
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, July 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:	6/15/07
Time Started:	7:56 PM
Time Ended:	9:20 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson, N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	N1JGR	K1HEJ	K1WMS	N1RMF
KB1KZC	N1JWF	W1ZFG	W1LOZ	KB1KBV

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Treasurer Report:

Previous Balance:		887.16
Checks and Payments	2 Items	-179.50
Deposits and Other Credits	1 Item	275.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0 Items	0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		982.66

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1JMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP report...

N1JGR is passing on to George to discuss the new repeater. He told of the story on how we got a wonderful deal for the new radio. Thank you, Al, for helping get this deal.

Motion to Accept:	W1LOZ
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

Field Day: What are we going to eat? Saturday at Winding Trails for a 10AM setup. 2PM everything starts. There is a rather heated discussion about the field day such as what radios are coming down and who is doing what...it's shaping up to be a LOT of fun.

Sunday, July 22nd is a tentative date for cleanup of the 2 sites, to be confirmed at our next meeting

New Business:

Walt suggested that we put a brochure on Amateur Radio together and include the class dates on the table for publicity at the Field Day

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	KB1KZC
Abstain:	

Unanimous

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership: ASMs: N1FNE, K1STM, NK1J, W1FXQ, KD1YV, N1TAI; OOC W1GC; PIC A1TCH; SEC K1BRF; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB. Don't forget the 16th annual Southern Berkshire ARC Hamfest this Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. June 16 at the Goshen Fair Grounds. Admission \$3; children free with adult. Plenty of tailgating room and I think the weather will be just fine this weekend; guest we'd best ask the Sky Warn ops! For vendor information, contact Henrietta KA1JVN at (860) 491-3129 or KUQJVN@juno.com .

I am pleased to announce the appointment of PIC Albert Petrunti, KA1TCH who will be joining the Section cabinet immediately. Albert is filling the position previously held by Khrystyne, K1SFA who is now very busy as news editor at Hq as N1RL retires. Congrats to Khrystyne! Al has spent his career primarily in media and information technology. Growing up in family business, he spent several years getting his start working for his father, Nick, and then started a production and communications company which he ran for a number of years before expanding into technology. While in technology, he had the opportunity to work in Retail, Banking and Insurance where he had a variety of experiences, both hands on and management, primarily building new departments and processes while also keeping his hands in media and Internet broadcasting. Most recently he was a Director of Information Technology for a Fortune 500 company prior to moving back to "private life" and concentrating on smaller ventures in media, technology and Internet broadcasting. He has had the great fortune to do many things from television commercials, theatre, and audio/visual forensics to computer security, systems design and management, QA and engineering. He currently owns and runs a company that specializes in Video, Audio, Photo and Technology. His interest in all of this began early when he was around 11 or 12. His late grandfather, Albert Dorman N1TCS, and Al were active members of the NRI (National Radio Institute). He has been very involved with electronics (tubes and all) for many years and initially went to computer school when he was 12. He currently resides in Litchfield County with his beautiful wife Michele, a graphic artist, teacher and jewelry maker, along with their wonderful daughter, Savannah. They are very excited to mention that they are expecting a baby boy to arrive on July 5th. Albert currently serves as the president of the CQ Radio Club of Torrington as well as the SKYWARN EC for Litchfield County. Albert can be reached at a@petrunti.com 24/7 or by phone at 860.626.8572.

Ray N1TAI is joining the cabinet as ASM and will be hosting our CT Section Web Page which, ladies and gentlemen, I'm finally getting around to coordinating! The Section has been involved in lots of larger projects and your SM just has not made this a priority. It will be nice to have our own web site. Ray has been in Connecticut for 15 years and moved to Florida 4 years ago but returned after experiencing Hurricane Season 2004. He was involved in the disaster events of Charlie, Francis, and Jeanne. These hurricanes hit Florida where he was living. Charlie was the most significant for him, as it affected his home. Ray received a handsome certificate of appreciation from the American Red Cross for his ecom work in those hurricanes. Ray has been a ham for many years; continuously since 1985. He is currently the assistant DEC in Region 3 assisting Jonathan, KB1KIX. He owns his own hosting company and has done Web hosting for many years. He hosts the TIPS Net Web Site and, along with Dana, KB1AEV, helps with the technical end of running that net each Tuesday. You may visit his website at www.n1tai.com.

I am hoping to form a small committee to give input to the creation of our Section site. Jim, KD1YV will assist with the site. We'll keep it simple but informative. Many thanks to Ray for joining the cabinet and thanks to Jim for agreeing to help with both the ARRL Page and the new Section Page. Since official bulletin stations are no longer appointed, Jim will move from Bulletin Manager to Assistant Section Manager.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

ARES members should look for the link to the next newsletter end of June. Talking about newsletters, did you know that Media and Public Information Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP puts out a monthly newsletter for public information officers? It's called "Contact"; the June issue resides at <http://www.arrl.org/pio/contact/2007/06/>. This issue is full of good ideas for Field Day and kids day which, this year is on June 16.

In club news, everyone is getting ready for Field Day June 23 and 24. It is imperative that all groups get their FD info to TC Joe, N1KHB ASAP because I want to post this info on one of the Section Web sites. In my Section-wide publicity to TV and other news media, I will be pointing to one of those Web sites to assist those who wish to find your FD location so please get it to Joe no later than this Friday. Thanks all.

The BEARS of Manchester participated in a 36-hour shelter drill with the town of West Hartford using Airmail point-to-point. The technology worked very well to Manchester EOC and Region 3 DEMHS. They had some unique experiences and found the drill to be very successful and worthwhile. Great work!

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Field Day!

On the weekend of June 23 – 24, eleven intrepid amateurs from the ICRC set up and manned a Field Day operation at the Winding Trails Recreation Area in Farmington, CT. Nine members even stayed overnight! One VHF and four HF stations were powered by a bank of deep-cycle marine batteries, continuously recharged by two solar panels. Antennas used were a tri-band beam, G5RV dipole, and end-fed long-wire. Participating in the event were: Rick–N1JGR, Chuck–K1DFS, Walt–K1WMS, Bill–KB1KNV, George–N1RMF, Allan–W1LOZ, Dan–W1ZFG, Pete–KB1KZC, Jeff–NY1P, Chuck–N1KGY, & Wayne–N2FDD. Special thanks go to Alan for providing the custom trailer with the tilt-over tower and tri-bander. Also to Rick and Pete for providing and preparing all the food (Rick's venison steaks and Pete's legendary clam chowder were excellent!) Also to Jeff for making all of our CW contacts and to Walt for setting up the public information booth. (Several passers-by stopped and inquired about our operation.) A great time was had by all and we are planning on doing it again next year. Check out a few pictures from the scene on the next pages.







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