
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, June 19th 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:	5/15/09
Time Started:	7:35 PM
Time Ended:	8:49 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson – N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	N1JWF	KA1NDE	K1PCL	Jeremy
KB1KNV	W1ZFG	KB1KZC	N1RMF	N1JGR
K1HEJ	W1CUT	N1IKM	K1WMS	KA1KRP
N1HQX				

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	KB1KNV
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	W1CUT, N1JGR

unanimous

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Treasurer Report:

BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		644.81
Checks and Payments	2 Items	-165.00
Deposits and Other Credits	2 Items	350.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0 Items	0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		829.81

YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:		829.81
Checks and Payments	2 Items	-259.10
Deposits and Other Credits	1 Item	350.00
Register Balance as of 5/11/2009:		920.71
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:		920.71

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	KB1KNV
Abstain:	W1CUT

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

88 seems to be working fine. 15 has a bit of degraded power, uncertain why at this point. Other minor discussion regarding the repeaters. There WILL be a big bill coming up when we get the new repeater, but not sure at this point how much it will be. In June, looking at tying up the link for 15 and 88. Otherwise, it will be July.

Motion to Accept:	KB1KZC
Seconded by:	KB1KNV
Abstain:	

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Webmaster Report:

Data is being updated, thanks George (and Bill too). If you know of any events happening, let George know, so we can update the website. We are also trying to keep the web up to date.

Motion to Accept:	KB1KZC
Seconded by:	KB1KNV
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

Bike Race: There was some discussion on the bike race. Some take-aways will be to make sure that there is a dedicated net controller and a dedicated Scott shadow, EMT shadow, 2 people at the start, 2 at checkpoint 1 and 5 more checkpoints.

Discussion on the brochure.

New Business:

Since the Bristol radio club is disbanding(?), the repeater is going to be torn apart and they will no longer be the backup communication for the City of Bristol. We can offer to do this to Bristol. Roy will check into this and get back to us...feasibility study.

(Editor's note: As of this writing, the CRA/BRC membership decided to keep the club and repeater going at their April meeting. They decided to postpone shutdown until the membership can explore options at their June meeting. No information from their June meeting is yet available. Stay tuned for future developments.)

Field Day: This year we will be participating in Field Day activities at Pete-KB1KZC's QTH in Bethlehem on June 27th and 28th. 1 month from now! Discussion of food and drink happened. Looking to run 20M, 40M, 80M plus GOTA all on battery. The address for the location is 48 Deerwood Dr., Bethlehem, CT 06751

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGG
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

GNARC members participated in the Bloomin' Metric ride this weekend at Calf Pasture Beach in Norwalk and plan to participate in the MS bike ride at Sherwood Island State Park on May 31.

Thanks W1FYM for the following info and article. Members of the Middlesex Amateur Radio Society (M.A.R.S.) provided emergency communications to the City of Middletown, Middlesex Hospital, and its branch clinics in Marlboro and Essex, CT during a 'Pandemic Exercise' on April 17, 2009. The complex scenario involved testing Middletown's shelter capability and emergency network, and included assistance from the Newington Fire Department and the town of Cromwell. Fire Department liaison was provided by Gary Awsiukiewicz, K1MQ. Most of the participating amateurs also belong to ARES. The club established communications in four locations. Communications at the shelter, Middletown High School, were provided by Bob, N2XN, Paul, K1PL, Scott, KB1QJC, and Leo, WB1ENI. Leo coordinated amateur radio support with the City and Middlesex Hospital. Middlesex Hospital's Shoreline Clinic in Essex was supported by Gordon, K1ZHR, Howard, N1IVK, John, N1RRJ, and Fred, N1MDU. This group started the six-hour exercise by setting up in a different building than expected, with a radio none had seen, and erected a borrowed antenna and feed line! Nevertheless, true to good ham style, they were on the air with a good signal at net time! The hams were once again up to showing their creativity at the Marlborough Clinic. Don, N1XTJ, and Don, K1CMM, staffed the Marlboro Medical Clinic communications room. They had to route cable through an automatic door to a pole-mounted temporary antenna, as the windows were sealed. DEC Jonathan, KB1KIX, and DEC Mac, W1FYM, established the Middlesex Hospital communications room, appropriating part of the hospital's Security Office, with a tripod-mounted antenna on the adjacent roof. They participated in a thorough critique of the exercise. Congrats--nice work!

At the April meeting of ICRC, members watched a very interesting demonstration by our Technical V.P. Rick -- N1JGR. He demonstrated his version of the Spudgun that was described in an article in the March 2009 issue of QST. The spudgun uses compressed air to launch a small projectile attached to a thin line to get antennas and halyards over high supports, Perfect for setting up antennas for Field Day.

On Sunday, April 26, members of the ICRC once again provided radio communications and marshalling for the annual Fat Tire Classic mountain bike race held at Winding Trails in Farmington. It was a beautiful spring day, perhaps a little warmer than normal, but a good time was had by all. Members of the ICRC who participated were: Al N1JWF NCS, Chuck K1DFS who assisted the paramedic team with a patient who happily was soon back to normal, Walt K1WMS who manned the start/finish line, and field positions manned by Chris KA1NDE, George N1RMF, Rick N1JGR, Dan W1ZFG, and Pete KB1KZC. My thanks to you all!

Your SM attended a webinar on Legal Issues for Amateur Radio Clubs sponsored by the Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR with Attorney Chris Imlay, W3KD presenter. The visual portion of the information can be downloaded at <http://www.atldiv.org/training> where you can also order a DVD of the webinar for a nominal cost. I certainly encourage club presidents to view this very informative material.

Your SM also plans to attend the Division cabinet meeting which will be held in Manchester, NH in June. Club presidents who plan to attend should contact director Tom Frenaye K1KI k1ki@arrrl.org. Hope to see you there.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

TC Joe N1KHB and the entire cabinet want to remind all who plan to coordinate field day stations to register the club or group on the ARRL Field Day Locator site

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php> .

Remember that you want visitors including new hams to come to your site and perhaps later either become a ham or join the club. Your SM and SEC will want to find you as well so be sure and register. Do it today so you don't forget! Thanks.

Hearty congrats to Bob, N1OKF and his bride Laura on their marriage on May 9 (5/9/9). Eric KB1EHE is a friend of Bob's and asked members of the Southington Amateur Radio Association to participate in their "ham radio moment" at the reception when they took 15 minutes out to enjoy a scheduled QSO with their ham radio friends on the K1SOX repeater! Good luck to Bob and Laura--may you have many more fb ham QSOs together. Congrats, also to Eric, N1YAO, and Miriam Doody on their recent marriage!

At their April meeting, NARL welcomed guest speaker Skip Swenson, WB6VVA. Skip is the Director of the System Architecture, Design and Integration Directorate of Raytheon's Integrated Defense System in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. He gave an interesting presentation on the defense system in his talk, "What We Are Doing to Keep Americans Safe."

At their May meeting, NARL members enjoyed a talk by Dr. Shengli Zhou, director of the Wireless Communication Research Laboratory at UCONN. Dr. Zhou discussed the goal of UCONN's Wireless Communication Research Laboratory's which does extensive research to improve undersea transmission, and collection of data. Read all about it at <http://www.engr.uconn.edu/~shengli> .

Bill KW1B and R-Comm are looking for volunteers for The Ridgefield Triathlon May 31. It's a half-mile swim in Great Pond, a 14-mile bike race in a big loop, starting and ending right at the pond; and topped off with a 5K run, ending in downtown Ridgefield at Veteran's Park. For more info on this event, contact Bill, kw1b@arrl.net.

Now the day before that, May 30 is The Southern Berkshire Hamfest at the Goshen Fair Grounds. Come on out and support this hard working club--hopefully by then, the weather will be warmer. Contact President Ed N2JBA n2jba@arrl.net.

Next weekend, there is the Hartford Hamfest sponsored by The Natchaug ARC at the Tolland County Agricultural Center, 24 Hyde Ave., Vernon and the Angel Ride in ARES regions 5, 3 and 4 coordinated by DEC Dave K1DAV and SEC Wayne N1CLV. For Hamfest, email Wayne n1gus@arrl.net and see <http://www.nalrc.org> for info. Talkin 145.11/r.

Mark your calendars NOW for NARLFEST sponsored by The Newington Amateur Radio League to be held at a NEW LOCATION: St. Mary's School, 652 Willard Ave. right across the street from Newington High School. Note the day: SATURDAY, JUNE 20 8:00am to 2:00pm. General admission, \$5; hams licensed less than 1 year admitted free with presentation of FCC license. There is no charge for children under 12. Those wishing to purchase a 4ft table or have an outside space in the tailgate area should contact mhobart@arrl.org, 860-594-0397; there is a \$10 charge. VE exams will be given at 10 a.m. Drop 'n' Shop: Have an item or two that you'd like to sell? Don't want to sit around at a table all morning? NARL has a drop 'n' shop table where you can drop off your wares. NARL will staff the table and sell it for you (10% fee, proceeds to benefit the NARL scholarship program). View the Hamfest flier at <http://www.narlhamfest.org/>.

Did you notice that Google reconfigured their home page for April 27 to honor the 218th birthday of Samuel F. B. Morse? I received several emails from excited ops early that morning. Good observations--you're all on top of what's going on and this is good!

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2009 Angel Ride

On Saturday May 23rd and Sunday May 24th, ARES members from Regions 3, 4, and 5 provided radio communications for the 2009 Angel Ride. This event was a 2 day bike ride to benefit the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, a charity started by the late actor Paul Newman to benefit sick children. The ride went from Norfolk to Ashford the first day and from Ashford to Mystic the second day.

Members of the ICRC who participated were Larry – K1HEJ and Dan – W1ZFG.

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