
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, July 21st at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave. (Rte. 4), Farmington, CT. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

***** SPECIAL ACTIVITY/DEMONSTRATION MEETING *****

At this month's meeting we will have a guest speaker to be announced.

Last Month's Meeting

ICRC Meeting Minutes

Date:	June 16, 2006
Time Started:	7:50 PM
Time Ended:	9:01 PM

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall, W1ZFG

Attendees (Callsign):

N1IKM	KB1KNV	W1LOZ	N1KGY	K1DFS
K1HEJ	W1ZFG			

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	W1LOZ
Abstain:	

unanimous

Treasurer Report:

Final Balance: \$829.15

Motion to Accept:	N1KGY
Seconded by:	N1IKM
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP report...

Given by Chuck – K1DFS in lieu of our regular Tech VP who was absent.

The swap of the .88 and .15 machines has been completed. The preamp at .88 is toasted. It was decided to purchase a new GAsFET model.

The .15 machine is running ok. The audio level was increased per request.

The packet system is still down. This was followed by a lengthy, incomprehensible discussion about xnets and flexnets and other assorted gibberish.

Motion to Accept:	N1KGY
Seconded by:	KB1KNV
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

A couple of the guys were planning on doing something for Field Day, but given the weather, it is not sure if that went off or not.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

New Business:

None.

Motion to Adjourn:	KB1KNV
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

Unanimous

Special Announcement

Received from K1EIC, Betsey Doane CT STM 6-28-06

I want to publicly thank Rod Lane, N1FNE for serving as our SEC for the last year. We have had a lot of fun together working through the usual organizational details so I am very happy that he is staying on the leadership team as ASEC with an ARRL appointment of Assistant Section Manager. We will all benefit from his creative ideas! Rod, thank you for your time, energy and enthusiasm for ARES and for always being there to lend a helping hand. And thanks for continuing on the cabinet!

As Rod has mentioned, Brian Fernandez, K1BRF, currently assistant SEC has accepted the appointment of SEC effective July 1. I have worked with Brian for many years in his role as Assistant Section Manager and I very much appreciate the unique perspective he brings to the cabinet. He has had experience coordinating volunteers and logistics for large-scale disaster communications and is deeply committed to ARES and the role Amateur Radio plays in public service communications. Brian has served as our liaison with agencies we serve and is our main contact with The American Red Cross. He has been doing an enormous amount of work for ARES attending meetings spreading the word about Amateur Radio. Thank you Brian for taking this important position within the Section. It is a privilege to have both K1BRF and N1FNE on my leadership team. Please give them your full support. All appointments are effective July 1.

73,
Betsey Doane, K1EIC SM CT

Announced by KW1U on the TIPS Net Tue June 27 2006
Dan, KY1F (an Assit. SM in charge of Section Training
and the Asst Net Manager for Connecticut Phone Net)
will become the First Region NTS afternoon phone net
manager effective July 1, 2006!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership: ASMs: K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, K1BRF; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator N1FNE; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. Many thanks to TC Joe N1KHB for compiling the list of field day sites. The list is posted on the CT ARES site as well as on the ARRL Site under Ct Section News. I'm still looking for info from clubs not listed so please get that to me ASAP so I can update the lists. Thanks.

Chuck K1DFS is willing to come to your club to give a talk on his experiences at the hurricane disaster sites last September. His email address was posted incorrectly last time. Do contact him at motes@southington.org.

Get plenty of rest this summer for a busy Fall because SGL Mike K1MK does plan to lead us through another great effort at PRB-1 legislation in CT. If you or someone you know has a story to tell about any lack of permission to put up your tower, please contact Mike right away. Email: k1mk@arrl.net.

The Meriden ARC had fun at their April meeting listening to a talk and demo of Slow Scan TV by "Telescope Bob"; KB1FYL. Here's an excerpt from their newsletter: "Bob brought a complete computer (notebook) setup along with a transceiver and used the club's G5RV to receive slow scan TV images from various stations around the country. He explained how easy it is to set up with just a few interconnecting cables using a freeware software program. He mentioned that most of the slow scan activity is on 20 meters around 14.230 MHz. Generally the signals can be found in 300 kHz segments above and below 14.230. He demonstrated the various ways to ID your station and how the communications also uses SSB for voice. Generally the picture will be as good as the signal. A good S-9 signal with no interference can look quite good. He used pre-saved Jpeg images, which were in a 4:3 aspect ratio and approximately 4-500 pixels on the computer screen. The image we saw was very much like a CIF video image which is nominally 320x240. Bob mentioned that one way to initiate a SS QSO is to call "CQ Slow Scan" using SSB (upper side band on 20 meters of course). Once contact is made with a fellow Slow Scan Ham, you then continue using video. The bottom line was that all you need is an HF rig; a computer and a few interconnecting wires and you too can enjoy sending and receiving pictures all over the world."

Elmer, KA1EAJ ran a radio merit badge station at the Boy Scout Camporee in Bethany. Will report more about that effort when I get more info. Thanks for your time and congrats!

Two events need your help. George N1YAE is coordinating an amateur radio exhibit at Derby Day, a community event next Sunday. He could use help from a couple of you, particularly ARES members, who are not already busy with Field Day. The event will run from 11:30 to 7:00 p.m. with help needed before and after setup. Please contact George nlyae@arrl.net for further information.

DEC Dave, K1DAV and the CQ Radio Club are looking for volunteers to help with communications at the "Tour of The Litchfield Hills Bike Tour" on August 6 from 0700 to 1630. About 40 volunteers are needed; the event will be challenging because of the geography of the area and the number of activities within the event itself. Make plans now so that the Club will know what their resources are and can make good assignments. Thanks.

The RASON Club provided communications support for the Mystic YMCA Triathlon which involved a 0.5mi swimming event followed by a 14.3mi biking event and a 3 mile run. (Just thinking of all that makes me exhausted!)

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

CARA has a new home: The Stony Hill Fire Department Rt. 6 in Bethel across from The Stony Hill Inn. The club will have its first meeting there in July. Directions: I 84 Eastbound, Exit 8 (Route 6), straight through the light at the exit, East on Route 6, past Target, about a half- mile on the right. I 84 Westbound, Exit 8 (Route 6), merge left past the gas stations, reversing direction and heading East on Route 6, past Target, a half- mile on the right. Or take Exit 9 on Route 84 Westbound to Route 6 Westbound and continue several miles. Cross Old Hawleyville Road. Fire Department will be on your left. CARA meetings are held on the second Friday of the month beginning at 8:00 with Informal "rag chewing" begins at 7: 30 p. m.

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Special Announcement

Chuck Ayers has a new son! Chuck writes: "We have a new club member effective yesterday. I swore him in myself.

Logan Thomas Connor Ayers was born yesterday at 2:12PM. 4 lbs. 10.4 oz. and 17.5 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well.

Please feel free to pass the word, an visitors are welcome (once we get moved into a regular room this afternoon).

We are at New Britain General. Visiting hours are until 8PMPM (tell folks to get here by 7:45 ...visiting officially ends at 8:00, but if you are in the door before 8 they don't chase you away until about 8:30).

Warmest 73!!

Chuck"

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