
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, July 16th at 7:30 P.M. We will be back at our regular meeting place, the Farmington Red Cross on Route 4 in Farmington. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

Last Month's Meeting

ICRC Meeting Minutes

Date:	6/18/2004
Time Started:	8:10PM
Time Ended:	9:05PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson, N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

Kb1jyx	K1hej	N1ikm	N1jgr	Walpat
K1dfs	N1wgk			

Note: Change email address for George to kb1jyx@arrl.net; also, rather than my sending out the monthly minutes, I will be sending them to Dan WAIPAT, to include them in the monthly newsletter. Maybe THAT will get you to read the newsletter! ☺

ICRC Meeting Minutes – cont'd

Secretary report:

I wasn't at the previous meeting, nor did I get any documentation. I found out tonight that while everyone got together last month, there wasn't enough people to make a quorum. This meeting was held at a new location in Plainville...the store location is "Just Java", about 1 mile north of Route 372 on Route 10, on the right hand side.

Motion to Accept:	K1dfs
Seconded by:	N1ikm
Abstain:	

unanimous

Treasurer Report:

Same amount of money as last month...

Register Report
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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
			BALANCE 1...				1,318.64
1/3/04	ICRC2003		DEPOSIT	DUES	R		50.00
1/15/04	ICRC2003	725	Rita Motes	GAASF...	SUPPREPT	R	-91.94
1/15/04	ICRC2003		Opening B...		R		159.00
1/15/04	ICRC2003		Balance A...		R		-42.06
3/5/04	ICRC2003	729	CL&P	POLLY...	CL&P	R	-200.00
			TOTAL 1/1...				-125.00
			BALANCE 6...				1,193.64
			TOTAL INF...				209.00
			TOTAL OUT...				-334.00
			NET TOTAL				-125.00

Motion to Accept:	N1wgk
Seconded by:	Kb1jyx
Abstain:	N1ikm

unanimous

ICRC Meeting Minutes – cont'd

Tech. VP report...

15 machine: Running pretty good...

442.850 machine: off the 15 link is out of commission for now. The PA deck is burned out. We need a 440 class PA for ½ watt in, 60 watts out. The cost is around \$800...there are a couple of other angles that we are looking at. The other alternative is that we may be able to get a transceiver from a friend of K1DFS's.

88 machine: Doing okay. There is a lot of burst noise, though.

6 meter antenna bad? The one on the East pole is hanging...is Larry confused? I know I am. There is some discussion on how the antennas are set up. Since I have never been on site, my eyes are very quickly glazing over. If you were interested, you would be here!

6 meters: If working in the shack, please make sure that things are cleaned up and neatly set up. Currently, the radio is on the floor. Larry agreed that he would get it in the rack soon. Things are a bit crowded if we don't all work together to keep it going in the right direction.

Has anyone taken into account the power consumption for the DC? The radios are taking a lot of power and we need to keep that in mind when adding equipment up there.

Other issues (Larry): WB2CIK on flexnetwork, suggested that we move our packet antenna to the top of the pole. Larry disagrees, because we never were able to hit Betsey's machine reliably anyway. We can sometimes hit it. We used to hit Orange, which is now down, permanently. Larry thinks we need a relay site in Wallingford, Prospect or Meriden area. We don't mind having our equipment used for this relay, as long as it doesn't interfere with the other radios and usage. If this is confusing, it's because I am paraphrasing, due to multiple conversations happening at once. They can't seem to realize that I have an old computer and can only type so many words a minute... ;-)

There is also a move to try and do 802.11b networking. We are concerned with the WinLink concept, which I understand means that anyone in the world can connect through the Internet...free. There are concerns about the control operators, etc. The discussion got rather excited for this...looks like this will come back again.

Motion to Accept:	N1wgk
Seconded by:	K1dfs
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

Field Day coming up. As of 4:30PM, no interest in anyone operating at any time for next weekend (Field Day) to run WA1ARC in Farmington Red Cross. K1HEJ will come up for 6 hours, WA1PAT is willing to do it too. We plan on running it no matter what...start is 1PM Saturday until 1PM on Sunday.

Fred, W1CKV, is home, doing much better and driving around a bit. He needs an HF antenna and to have it set up. If we can set it up, he will do the cookout. Hopefully, we can get it up for him soon. If you are interested in helping out, contact Chuck, K1DFS. We can use about 4 people.

ICRC Meeting Minutes – cont'd

New Business:

Need to decide where to have next month's meeting...it was decided to go back to the Red Cross in Farmington for the next meeting...

Motion to Adjourn:	N1wgk
Seconded by:	K1dfs
Abstain:	

unanimous

President's Report

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ARLB020 FCC Sets New Vanity Fee Start Date: August 6, 2004

The FCC has announced that the new Amateur Radio vanity call sign regulatory fee of \$20.80 for the 10-year license term will go into effect August 6. Applicants for amateur vanity call signs will continue to pay the \$16.30 fee per vanity call sign application received by FCC until the new fee goes into effect. The FCC says it expects to collect close to \$162,000 from 7800 Amateur Radio vanity call sign applicants during Fiscal Year 2004. See the FCC's annual Report and Order (Docket MD 04-73) on the Web at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-146A1.doc for details on their assessment and collection of regulatory fees for FY2004.

Larry – K1HEJ

Field Day!

We did manage to put together a small Field Day operation from the Farmington Red Cross EOC on Saturday and Sunday. Our efforts were hampered by equipment problems and a small turnout. It turned out to be more of an emergency preparedness exercise than an attempt to submit a competitive score. Lessons Learned: Even though the equipment had been thoroughly checked out several weeks before the event, last minute problems can always pop up. So make sure your equipment is checked out and ready to go at all times, because you never know when an emergency situation will occur. I would like to thank the few people who did show up: Walt – KA1DFH, Larry – K1HEJ, Rick – N1JGR, Dan – WA1PAT, and Chuck – N1KGY.

Dan – WA1PAT Field Day Committee Chairman

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