
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, August 21st 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:	7/17/09
Time Started:	7:51 PM
Time Ended:	8:59 PM

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall – W1ZFG

Attendees (Callsign):

K1DFS	N1JGR	K1HEJ	N1RMF	N1JWF
KB1SNK	KA1NDE	W1ZFG	KB1RRR	K1WMS
KB1QZH				

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	N1JGR

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Treasurer Report:

BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		1185.71
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-50.00
Deposits and Other Credits	1 Item	100.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0 Items	0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		1,235.71

YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:		1,235.71
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-100.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Item	0.00
Register Balance as of 6/15/2009:		1,135.71
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:		1,135.71

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	KA1NDE
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

They work. .15 is a little weak in the Plainville/Southington area. .88 is running good. We are looking for a program/device that will convert text to touch tones to make programming the repeater controllers.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Packet Report:

There is a new system up on 145.01 run by State Police techs. .03 in Bethel lost its link to Hartford. The subject of moving N1KGY-7 to .03 to fill in the gap was brought up and discussion followed. An offer was made to change the Red Cross station to .07

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KB1RRR
Abstain:	

unanimous

Webmaster Report:

A motion was made by N1RMF, seconded by K1DFS, to publish call signs and first names of ICRC members. We are also looking for more material to update the web site. Contact George – N1RMF

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

Field Day: A great time was had by all and the food was great! Next year we should devote more resources to digital contacts, as they are worth 2 points each, as opposed to 1 point each for voice contacts. Perhaps a satellite station next year.

New Business:

The Farmington Red Cross chapter has been re-named to the CT Region chapter. The trustee of WA1ARC has been named as Walt – K1WMS.

An invitation to new members was extended to Jason – KB1SLF, Niu – KB1SMM, and Chris – KB1SLN.

Next year's Klondike Derby will be held on February 6th and 7th, 2010 at June Norcross. We will need about 15 hams with radios to properly staff the event. Contact Rick – N1JGR if interested in participating.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership: K1EIC SM: ASMs W1FXQ, K1STM, KD1YV; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1TCH; SEC N1CLV: ASECs N1FNE, K1BRF, AF1HS; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB.

I am writing this as we mourn the passing of Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, "the most trusted man in America." I want to thank ARRL for the wonderful article posted on the front page of the ARRL Web site. Don't miss it!

And it's the day before that famous walk on the moon July 20, 1969. Do you remember where you were at that time? I was home with my family with one more year of graduate school to go.

Field Day was fun--wasn't it? SEC Wayne and I so much enjoyed getting around to seven clubs in the Section. Reading your newsletters and the posts on your various email lists, it just seemed that this year brought more enthusiasm than ever among the clubs. People felt this year more like a team. Lots of newly-licensed operators came out to their first Amateur Radio Field Day which was a special treat! We had the storm the night before, which was written about in the latest ARES e-letter

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/ares-el/index.html?issue=current>.

All of your sites were unique and wonderful but I can't resist mentioning the Shore Point ARC's site on the beach in West Haven. My gosh, there were just lots of people on hand to see what was going on and the atmosphere of the beach sure was a treat on that summer day. Of course, the Region 2 trailer was on hand for a comfortable Field Day operation! Remember, you can all tell your FD stories on The Contest Soapbox

http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/?con_id=176 .

The SEC and I want to thank DEC Sky Warn Steve K1SJW, his leadership and all spotters for the help during the Friday night storms that raged through CT. Some ops were out setting up for FD during that time and couldn't leave because of the severity of the weather. Chuck, AB1CR, reported the tree that fell on a house--we all heard about that one on the news. Again, thank you all for your help and your reports.

Some RF systems have been damaged due to lightning. The 147.505 operated by K1SOX and SPARC is back on the air in a "basic configuration" but other systems are down. Their 224.500 repeater in West Haven is off the air presently. DEC Chris W1HVN has indicated the following changes to the Region II frequency plan: Skywarn will use the following setup upon activation and scheduled nets: 444.500 Woodbridge W1WPD Repeater (+) and DPL 073 or PL 77.0 transmit This will be linked to the W1BCG Killingworth 145.290 Repeater (-) with PL of 110.9.

Resource Net Linked Repeater System: If Skywarn is activated, then the 147.360 W1KKF Wallingford Repeater will be linked to the 446.925 Durham Repeater and will serve as the Resource Net until the plan resumes normal operations. The primary command/control freq for Region II ARES will shift from the 224.800 to the North Guilford NI1U 900MHz repeater and the Branford N1HUI 900MHz repeater as per plan.

And now this summer, we have a special treat: an ARRL Hamfest in Southern CT--read on! This coming Saturday, at the Holiday Inn 201 Washington Street, North Haven, there will be the Yankee Peddler Hamfest sponsored by B&B Hamsters N1GNV and George Politzi, K2ZZ of Radio Oasis South Salem, NY. Indoor exhibits open to the public at 8:00 a.m. Indoor tables must be reserved; setup 6:00 am. Tailgating available, first come, first served! New and used equipment from major vendors including Quicksilver Radio Products, KJI Electronics, Radio Oasis, Battery Tech, West Mountain Radio, Hambroidery.com. Take Exit 12 off I-91 and you're there! Talk-in 147.36+, no PL.

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Indoor space: 6ft table and chair \$15; outside 1 outdoor tailgate space \$10; general admission \$7, children under 16 years old and unlicensed spouses free. Email info@yankeehamfest.com; vendors contact John Bee N1GNV vendors@yankeehamfest.com, 30 Tremont St., Meriden, CT 06450 203-440-4468. See the image of the flier at <http://www.yankeehamfest.com> . Come support the first hamfest in a long time in CT during mid-summer! See you there!

And now a report from our SEC Wayne, N1CLV. The partnership between CT ARES and the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (CT DEMHS) continues to develop and strengthen. John Gustafson, CT DEMHS Emergency Telecommunications Manager, attended the Region 5 Spring Training and several drills involving ARES participation. He has publicly acknowledged the importance of ARES in the state's emergency communications planning as well as our statewide capabilities (linked repeaters, digital networks, etc).

Both John Gustafson and Dennis Dura K2DCD, ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager, supported an invitation for SM Betsey K1EIC and SEC Wayne N1CLV to attend the FEMA Region I Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECCWG) meeting held at the CT Fire Academy on 15 July. Part of the meeting involved tours of CT's mobile emergency communications assets, including the newly commissioned Region 4 ARES Mobile Communications Unit (MCU). The MCU was funded from a Department of Homeland Security grant.

All ARES Regional DECs ought to get involved with their Regional Emergency Planning Teams (REPT), in particular by establishing ARES participation on RESF#2 (Communications). Each Region has a draft Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) that has provisions for including amateur radio frequency plans. The Chair of RESF#2 in each CT DEMHS Region is the point of contact for compiling the TICP.--Wayne N1CLV

Congrats to Wayne and DEC Bill W1GTT and all involved in the DEMHS grant for this mobile communications unit.

The Spring Training ARES event was covered in The DEMHS Advisor, the DEMHS monthly newsletter that goes out to State officials, all Chief Elected Officials, all emergency management directors all Region coordinators and staff in CT. You can read it at http://www.ct.gov/demhs/lib/demhs/docsuploaded/demhs_newsletter/july_2009.pdf.

Hearty congratulations from the entire Section leadership team to EC Oscar, KO1F and DEC Dave K1DAV and the entire team who worked on this event. The article was wonderful as was the article in the June ARES e-letter which can be viewed at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/ares-el/index.html?issue=2009-06-17>.

The Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club reports that ADEC Toy, K1WYQ and EC Tim W1GIG and DEC Allan NN1H responded to a command performance for a Table Top Exercise, A simulated hurricane in Norwalk. On hand for the exercise were representatives of every City organization that would be involved in an emergency with the exception of the phone company. They made a lot of good contacts at the exercise.

The club covered the Bloomin' Metric and the MS Bike Ride and helped out at the Stamford Bike Ride.

The Southern Berkshire ARC will again have a special event station at the Goshen Fair Labor Day weekend September 5, 6 and 7. This is an annual event which gives lots of PR to Amateur Radio. I'm hoping to get there this year--should be fun!

ARRL Connecticut Section

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