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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, October 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**

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| <b>Date:</b>         | 9/17/10 |
| <b>Time Started:</b> | 7:45 PM |
| <b>Time Ended:</b>   | 8:35 PM |

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

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

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| N1WGK  | W1ZFG | N1JGR  | K1DFS  | KB1TBL |
| K1WMS  | N1JWF | N1RMF  | KA1NDE | KB1SNL |
| KB1TFU | AB1NH | KB1KZC | K1HEJ  | N1KGY  |
| KB1SUJ |       |        |        |        |
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### **Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

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| <b>Motion to Accept:</b> | K1DFS |
| <b>Seconded by:</b>      | N1KGY |
| <b>Abstain:</b>          | N1JGR |

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

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| Motion to Accept: | N1KGY  |
| Seconded by:      | KB1TBL |
| Abstain:          |        |

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**Admin. VP Report:**

Need to compose the slate for elections. It will be held under New Business.

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| Motion to Accept: | N1WGK |
| Seconded by:      | K1DFS |
| Abstain:          |       |

**Tech. VP Report:**

Machines seem to be running correctly. There was a bit of noise earlier in the month due to atmospheric conditions.

.15 site was visited today by Rick, N1JGR, and everything looks pretty good. Power washing needs to be done. If there are any issues with the running of the machines, contact Rick, N1JGR.

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| Motion to Accept: | K1DFS  |
| Seconded by:      | N1KGY  |
| Abstain:          | KB1TBL |

**Webmaster Report: [www.icrcweb.org](http://www.icrcweb.org)**

We had some issues with uploading the pictures but it's now working correctly. Membership database is up to date.

**Presidents Report:**

SET is the first weekend in November (5/6, 2010), no additional information available at this time.

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## ***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

### **Old Business:**

The club has decided to invest in APRS equipment. It's about \$100 per kit and we build it ourselves. Once completed, it uses GPS and your radio to report where you are. The spin-off is that we can utilize these for Klondike on the sleds, so we know exactly where the kids are. These units will be YOURS but the club may ask to borrow it for the Klondike...but they are yours.

If you don't want to solder, it would be another \$10.

### **New Business:**

Elections: Slate composed this month, email will be sent out.

Klondike – Discussed upcoming Klondike stuff and they were excited that we were going to put some APRS radios on the sleds as a test. The Klondike will be first full weekend in February (Feb 5-6, 2011). We need at least 10 guys for Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, and at least 6 on Sunday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be back at Ashford this year.

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| Motion to Adjourn: | N1WGK |
| Seconded by:       | K1DFS |
| Abstain:           |       |

## ***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 will also be 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

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## 147.15 Repeater Site Work Party

Work on the Solar Panel Project for the Burlington site has been progressing. On 9/26, the roof was power-washed to remove many years of accumulated crud. On 10/3, a layer of plywood was screwed down to the existing roof and covered with roll roofing. The next step will be to build the brackets to attach the solar panels to the roof.

Special thanks go out to Pete – KB1KZC, Steve – KB1RRR, and Roman from Daddona Construction ([www.daddonaconstruction.com](http://www.daddonaconstruction.com)) for their hard work on this project.

While that was going on, additional projects were being completed. Several issues with the repeater controller were resolved and four of the extremely heavy batteries (500 lbs each) were removed from the building for disposal.

Performing the above projects and also assisting with the roof construction were: Rick – N1JGR, Chuck – K1DFS, Larry – K1HEJ, and Dan – W1ZFG.







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

Section leadership: ASMs W1FXQ, KD1YV, K1STM; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1WPM; SEC N1CLV; ASECs N1FNE, K1VSC, AF1HS; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB

With the weather the way it's been, it sure doesn't seem like Fall. But fall is here and the clubs are gearing up for the year. In fact, it's time for our annual State convention affectionately called Nutfest sponsored by the Meriden Amateur Radio Club. Yes, October 10 is the date and it's approaching fast. Here's the scoop from Meriden ARC Club President John N1GNV. General admission is \$7.00, children under 18 free. Unlicensed spouses Free. Inside tables \$30.00 each; tailgating \$20, unlimited space (within reason).

Bob Allison, WB1GCM, ARRL Lab Engineer, will present a behind the scenes look at the QST Product Review process. Dave Bernstein, AA6YQ, will talk about his highly regarded DX Lab suite of programs. The NARL foxhunt group will give an intro to direction finding, followed by a beginner level hunt on the grounds.

More information at [www.nutmeghamfest.com](http://www.nutmeghamfest.com).

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

Now let's catch up on what's gone on recently and the fall plans. ARES ops are so busy each weekend that the SEC has moved SET to the first week of November.

We saw lots of you at the Division convention in Boxboro. There were lots of good forums; it was hard to choose among concurrent sessions but that's what makes a good convention. SEC Wayne, N1CLV represented us well at the ARES forum conducted by Rob KD1CY, SEC EMA. It is always instructive to learn about what other Sections are doing. Congrats to our SEC and his staff, to all of the ECs, OES's and all of you in CT ARES who continue to keep our program one that provides quality service.

Members of The Radio Amateur Society of Norwich did their usual great job at the Wouff-Hong ceremony that is so traditional. New ops, if you've never experienced this tradition, don't miss it next time you have the chance. RASON has coordinated this activity for many years; they've been seen many times rehearsing their parts. Thanks everyone!

There was a fine turnout at the RASON Hamfest in August. I was delighted to have the chance to provide materials to so many of you who are giving classes, exhibiting at fairs and other community events. Write me and tell me about your experiences!

There sure were lots of flea marketers at the CARA hamfest. The weather was just right for finding the right connector, part, boat anchor or perhaps an HT. There was lots of interest in both forums. Steve W1SMS talked about putting up towers safely and EC Oscar KO1F showed an excellent video authored by the Region 5 ESF2 team on interoperable communications. We were delighted to see Amateur radio included.

The Northville Amateur Radio Association will be staffing an amateur radio booth at the Fall Festival in Warren October 9 and 10. They're looking for operators. If you're interested, contact President Mike W8ZY [mikeandletha@charter.net](mailto:mikeandletha@charter.net).

Here's a note from our ASM and EC Jim, KD1YV: The Bethel Office of Emergency Management/BEARS will sponsor a Special Event Station commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of P.T. Barnum. Barnum was born and raised in Bethel. The Special Event coincides with a weekend-long town celebration, which will be capped by a parade the unveiling of a statue of P.T. Barnum at the Bethel Public Library.

What: Special Event Amateur Radio Station commemorating 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of P.T. Barnum.

When: Saturday, Sept. 25, 09:00 - 17:00 ET (13:00 - 21:00z).

Where: P.T. Barnum Square, off Greenwood Ave., Bethel, CT

Frequencies: 21.365 14.265 7.265 +/- QRM

A certificate will be available. Please send \$1 for printing costs plus large SASE to:

J. Ritterbusch, 8B Kayview Ave., Bethel, CT 06801

Several ARES members participated in the Camp Challenge Ride at the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. This involved a great deal of planning. Many thanks to all those who participated and to SEC Wayne who coordinated the effort.

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

At the ICRC meeting, a demonstration of the Open Tracker Plus was given by Dan, W1ZFG. The purpose was to demonstrate how various hams in different locations equipped with the OT+ can display all their positions at a central location on a computer running APRS software. The club plans on using this technology at the upcoming Boy Scouts Klondike Derby in February to monitor the positions of the various sleds in the field. To prepare for this event, ICRC will have a build-a-thon when they will build the trackers. The parts are being ordered!

Congrats to the following on earning Public Service Honor Roll for their activity during August:  
KB1NMO 110 points; K1HEJ 110; N1QLN 105.

Station activity reports August: NM1K 274 BPL; K1EIC 194, N1QLN 48,  
KB1NMO 42, K1HEJ 33.

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