say: The Region 4 Emergency Planning Team (the CEO's of the 43 towns and two Tribal Nations) has given preliminary approval to authorize the expenditure of \$20,000 of DHS grant funding to purchase and outfit an emergency communications trailer for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) in the Region. The ham radio trailer was supported by the RESF-5 Emergency Management and RESF-2 Communications working groups. The project is part of an overall spending plan totaling \$917K that will improve emergency response. Region 4 DEC Wayne N1CLV and ADEC Ron K1VSC are heavily involved in these planning efforts and view this project as a significant opportunity to enhance the volunteer work of ARES in the Region. I know you all join SEC Brian and me in congratulating Region 4 on this effort. Brian and I also want to tell all of you in CT ARES that your time, talent and sacrifices are recognized, valued and absolutely appreciated. You're a great group of volunteers who always seem to help out when needed.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

The MS Walks throughout the State are just one example of your responsiveness. Members of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club, BEARS of Manchester, Shore Point Amateur Radio Club and ARES teams in Region 4 were among those who participated in communications for the annual MS Walks in Cheshire, Manchester, Enfield West Haven, Woodstock and New London. ARES members from Meriden club were at the Cheshire site coordinated by EC Craig, N1ABY. EC Chris WA1VXH reports that this site had the largest attendance of the 17 throughout the State and raised \$75,000.00. President Paul N1TUP reported that BEARS of Manchester had over 30 ops covering the Manchester and Enfield walks. Newer ops in Manchester were paired with BEARS members to gain emcomm experience. This club has licensed 36 new hams this year and upgraded 6. Twelve more new technicians are expected to be licensed this week--congrats! Eleven members of the Shore Point ARC handled the comms in West Haven coordinated by EC Glenn, N1HAW with ADEC Chris W1HVN (formerly N1FAA) as NCS. They participated in the March of Dimes Walk the week before. Kevin KA6PDG and Jeff N1ESA coordinated the effort in New London and ADEC Vinny KB1JDX organized the event in Woodstock. This is wonderful coverage this year! A huge thank you to everyone involved! Look for Volume 2 in a couple of days!

As promised, here's Volume 2 of May Section News!

How many of you HF ops remember the Russian woodpecker? If you want to read a great article go to <http://www.meridenarc.org/gd052008.html>. And for you more recently-licensed ops, just be glad we no longer have that interference problem. It's a terrific article--don't miss it--thanks Dan W1DMM.

NARL needs volunteers for the 5K Road Race this coming Sunday, May 18. Here are the details from Ethel, KB1NMO: **SHARE THE FUN OF HAM RADIO !!! JOIN IN THE FUN !!!** Help us show what ham radio operators can do! We have the opportunity to showcase the benefits of ham radio on Sunday, May 18, 2008. The Newington Public Library will be holding a 5K road race that starts and ends at Mill Pond Park. The race course winds through residential neighborhoods adjoining the park. In past years, the method for emergency assistance to runners has been dependent on an EMT riding a bicycle along the race route. **WE CAN PROVIDE BETTER COVERAGE!!** This is an event with a short time-commitment: 7:30 a.m. until about 11:00. Volunteers, may leave as soon as the last runner has passed their location -- or they may stay until the end of the race. We need your help to promote our hobby. Please contact Ethel at (860) 666-2490 or by email at KB1NMO@arrl.net or DEC Jonathan KB1KIX kb1kix@arrl.net to volunteer.

NARL's next meeting on June 2 will have as their guest John Ellsworth, creator of The Vintage Radio Museum of CT located in Windsor. Here's the news from PIO Al W1FXQ: "Through many years of struggle, disappointment, lack of money, lack of a location, necessary moves from location to location, hard work, patience, perseverance, belief in the need of preserving a hands-on living history of communications, John Ellsworth not only never yielded to discouragement, but also inspired others to help build this outstanding achievement which includes an operating ham station W1VCM. **HEAR ELLSWORTH (not a ham) TELL HOW DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS (many of whom are hams) CREATED A WORLD-CLASS MUSEUM IN NEARBY WINDSOR CT. (NARL member, Charles Griffen W1GYR, is a long-time museum volunteer).'**"

Greater Norwalk ARC enjoyed a talk by DEC Allan NN1H on the art of message handling at their April meeting. The club will be supporting CT Special Olympics at Trumbull High School May 17 and The Bloomin' Metric Race starting from Calf Pasture Beach May 18. Contact DEC NN1H or ADEC K1WYQ for details--volunteers are still needed.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Let's do much more to get the word out. Some of the clubs make sure that they get a meeting notice in the newspaper. I'd like to see lots more of that--why not appoint someone to put the word out to the news media about your meeting. Then please let PIC Al KA1TCH and me know who it is that's going to be your publicity chair--ka1tch@arrl.net; k1eic@arrl.org. We really need help in this area of the Field Organization. Surely, you will be publicizing Field Day. So perhaps now is the time to elect or appoint someone to do the PR work for your club. ARRL members can be appointed Public Information Officers and be recognized for this important work. The support for PIOs from ARRL is just wonderful. Allen, W1AGP, media and Public Relations Manager has put together an incredible array of support material so if you have writing skills, you really can do this. So please make this task a real priority.

On the digital front, I have some good news. Brian, N1URO moved to Ludlow, MA and now, thanks to the work of Ted, K1YON, has his antennas up. Happily, the work went well and radios and TNCs worked first time! Even the 9600 440 backbone node came up right away. All his former packet nodes and BBS are operational. It is expected that the N4GAA nodes in West Haven will be fully operational by the end of the month and that there will soon be a Flexnet node at Farmington Red Cross. I will keep you updated as the work progresses.

Remember John Lindholm, W1XX? Well, I had a nice note from him about the Ocean State 2 meter FM Challenge sponsored by the CTRI Club to be held on July 19-20. Sounds familiar, doesn't it? I don't know about you but I had fun in the first 2 meter simplex contest Bill KW1B coordinated a few years ago. I vote we do it again! Now for a bit of history. John W1XX was formerly SEC when he was teaching high school physics. At that time, Barb K1EIR, my twin sister, was net manager of the Section CW net CN and I was NM of CT Phone Net. We might have had one other local net WESCONN but I think not. Of course, there was no email; everything was by mail. John typically sent out a letter to all ECs and DEC's and Barb and I sent out a bulletin called Get set for SET to all traffic handlers preparing for the Simulated Emergency Test. Then certain leaders who were to motivate the test were sent materials ahead of time. It was arduous but like today, we had lots of fun. Messages were typically signed by Sara Emily Toggle!

Mark your calendars: Dayton Hamfest Hara Arena May 17-18;
CT Special Olympics comm. Support GNARC May 17 Calf Pasture Beach contact NN1H@arrl.net;
Newington Public Library 5K Road Race NARL May 18 7:30 a.m. to about 10:45 a.m. Mill Pond Park contact kb1kix@arrl.net;
Natchaug Hamfest May 24 Tolland Agricultural Center 24 Hyde Avenue, (Route 30) Vernon contact Wayne n1gus@arrl.net;
Angel Ride May 24-25 contact K1DAV, N1CLV or KB1KIX all at arrl.net;
Berkshire Hamfest June 7 Goshen Fair Grounds contact Lee k1lee@arrl.net;
NARL Hamfest June 21 at Newington High School, 605 Willard Ave. contact Mary Hobart, K1MMH mmhobart2@cox.net ;
Ocean State 2 meter FM Simplex Challenge sponsored by CTRI Contest Club July 19 and 20, contact John Lindholm, W1XX w1xx@cox.net. All these items will also be shown on the Section calendar <http://ct.arrl.org>.

ARRL Connecticut Section
Section Manager: Elizabeth M. Doane, K1EIC
k1eic@arrl.org

AngelRide 2008

On Saturday and Sunday, May 24th and 25th, ARES members from Regions 3, 4, and 5 provided radio communications for the AngelRide 2008 bike race. Representing Region 3 and the ICRC were Larry – K1HEJ and Dan – W1ZFG. The following is taken from the Angel Charitable Trust's website and will explain what it was all about.

Angel RideCT!

As many as 200 bicycle riders will participate in the 5th Annual AngelRide, a two-day, 130-mile bicycle ride through the state of Connecticut. The ride begins at The Yale Summer School of Music in Norfolk, Connecticut early on the morning of Saturday, May 24th, travels an 80-mile route and ends late on Saturday afternoon at The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, Connecticut. On Sunday, May 25th, riders will begin a 50-mile journey that will take them from the Camp in Ashford to Mystic, Connecticut.

The ride is organized by Angel Charitable Trust. 100% of the money raised by the riders will support **The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp's "Camp in a Suitcase" program**, a hospital outreach program that entertains and supports children during their periods of hospitalization. The "Camp in a Suitcase" program connects these children's extraordinary spirit with the magic of a summer camp experience.

Angel Charitable Trust's mission is to help children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases by opening up windows of happiness during their most intense periods of treatment. Angel Charitable Trust accomplishes this mission through its support of the "Camp in a Suitecase" program.

Red Cross Background Check Update

In a letter dated May 8 of this year, Armond T. Mascelli, ARC Vice President for Disaster Response Services replied to President Harrison: "I can now report back to you that [these] actions have been completed and changes have been instituted which I trust resolves the concerns detailed in your letter. This effort took considerably more time and attention than originally envisioned, but I believe the results will now benefit our respective organizations. "A new background consent form now [is] to be used by all Red Cross chapters for ARRL members and other partner organizations. The form and related process is limited to the name and social security number verification of the individual, and a criminal background check. References and suggestions to other related investigative possibilities have been stricken."

Boxboro 2008

Announcing the ARRL New England Division Convention

The 2008 edition of the ARRL New England Division Convention, fondly known as **Boxboro**, will be held August 22 - 24, 2008. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

A great program is being planned. We are pleased to announce that the ARRL First Vice President **Kay Craigie**, N3KN will be in attendance. Here is your opportunity to meet Kay first hand at the ARRL Forums. She will be our guest of honor and keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. Order your banquet tickets early as the seating is limited!

We are also pleased to announce the return of QCWA President, **John Johnston** W3BE. John brings his 27 years of regulatory work with the FCC to bear in his ever popular talk "What the Rules Say".

The EMCOMM folks have been hard at work putting together a great line up with the support of the ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager, **Dennis Dura** K2DCC, Deputy Chief Army MARS **Jim Griffin** AAA9B and Chief of Army MARS Operations, **Grant Hays** AAA9O. We welcome their attendance.

The Special Event station **W1A** will be in operation. This is a good opportunity to operate the top shelf amateur radio equipment the industry has to offer and have fun while doing it!

Wouff Hong is back! We are glad to have them and you are not going to believe who they have tapped for the "Old Man". This is a must attend event!

The "Call for Presenters" remains open. Please contact WO1N if you have an Amateur Radio related presentation or represent an organization that would like to reach out to a large population of active Hams.

New to our committee this year is Prize Chairman, Mike Crestohl, W1RC. He's already lined up the new **Elecraft K3** for the top prize for some lucky ham.

Flea Market pricing has been restructured with the goal of improving the Sunday turnout.

Volunteers are also welcome to help with event planning and execution.

The latest updates, online ticketing and general information can be found at <http://www.boxboro.org>

The Boxboro Holiday Inn, located at the junction of Routes 111 and 495 in Massachusetts, will again open its doors to the Amateur Radio community with its spacious parking and comfortable accommodations. Hotel information is available through the Boxboro.org website. Room rates are reduced for this year, be sure to ask for the "Boxboro Ham Radio Convention Rate" when making your reservations.

We hope to see you there!

Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF
Convention Chair
K1TWF@arrl.org

Ken Caruso, WO1N
Program Chair
WO1N@arrl.net
(978) 663-3027 (h)
(978) 952-5377 (w)

Mike Crestohl, W1RC
Prize Chair
W1RC@boxboro.org

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