
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, October 16th 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:	9/18/09
Time Started:	7:33 PM
Time Ended:	8:24 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson – N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	N1JGR	K1HEJ	K1WMS	KB1KZC
KB1SNL	KB1SNM	KB1RRR	N1RMF	WA1NXC
KA1NDE	N1JWF	W1ZFG		

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Treasurer Report:

Report e-mailed for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	NIRMF
Seconded by:	KAINDE
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

The noise has subsided on the 88 machine for some reason.

440 machine the link is working fine.

15 machine is working to specification

Motion to Accept:	N1KGY
Seconded by:	KB1RRR
Abstain:	

President's Report:

We may have one or two invitations to mail this month.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Webmaster Report:

Updated website. We are getting some hits on the website. Things happening are being kept updated, thanks George.

Membership list is up to date, VE sessions are up to date.

If you want something added, write it up and send it to him. The web address is www.icrcweb.org

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Old Business:

CT Rivers First Annual Venturee: We will be both safety and communications in Ashford, CT. This will be taking place on November 6-8, 2009. We will need at least 15 hams! Contact Rick, N1JGR, for more information. The events include mountain biking, kayaks, canoeing, archery, firing range, cope course, etc. We don't know what food would be like. They are arriving at 6PM on Friday (cheese/crackers). On Saturday, there's a training class from 9-11AM. Hams should arrive 9:30AM to be placed. Bring your own food. It will take place until dusk. On Sunday, it will go from 9AM until 2PM.

NEARFEST: Discussion ensued.

JOTA: it's out, since it is on the same weekend as NEARFEST

Breakfast tomorrow morning, Saturday, 9/19/09. Location: Carousel Shop in Southington

Burlington repairs: as soon as we get more money. The SCOM is here, the amplifier is here and the new repeater has been picked up as well.

Brochures: 50 were printed.

New Business:

KLONDIKE: Feb 5th, 2010 for setup. The Klondike is taking place on the 6th and 7th. We need at least 15 hams. Contact Rick, N1JGR, if you want to help. It will take place in Ashford, at JNC.

Discussion of nominations: The nominees will be presented next month. Only the top 10 vote-getters will be directors.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1RMF
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.

A big Thank You to all from the ECARA who hosted a booth at the Woodstock Fair. ECARA has done this for many years, and this year was no exception.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

This coming weekend is a busy one.

On Friday evening, the Candlewood ARA will hear SGL Mike K1MK give a presentation on the 100th anniversary of the MIT Radio Association. Check out Mike's article in April QST.

CARA is holding a VE session on Saturday at The Stony Hill Fire Station, 59 Stony Hill Rd., Bethel so if you want to upgrade, you can do it then. Registration is at 11:30am. You do not need to pre-register but if you know you are coming, it would be good for you to email Frank N1PE frsileo@att.net.

This Saturday, some members of the NARL led by Ted WA1NXC will have a special events station at the Hebron Fair. I have just received a very nice three panel desktop display from ARRL which I will bring to the Fair that will be perfect for these events. If your club is doing a PR event and you want a nice looking display that will focus on the five pillars of Amateur radio and draw attention to your booth, be sure and let me or PIC KA1TCH know so we can arrange for you to have it. You may need to drive to pick it up from one of us in the Section; we're not shipping it. You are encouraged to use it! I also have a new banner for your use.

Also on Saturday, EC Chris WA1VXH and his team are participating in the Wallingford Walk-a-Thon from 8:00 to noon. Chris is looking for volunteers so if you can help, write him at wa1vxh@arrl.net.

The Western CT Hamfest sponsored by the Candlewood ARA with AB1DO chair is on the agenda for this coming Sunday, September 13 at Edmond Town Hall Newtown. I'll be there at the ARRL table with a new look! Come and say hello and see what's there! The Hamfest will start 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.

And the September VHF contest is this coming weekend! This is one I used to operate and found it to be lots of fun. I've taken down the horizontally-polarized antennas some years ago. If you have the time, try it out--see <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/sepvhf.html> for the current rules.

DEC Steve Williams K1SJW will speak at The Valley Amateur Radio Association on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30PM at The Pine Rock Firehouse Long hill Avenue, Shelton.

We have some new leaders in the Section. Congratulations to two new ECs in region 3: Armando KB1PRP EC of Newington and Quentin, KB1EWM EC New Britain. Many thanks also to DEC Jonathan KB1KIX for training and recruiting Armando and Quentin to these two important positions.

Ed, KA1RMV has been net manager of The Eastern CT Traffic Net since October, 2003 and has decided to step down. A huge thank you to Ed for his patience and diligence training new operators and coordinating net activities. I know for sure that STM Larry K1HEJ will want to use Ed to assist him with traffic matters. We appreciate your wisdom Ed.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Larry has recruited another veteran traffic handler to take over this net; Andy Emars, NX1Q. Thanks Andy for your willingness to step up to the plate and coordinate this local net. Like Ed, Andy is a very experienced NTS op--we're really happy to have him on board. Andy can be reached at nx1q@arrl.net.

EC Armando KB1PRP is looking for volunteers for the Hartford Riverfront Regatta, scheduled for Sunday, October 4. This is an all day event rain or shine. His goal is for 20 volunteers, to be working in pairs of two due to safety concerns for the participants on the river. Volunteers will receive free t-shirts, and fun memories to last a life time. Anyone interested can contact me at kb1prp@arrl.net.

Dana Rawding, N1OFZ has, for many years hosted and administered the ARES® discussion list. Unfortunately, Dana is no longer able to do that for us with personal and work obligations mounting. The list will come back in some format--we'll be in touch about that soon. A big thank you to Dana for helping us out in this way. The discussion list is one which brings us all together and allows us to be creative in our search for new techniques and tools toward quality public service. The SEC is sending out regular messages via your DECs so be sure and watch for those important messages relating to storms and our alert levels and any actions he needs for you to take.

Here's a message from John N1IWT. Tipsnet, the Training Information and Public Service Net is restarting for the twelfth season! September's program schedule includes two guests sure to please.

September 15th will be special on TIPSnet -- we will celebrate the Amateur Radio 'career' of KB2GSD, CBS News Anchor Walter Cronkite who recently became a Silent Key.

The news outlets far and wide covered his news career at CBS, but we want to dwell on his hobby - amateur radio. We'll have a first hand account of his Novice Class CW exam from the ham who gave him his test. From CQ Amateur Radio Magazine, Rich Moseson, W2VU will join us. At the time he worked for CBS News. We will discuss Walter's contribution to our hobby. Bring your thoughts on this famous ham operator; Rich has many funny stories from years at CBS, and some of the other famous hams that worked at CBS. Many will remember Rich's visit last year which gave him the idea for his Feb 2009 'zero Bias' editorial discussing non-traditional nets.

On September 29th, we are proud to have another returning guest, the producer and host of the R.A.I.N. Report Hap Holly Kc9RP. Hap is a great friend of Amateur Radio and we'll discuss current ham happenings.

Check-in to TIPSnet Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30pm EDT locally via the W1WPD repeater in Woodbridge CT 444.500 (+5) DCS 093 or PL 77.0 encode only; EchoLink Conference Server New-Eng node 9123 or IRLP Reflector 912 channel 3.

For more information contact net manager Anne K1STM@tipsnet.org or program manager John N1IWT@tipsnet.org.

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Nominations for Officers/Board Members

The slate for the Officers and Board Members was created at the September meeting and will be presented at the October meeting. The slate was also e-mailed to all nominees. Anyone not wishing to be on the slate will have until the November meeting to notify me to be removed. The finalized slate will be voted on at the November meeting.

Dan Wall – W1ZFG ,Chairman – Nominating Committee walldan54@att.net

Appropriate Use Guidelines

Also attached to this month's newsletter is a copy of the Appropriate Use of Amateur Radio guidelines recently released by the ARRL. If you have not seen it yet, take a moment to look thru it. It might come in handy .

For the latest information, visit our website at <http://www.icrcweb.org>