
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, September 18th 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:	8/21/09
Time Started:	7:32 PM
Time Ended:	8:59 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson – N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	W1LOZ	N1RMF	N1KGY	K1DFS
K1HEJ	N1JGR	K1WMS	N1JWF	KA1NDE
N1JBS	W1ZFG	KB1KZC	KB1SNL	

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	N1JGR (Did not receive e-mail)

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Treasurer Report:

BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		1285.71
Checks and Payments	2 Item	-200.00
Deposits and Other Credits	2 Item	150.00
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	2 Item	-179.50
Deposits and Other Credits	1 Item	50.00
 Register Balance as of 8/18/2009:		 1,106.21
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
 Register Ending Balance:		 1,106.21

Motion to Accept:	W1ZFG
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

N1JGR is on vacation (but here). 88 and 15 working fine. 85 is working fine too.
 Not sure about packet but nobody uses it anyway... ☺ The packet gurus should decide which frequencies it should be set to. We will be moving our site from 07 to 03 on September 19th.
 Motion to do the changeover, K1DFS, N1KGY, motion approved. Discussion of some changes at the 15 site.
 Motion to accept the generous donation from a member of the club: N1WGK, second by K1DFS, unanimous
 Motion to authorize the technical committee to install new hardware and make site improvements: N1WGK, N1RMF, unanimous

Motion to Accept:	N1KGY
Seconded by:	N1WGK
Abstain:	

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

President's Report:

Discussion on the Lamentation Mountain lease being renewed.

We also sent 3 new licensees an invitation to become members of the ICRC.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

Webmaster Report:

We have been updating the website, still getting some of the node information updated.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

Venture Scouting: Need 15 hams for November 6-8 (setup on the 6th). It will be up on Ashford, CT. It will be handled like the Klondike. They would like to do this as an ongoing thing. If you want more information, contact Rick, N1JGR.

NearFest: October 16-18. Several people are going to head up to NearFest from the club.

JOTA: October 17-18. We will probably not be running JOTA because it's not coinciding with the Camporee in our area.

New Business:

Would there be any interest in doing the Phone Sweepstakes through the club. It is the 3rd weekend in November. It's the HF bands and it's worldwide.

There will be breakfast next month. The 3rd Saturday of September (9/19) in Carousel in Southington, near the movie place. It will be at 8AM-10AM.

Crazy discussion regarding the linking of repeaters.

Motion to use N1ITT for the sweepstakes Chuck Motes, Chuck Ayers

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

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

It was fun seeing so many of you at the Yankee Peddler Hamfest in North Haven. The feedback I heard was that getting together mid summer was a special treat. And I guess for this summer, it was also a treat not to be rained out!

Many of the clubs are having their picnics--NARL, QCWA, GNARC and CARA to name a few. I had a great time at the QCWA gathering in Wallingford, as I don't often have the opportunity to get to that lunch.

Your SM and twin Barb K1EIR were thrilled to attend the NTS 2RN picnic at the home of former SM and longtime Eastern Area Staff chair Bill W2MTA. And weather-wise, I think it was the best weekend of the summer! It was exciting to see some colleagues on 1RN, namely the First Region Net Cycle 2 Manager N1UMJ, TCC Director Marcia KW1U, a very active traffic handler Jack, N1OTC of Eastern Mass., Steve WV1X from ARRL, KR4MU from Virginia who is a daily participant in Eastern Area Net (EAN) Cycle 2 and many of our friends on Clearing House Net, and Hit and Bounce Net manager K3RC. It was fantastic!

I know that many of you don't know these ops but just so you're aware, the CW and SSB upper level nets continue daily to handle out-of-State traffic. These ops are assigned to these nets because of their skill. You can listen to EAN Monday through Friday on 7243 kHz at 1430. This summer, I've gotten back into doing a once-per-week transcontinental corps (TCC) sked handling traffic from Eastern area to Central area which encompasses regions 5, 9 and 10. This activity is one which I very much enjoy. Meeting these ops was a wonderful experience for both of us, something I wanted to share with all of you. After all, friendship and the bond among us are special in Amateur Radio.

Speaking of NTS, ARRL has a new area on their Web page devoted to this program:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/pubservice.html#ntsr> .

Newcomers will enjoy a Power Point presentation about the program and procedures which include digital procedures. Check it out.

We are celebrating 60 years of NTS and how appropriate it is that the Board, at its last meeting approved The George Hart Distinguished Service Award named in honor of George Hart, W1NJM, long-time Communications Manager at ARRL Headquarters and chief developer of The National Traffic System. You can read the full terms of reference in Minute 30 of the July meeting posted at www.arrl.org/announce/board-0907/. In summary, the award will be given to a member whose service to the ARRL's Field Organization is of the most exemplary nature. Nominations are due to the Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton NN1N by November 1.

Mark your calendars for the Western CT Hamfest sponsored by the Candlewood ARA, AB1DO chair at Edmond Town Hall Newtown September 13, SET October 3 and the Nutmeg Hamfest October 11.

The Western CT Hamfest will start on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 8:30am and run until 12:30 at Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main St., Newtown. Talk-in: 147.300(+) PL 100.0. Admission \$6.00, indoor tables \$15.00 which includes one admission; tailgating \$10.00 including one admission; children under age 10 enter free. Seminars include Air Travel Proven Mobile HF Gear by Ray, KL7C and Internet Linking by Jonathan Taylor K1RFD, author of Echolink. Sure hope to see you there. For updated details visit <http://www.danbury.org/cara/Hamfest.html> where you can download the most current flier.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

The Stratford Amateur Radio Club, W1ORS, had an open house this past weekend to celebrate their new station. Several local newspapers carried the announcement inviting ham ops and the public to attend. They gained new members; many did not realize the club was active. After the open house, many ops tried their hand contesting using their new pair of FT950s with software logging. Bob W1RPG stated that "they had lots of hot and cold beverages along with cookies, donuts and a large cake decorated in true Amateur Radio style with our club name, call noting the club's existence Since 1946 alongside a transmission tower with RF emitting out." The club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 at their clubhouse at Booth Memorial Park Stratford. Congrats to all at W1ORS!

Did you know the ARRL offers more newsletters than just the ARRL Letter? You can sign up for The ARRL Contest Update, a biweekly publication, the ARES E-Letter which is a monthly publication containing items of interest to those who participate in public service events, The ARRL Club News an excellent publication full of ideas for clubs, the ARRL Instructor/teacher, and the ARRL VE News. You can sign up on the member data page at <http://www.arrl.org-membersonly/memdata.html> .

See you next month.

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Nominations for Officers/Board Members

Once again it is time to think about elections for next year. I will be accepting nominations for officers and board members at the September meeting and up until the October meeting, where the slate will be presented. Anyone who would like to nominate someone (or themselves) for any office or board membership may do so either at the September meeting or by e-mailing me the information.

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