
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:	6/15/12
Time Started:	7:30 PM
Time Ended:	9:00 PM

Minutes taken by: Marie Fredrickson – KB1TFU

(Editor's Note: A special thanks goes out to Marie for taking the minutes during my absence. – Dan.)

Attendees (Callsign):

AB1NH	N1QLN	K1WMS	KB1VPY	KB1SNL
KB1WTE	KB1VPY	N1RMF	KB1YDH	N1JWF
WY1O	KA1NDE	KB1TFU	N1JGR	KB1SNK
KB1IXQ				

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Presidents Report:

This meeting is to be dedicated to the organization of our Field Day activities.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Secretary report:

Minutes of the last meeting had an error in Time Out regarding Field Day. Correction to be made from K1DFS to K1WMS. Minutes accepted as corrected.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	KB1VPY
Abstain:	

unanimous

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer report was accepted as presented by the treasurer. Account balances were read.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1QLN
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

Report tabled due to time constraints of Field Day planning.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Admin. VP Report:

Report tabled due to time constraints of Field Day planning.

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Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Webmaster Report:

Report tabled due to time constraints of Field Day planning.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Elmer's net:

Report tabled due to time constraints of Field Day planning.

Constitution Rev. Committee:

Report tabled due to time constraints of Field Day planning.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Field Day: Discussion relating to our Field Day as follows:

- Equipment requirements are met.
- Al – N1JWF and Kurt – KB1IXQ purchasing ingredients for our chosen menu (Saturday night & Sunday morning).

Motion to Adjourn:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

NARL Picnic 2012

From: Vinnie Alianiello <w1vja@cox.net>

To: Alexander Cohen <acohen102@cox.net>

This is a reminder to those who have not replied. The NARL Annual picnic will be on Saturday July 21st. This year we will be in the smaller lower pavilion. Please let me know if you will be attending so we can get an accurate count for food. If I don't hear from you there may not be enough food so also give me a count as to the number you will be bringing. If you have special diet requirements let us know. We provide hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks. Please bring your favorite dish to share. If I don't hear from you I will assume that you are not attending so spread the word. 73's Vinnie.

Field Day 2012

On the last weekend in June, members of the ICRC participated in annual Field Day activities. This year we were back at Winding Trails in Farmington, but at a different campsite. There were three antennas set up, but only two operating stations were used. The weather was warm, but not too hot. There was plenty of good food and good company and a good time was had by all. Our score was only 830 this year, with only 115 contacts made during the two day period. There was one less transmitter than last year, and no VHF/UHF, digital, or CW operation. Special thanks go out to George – N1RMF and Chuck – K1DFS for setting up all the antennas. Also to Al – N1JWF and Kurt – KB1IXQ for an excellent job on all the meals. Also participating and staying overnight were: Dan – W1ZFG, Chris – KA1NDE, Jane – KB1SNK, Marie – KB1TFU, and Chris – KB1YDH. Also participating during the day were: Sue – KB1VPY, Dave – KB1WYE, Tom – KB1WEZ, Perry – WY1O, Walt – K1WMS, and Jim – AB1NH.

A Few Pictures:



Our Sign



Operating Positions



Chuck, Marie, & George at the 40M station.



Kurt and Al preparing dinner.



Kurt, Al, & Chuck operating the 20M station.
(Yes, we do operate at night, too.)



George at the 40M station.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

It's time for Field Day again! And from what I know, the weather will be terrific Saturday anyway. For you newcomers, Field Day is an annual national exercise in which individuals, clubs and other groups take equipment out in the field, ideally use emergency power, put up a myriad of interesting antennas and operate! We test our readiness for emergency communications but there's also a contest aspect to it. You can read all about it in QST and on the Web. To all, good luck in FD! SEC N1CLV and I will be visiting FD sites. Have fun and tell us all about it next week!

Governor Malloy has proclaimed this week June 18-24 Amateur Radio Week in CT! The text of the proclamation is up on the ARRL page alert area. Just click on CT Section and you'll see the alert. PIO Peter W1AMJ has written two articles: one for Examiner.com and the other for The West Hartford Patch. See http://www.examiner.com/article/governor-proclaims-ham-radio-week-just-time-for-field-day?cid=db_articles and <http://westhartford.patch.com/announcements/governor-malloy-acknowledges-ham-radio-operators>. Senate Bill SB61 has been signed by the governor! Congrats to all involved. Steve KA1RLA was the originator. A huge thank you to everyone who wrote and every single person who worked on it. In addition to the list of people mentioned in last month's report, Jonathan KB1KIX testified in person and responded to a request from the Office of Legislative Research to gather some data and to explain the difference between a handheld and mobile radio. Jonathan submitted a 2-page report complete with pictures. The CT Field Org was pleased to help support this effort. The law is effective October 1. Remember, carry your license with you; be professional if stopped; you might consider carrying a copy of this bill and just continue to do the right thing.

The NARL Fest last Saturday was lots of fun. Wonderful to see so many of you in attendance. You can read an article about it written by PIO Peter W1AMJ <http://www.examiner.com/article/amateur-radio-event-newington-this-weekend>

It was exciting for me to receive the George Hart Distinguished Service Award! I received the plaque but then was wonderfully surprised by a Braille plaque beautifully done with embossed print on the top, a picture of George Hart and the words in embossed Braille underneath. I can't tell you how thrilled I am to have the award and to have Braille! Those who were there can tell you how excited and surprised I was! It's hard to surprise the SM you know, hi.

Communications for Angel Ride were extremely successful. CT ARES received a letter that showed real appreciation for every volunteer who participated. There was a weather alert and Sky Warn ops were ready to lend a hand. Thanks to DEC Steve K1SJW and EC Roger K1PAI for getting the word out. Thanks to all the weather spotters in the affected area. A huge thank you to our SEC N1CLV for coordinating an event with more than 30 volunteers. This is a huge effort and he is to be commended. The detailed planning Wayne documented was impressive.

There's lots of club news this month. Here's a report from John WB2RYV, president of the Stamford Amateur Radio Association. On June 3rd, the Stamford Amateur Radio Association (SARA) provided communications support for the Bennett Cancer Center/Stamford Hospital "Hope In Motion" charity bicycle ride. The event is a 50 mile ride from downtown Stamford up through Pound Ridge NY and into North Salem NY.

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Thirteen (13) SARA members participated in the coverage, with hams stationed at three rest stops, riding shotgun in SAG vehicles, and hams driving chase vehicles to track event progress/look for riders needing aid. In addition to command and control over the event vehicles, we also had command and control over two private ambulances stationed on the route for non-critical emergencies. As in the past couple of years, net control was co-located with the Stamford Police Dept mobile command post (at the request of the Stamford PD) so that we could provide them with information on the progress of the ride. We provided Stamford PD with real-time display of pack and tail-end locations through APRS and Google Latitude transmissions from our hams.

Our coverage used both the SARA 2 meter repeater (W1EE) and the WECA 2 meter repeater (WB2ZII) to provide direct coverage through the entire route. We would like to thank WECA for its generosity in allowing us to monopolize their repeater during this event for the fifth year in a row. As in most past years, we deployed a portable 2/440 cross-band repeater (the SARArepeater) to handle communications in a critical part of the north end of the route. We again thank the Westchester County Parks Dept for allowing us access to non-public areas of one of their parks for setting up the SARArepeater.

Our people went above and beyond this year in tracking down a lost rider who managed to get a full 10 miles off the route. Since he was not from the area and had no idea where he was, we had to use APRS, Google Latitude, and geo-caching techniques to find him.

The event organizers wrote in their newsletter that they feel that they could not put on the bicycle ride without us. The newsletter goes to 1000+ recipients, including all of Stamford's elected officials, patrons of the hospital system, and event participants.

GNARC and SARA combined to provide communications for the Bloomin Metric charity bicycle ride (put on by the Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club). The ride, which goes from Sherwood Island State Park in Westport up through Redding/Easton, has over 2500 riders.

Ham radio manages the rider support operations in the field. We don't just provide radio communications -- we take the calls/text messages coming in from the riders/ride marshals, prioritize them, and dispatch the support vehicles. We also control the disposition of support vehicles to make sure that all routes are regularly patrolled, that support vehicles are never too far away from where the riders are at any given point in the ride, and that all routes are swept to make sure that the event does not leave riders out in the cold.

This year, we handled over 125 phone calls/text messages from riders and organized assistance to just over 70 riders. Some of our operators stayed well past the end of the event to help find two riders who had gotten lost. This year we also tried an interesting combination of ham radio and text messaging to communicate with the support vehicles (text messaging to send rider personal info that we felt was not appropriate for non-encrypted ham radio transmissions). We also prototyped the use of Google Latitude to track the support vehicles since APRS coverage of much of the area is non-existent.

Thanks to our work, ham radio has received very favorable notice on the Sound Cyclists message boards (1400 subscribers) and on the message boards of neighboring bicycle clubs such as Westchester Cycle Club (1500 members) and Southern Connecticut Cycle Club (800+ members).

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In addition, the event director sent out a message saying "It is crystal clear to me that we absolutely could not do this without the radio support". And as icing on the cake we had three riders come up and ask for information about becoming hams.

The following hams participated: Toy K1WYQ, Tim W1GIG, Marty KA1WBN, Paul WB2JVB, Bill WG1HM, Chris KB1QXR, Eric KB1WCO, Tony K1OC, Larry W1LAG, Fred K1FC, Joel AB1MU, Terry WA1JBO, Bruce KC2WGX, Douglas WA1SFH, and Jon WB2RYV.

CARA ran a tech class and subsequent VE session. Congratulations to the following new ops: Bruce, KB1YHX general, Greg KB1YHW general, and Ron AB1RJ extra! Welcome to the service of Amateur radio!

CARA has a new president—Roger, KB1NYY. Many thanks to Roger NG1R for his work as president last year. Congrats to Roger KB1NYY—great work both of you!

GNARC hosted a trip to the Vintage Radio Communications Museum in Windsor. There was a flea market of excess museum equipment. I hear it's an interesting trip—other clubs have enjoyed attending.

Paul K1PL from the Middlesex Amateur Radio Society wants to share this news. "We are going to run the K2D special event station again this year. It is part of the 13 Colonies Special Event. There will be stations on from all 13 Colonies from K2A to K2M. For more information go to : <http://www.13Colonies.info> or www.qrz.com/db/k2d .

Last year we made 2287 contacts; looking for more this year. The Event runs from 13:00Z (9:00 AM Eastern) June 30, 2012 to 03:59Z July 6,2012 (11:59 PM Eastern July 5, 2012). The theme for 2012 is "Colonial Era US Navy Tall Ships".

The Operators are: K1PL Paul, AK1N Joel, K1PU Mark, and WF1H Jonathon.

All K2D QSL card requests go to K1PL at the Below address. Paul Lux, 5 North Road, Cromwell, Ct 06416. <http://www.qrz.com/db/k1pl> For US stations, send a SASE with your QSL. For full details and instructions on how to get a 13 Colonies Certificate go to <http://www.13colonies.info/>. Follow the instructions that site. I will upload my logs to Logbook of the World (LoTW) at the end of the event."

This club (W1EDH) along with the Cromwell EOC (W1CWL). will be holding a tech class starting July 12 at the Cromwell Police Station Community Room 6:30 p.m. This will be a 10 week course with the test to be given on the eleventh week.

The Bristol Radio Club heard a presentation on electrical safety by Cliff Cayer, K1IFF. Cliff is responsible for electrical safety at North East Utilities. I have heard his talk and it is excellent.

DEC Douglas WA1SFH coordinated an Amateur Radio demo on the Milford Green recently. He and others distributed material about Amateur radio, and answered questions at this highly visible public event.

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Members of the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club, Mike Tucker, President, participated in the Museum Ships Weekend 2012 Special Event sponsored by the Battle Ship New Jersey Amateur Radio Club. The event started on Friday evening June 1 and ended Sunday evening June 3rd. The event allowed amateur radio operators worldwide to communicate with and operate radios from museum ships and memorials worldwide. There were more than 90 museums/memorials from more than 26 States and 17 countries. Tri-City operated radios from the NAUTILUS Museum/Library and from the US Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial, East on Bridge Street in Groton. More information can be found at www.nj2bb.org or the Tri-City website at www.qsl.net/tricityarc/. Tri-City Amateur Radio Club has been serving radio amateurs in Southeast Connecticut and Southern Rhode Island since 1950.

Check out the new Rochester Hamfest June 30 6:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m. new indoor space at Rochester Institute of Technology. Go to The Rochester Hamfest Web Site.

Silent Keys:

Steve Mendelsohn W2ML former ARRL First Vice President, former Hudson Division Director; Obituary in Ny Times. He was a real advocate of Amateur Radio. I received many notes of remembrance.

Roy Johnson N1IKM member Southern Berkshire and Bristol Radio Clubs and I think ICRC; recognized as one of the top 25 VEs by ARRL 2009-2010; former EC; N1IKM obituary

Gordon Hirshhorn K1ZHR Middlesex ARS

Ed Perkins N1JJT formerly of Guilford; founded Perkins and Sons Floor Refinishing; obituary

Gene Zimmerman W3ZZ Tribute to W3ZZ

Robert Anderson K2BJG obituary K2BJG

Katherine Barrett K1KHB; wife of Bill KW1B passed away suddenly Monday, June 18.

And now allow me a few notes.

Bob K2BJG led the Flexnet Network system operators for many years. He was very dedicated to this project and was a real help to all of the packet system ops in CT. I presented Bob with a plaque some years ago in Florida in appreciation for his service to this Section. He was a former SM in NJ. Bob was a close personal friend; he is missed.

You've all read about Gene W3ZZ I'm sure. If not, go to <http://www.arrl.org/news/former-the-world-above-50-mhz-conductor-gene-zimmerman-w3zz-sk>. He was an amazing person. I knew Gene when I was first licensed back in 1958. He grew up in West Haven and was a traffic handler at that time. He used to check into the CT Phone Net as K1ANV regularly. Gene was a close friend of my husband W1HAD (SK) who, as you might have read, got him started in VHF/UHF. When he visited CT in the summer, Gene and I would travel to ARRL and visit. Contributions in his memory can be sent to the ARRL Education and Technology Fund.

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Many of you know that Bill KW1B and his wife Kathy moved to Pinehurst, NC just 10 months ago. Sadly, Kathy KB1KHB passed away suddenly Monday. You can write to Bill at kw1b@arrl.net. Contributions in her memory can be made to the charity of your choice.

Folks, it's truly been a sad month with an unusual number of silent keys. All of our silent keys will be missed; condolences to their families and friends.

There's more news; check out my blog on the ARRL Page CT Section next week. Again, GL FD. Stay safe! C u on the air.

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