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# Time Out

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## ***This Month's Meeting***

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, August 15th 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**

<b>Date:</b>	7/18/08
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:42 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:05 PM

**Minutes taken by:** Rick Johnson, N1WGK

### **Attendees (Callsign):**

N1WGK	KA1NDE	K1WMS	N1JGR	N1RMF
K1DFS	W1DMM	W1ZFG	K1HEJ	

### **Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	N1RMF
<b>Seconded by:</b>	K1DFS
<b>Abstain:</b>	

unanimous

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<b><i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i></b>
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**Treasurer Report:**

Previous Balance:	\$1,801.31
Checks and Payments	-\$179.50
Deposits and Other Credits	\$355.00
Service Charge	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Register Balance as of 7/18/2008	\$1,956.81

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP report...**

.88 working well.  
.15 working well.  
440 is backordered by Kenwood, 6 weeks behind schedule.  
Not that it matters, but N1KGY-7 is working fine on packet.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Old Business:**

None:

**New Business:**

Discussion on the CERT training weekend, September 6 and 7, 2008. Check out the CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security website. It's free to all and well worth checking out.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1WGK
Abstain:	

Unanimous

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## ***Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary***

Section Leadership: K1EIC SM; ASMs: K1STM, KD1YV, W1FXQ, NK1J; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1TCH; SEC K1BRF; ASEC N1FNE; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB.

Wow--what a summer! We started off with some great hamfests, then Field Day with fine weather, lots of Sky Warn activity as well as a few significant ARES drills in Westbrook including the shoreline towns the Shoreline and in Danbury, a big special event effort coming up which I'll tell you about, the RASON Hamfest August 9, the great Boxboro Hamfest August 23-24 and then Labor Day weekend! And not far away we have the Western CT Hamfest in mid September followed by SET and the State Convention in October. Summer is usually quiet but this season certainly is busy both on the Amateur radio front and personally for your SM. Actually, I'm doing quite a bit of travel this summer. I recently attended the annual Convention of the American Council of the Blind in Louisville where, among other things, I heard an absolutely fascinating talk by Jean Parker, KC0HKB who spoke about her experiences as a visually impaired woman writing and producing news stories from India for networks including NPR! It was my impression that she did some significant Amateur radio communicating during the days of the Tsunami. If you're interested in listening to her talk, write to me and I'll send you the link--you'll have to scroll through some of the material though. I was fascinated listening to what she had to say. For example, if one is a professional person in India, there are real advantages for those who don't see because professional people are expected to have several assistants. It is also common for people to share rides because not everyone drives.

The other session I want to tell you about is of course the one with radio Amateurs! We heard a demo of the W4MQ Web Transceiver <http://www.w4mq.com> using the screen reading program that gives speech output that many of us use. I had played with it a bit here so this was especially interesting for me.

On the home front, there is an exciting special event coming up August 2 and 3. Using the call N9N, Navy MARS ops in CT and Southern New England will operate from the Submarine Force Library and Museum in Groton. The event will commemorate the 50th anniversary of The USS Nautilus reaching the North Pole that same weekend in 1958. It is sponsored by The Southern New England Navy Marine- Corps Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) with local coordinator Chuck K1DFS, The Submarine Amateur Radio Club (K1SSN), and Don Keith, N4KC who is co-author of the book to be published soon entitled "The Ice Diaries", the previously untold story of USS Nautilus and her historic trip to the North Pole in August, 1958. The station will operate from Groton, near the Submarine Force Library and Museum located at the end of Crystal Lake Road off Rt. 12. This location is close to where the historic ship Nautilus was located. The event is really special because it commemorates the 50th anniversary of the USS Nautilus becoming the first vessel in history to reach the North Pole August 3, 1958. The station will use the specially-issued call sign of N9N, recalling "Nautilus 90 North," the message sent to President Dwight Eisenhower as soon as the ship emerged from beneath the ice pack after successfully crossing the top of the world from Pacific to Atlantic. The North Pole is at 90 degrees north latitude. Primary frequencies: 7.279 SSB, 14.243 SSB, 14.343 SSB, and other frequencies and modes depending on the demand. All amateurs are welcome to stop by each day 9:00am to 5:00pm and say hello. Operators are especially needed both days between 9am and 5pm. Contact George N1RMF [george.carbonell@comcast.net](mailto:george.carbonell@comcast.net) for details on this aspect of the event. Bring your FCC license of course. Above all, be sure to listen and work N9N on the air August 2 and 3; they will be operational beginning Saturday 0900 continuously until Sunday midnight. Ops who plan to operate all weekend are: K1DFS, N1RMF, W1LOZ, N1JGR, KA1LAS, and N4KC. Send QSL info with SASE to N4KC for a special commemorative QSL card and more info on the Nautilus Mission to the North Pole.

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**Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd**

Just think: one lucky op will make contact at 11:15 p.m. Sunday evening August 3, the precise moment when the Nautilus reached the North Pole 50 years ago. Read about N4KC at <http://www.n4kc.com> and see August QST for info. An interview with him on WDRC radio is scheduled for Thursday, August 31 between 9 and 9:30am. Our Governor has proclaimed August 3, 2008 North Pole Crossing Day in the State of CT in recognition of the USS Nautilus. The full text of the proclamation will be on the Section Page <http://ct.arrl.org> soon. Your SM is a Navy MARS member with the call NNN0EBP but unfortunately will be out of the area at that time. I will arrange for alerts to be put up on the Web about this important and exciting event. OOC Chuck K1DFS and other members of ICRC are also Navy MARS members--we have several in the Section. Warm congratulations on this effort--I wish you every bit of success; I'm just sorry I cannot be with you.

The RASON Hamfest is coming up August 9. It will be held at the Gales Ferry Firehouse from 7:30-12:30--don't miss it! Go to <http://www.rason.org> for Hamfest flier and full information.

Don W1FYG, president of the very recently reactivated Shoreline ARC coordinated the Amateur radio operation for the ARES drill that took place in Westbrook and encompassed many of the Shoreline towns. It was gratifying to hear so many people check in--I had just returned from my trip.

Just last weekend, EC Oscar coordinated a 3-hour exercise in Danbury that involved operators throughout the Section. Many Section EOCs were open and ops from other Sections participated on the air as well. They had approximately 225 contacts on several modes with 120 different stations! Excellent work! Many thanks to Media and Public Relations Manager Allen W1AGP for the State-wide news release. See you next month.

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## **Boxboro 2008**

### Announcing the ARRL New England Division Convention

The 2008 edition of the ARRL New England Division Convention, fondly known as **Boxboro**, will be held August 22 - 24, 2008. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

A great program is being planned. We are pleased to announce that the ARRL First Vice President **Kay Craigie**, N3KN will be in attendance. Here is your opportunity to meet Kay first hand at the ARRL Forums. She will be our guest of honor and keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. Order your banquet tickets early as the seating is limited!

We are also pleased to announce the return of QCWA President, **John Johnston** W3BE. John brings his 27 years of regulatory work with the FCC to bear in his ever popular talk "What the Rules Say".

The EMCOMM folks have been hard at work putting together a great line up with the support of the ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager, **Dennis Dura** K2DCC, Deputy Chief Army MARS **Jim Griffin** AAA9B and Chief of Army MARS Operations, **Grant Hays** AAA9O. We welcome their attendance.

The Special Event station **W1A** will be in operation. This is a good opportunity to operate the top shelf amateur radio equipment the industry has to offer and have fun while doing it!

**Wouff Hong** is back! We are glad to have them and you are not going to believe who they have tapped for the "Old Man". This is a must attend event!

The "**Call for Presenters**" remains open. Please contact WO1N if you have an Amateur Radio related presentation or represent an organization that would like to reach out to a large population of active Hams.

New to our committee this year is Prize Chairman, Mike Crestohl, W1RC. He's already lined up the new **Elecraft K3** for the top prize for some lucky ham.

Flea Market pricing has been restructured with the goal of improving the Sunday turnout.

Volunteers are also welcome to help with event planning and execution.

The latest updates, online ticketing and general information can be found at <http://www.boxboro.org>

The Boxboro Holiday Inn, located at the junction of Routes 111 and 495 in Massachusetts, will again open its doors to the Amateur Radio community with its spacious parking and comfortable accommodations. Hotel information is available through the Boxboro.org website. Room rates are reduced for this year, be sure to ask for the "Boxboro Ham Radio Convention Rate" when making your reservations.

We hope to see you there!

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