
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, November 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:	10/19/07
Time Started:	7:35 PM
Time Ended:	8:30 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson, N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	N1JGR	KA1KRP	KA1NDE	K1WMS
N1JWF	N1IKM	K1HEJ	W1ZFG	KB1KZC

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1IKM
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer not present. N1IKM moved to table to next month, N1WGK seconded, unanimous.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP report...

15 machine is working well. Last Sunday, they moved batteries. We would like to thank Al's son-in-law Andy for his help...it was VERY helpful for moving the batteries. Also, thanks to Pete, Al, Rick and Chuck for going to work on the batteries as well.

We still need to schedule the antenna work up there, so the scheduling needs to be done soon.

We haven't gotten the amplifier back yet.

440 seems to be running, but we are babying it for now.

Packet 07 is still standalone

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	KA1KRP
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

Smashing Pumpkins was a success. We all had a good time and nobody had any real emergencies, which was good.

Do we want to do something for our ex-president that passed away? Have Chuck find out if there's a preferred donation?

New Business:

KLONDIKE! This year will be Feb 2nd and 3rd. Please consider joining us...it is a blast. We will be up there the 1st, so plan on being there. We don't know where it will be, yet...but it promises to be a lot of fun.

Elections Stuff: It's time to present the slate from September. Expect an e-mail from Dan.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

John West, N1IWT, is down at a convalescent hospital right now in Meriden. If interested, please contact him and send cards and letters...I think he would get a kick out of it.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	KA1KRP
Abstain:	

Unanimous

Election of Officers/Board Members

The slate for the Officers and Board Members was 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.

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Chairman – Nominating Committee
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Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership: ASMs: N1FNE, K1STM, NK1J, W1FXQ, KD1YV; OOC W1GC; PIC KA1TCH; SEC K1BRF; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB. Wow--what a month! Where do I start?

Your SM and several members of the Section including a good representation from CLIDE (our digital committee) had a terrific time at the ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference. It was the first for many of us and I for one am headed to Chicago next year--it was that good folks. The presenters were real pros and the content invigorating. Today I just bought a new laptop that happens to have a fire wire port on it so I'll be ready for software-defined radios if I can find one that's reasonably accessible for those of us who use screen reading software. Here I am, almost 50 years in Amateur radio and I'm still excited about what we do and learning how we do new things with new technologies.

Then there was the wonderful weekend-long 60th anniversary celebration of ARRL membership by the CQ Radio Club in Torrington. I was there Saturday to help operate their special event station. Being with the members of the club for a day-long radio event was a special treat for me; I don't often get to sit down with a club and play radio for that length of time. This was followed by a dinner at which Director Frenaye attended and gave a 60 year plaque to the club from ARRL. All through the dinner, we got to see a marvelous multimedia presentation of memories of the club compiled and edited by their President and our PIC Al KA1TCH. From the comments around me, I know that the video was really very well done and was special. Your SM presented the group with an MFJ wall clock showing the time zones in different countries.

This coming Thursday, October 25, the Meriden Amateur Radio Club celebrates 60 years as a club; next year they will celebrate 60 years as an affiliated club! Congratulations to CQ and Meriden!

The day after the CQ Club dinner was the Nutmeg State Convention sponsored by The Meriden Amateur Radio Club. What fun! Attendance has been estimated to have increased by 14% over last year and all forums were very well attended! The Section very much appreciated the time and talent of both our forum speakers: Commissioner Thomas of DEMHS and "the Doctor" of QST's "The Doctor is In".

The ARRL Forum hosted by your SM with guests Director Tom Frenaye K1KI and Vice Director Mike Raisbeck K1TWF was attended by about 35 ops who gave us good ideas for our new Section Page and other aspects of Section activity as well. SM K1EIC, assisted by Steve Ewald WV1X was privileged to present plaques for meritorious service to Bruce Marcus N1NG and PVRA, Dana Underhill KB1AEV and Rod Lane, N1FNE for their efforts in promoting, supporting and ownership of multiple RF systems that serve the Amateur population and the public at large. Dana was on hand as VP of operations to accept the award for Bruce and PVRA--many thanks Dana. The group was reminded that repeater and digital systems take a huge amount of time and a good bit of money to get on the air and maintain. Dana and Bruce were specially thanked for their part in finding a new site and returning the 147.18 repeater now located in Prospect to operation for the Labor Day holiday. PVRA owns and maintains 16 repeaters including one in Rhode Island; they also own the W1HDN Winlink central server for CT. Bruce continues to be a major contributor in the ownership and maintenance of these systems. Just recently, he gave a talk to the Mt. Tom Radio Club about linked repeaters. Dana spends hours maintaining many of these systems as well as the repeaters in the KB1AEV linked system, the Sharon, Winsted and Torrington machines. In addition, Dana owns a few APRS repeaters. Rod is part owner of The KB1AEV and Southington linked repeater systems and continually promotes their use as well as the use of digital systems. Some time ago, Rod gave a talk to the ARES leadership team about the various linked repeater systems we have in CT and what's involved in their operation. A huge thank you to all!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

It was a lot of fun giving prizes to the winners; the first prize winner of a Kenwood dual band mobile radio was my longtime friend Danny Clark W1EVH. My goodness, we worked each other back in the AM days! Congrats!

Again, a big thank you to chairman Bill W1KKF, program chair Dan W1DMM and the entire club for their time, creativity, coordination, teamwork and talent that each year makes this event something special.

That same weekend ASM Jim KD1YV and PIC Al KA1TCH got our new Section Web site up: <http://ct.arrl.org>. Jim is the webmaster and Al is hosting us. Soon we will put your links to your club sites and give others of you who do not have sites the chance to post something about your club. If you will be regularly submitting items to our new Web calendar, please contact KD1YV kd1yv@arrl.net and register so you can post events! Your ideas are welcome as always!

The Simulated Emergency Test was held last week. SEC Brian appointed DEC Wayne N1CLV as chair of the event; Wayne and his committee spent many long hours and several conference calls planning the exercise. Reports and input are presently being compiled. Soon, your SM and SEC will be meeting with Wayne and members of the committee to go over the input. I'll have more to report next month. But for now, just know that these folks deserve a real applause for their commitment, effort talent and teamwork to create this 2007 SET drill. Thank you Wayne, and thank you all: K1BRF, K1DAV, K1HEJ, NN1H and K1SJW.

No drill can be successful without you, the participants. Your time, expertise and input are very much appreciated and critical to a growing, dynamic CT ARES. Your SEC and I thank you.

Volunteers needed for the annual Norwich Winter Festival Parade to be held on Sunday, December 2 from 1130 to 1500 at the Chelsea Parade Green in Norwich (Washington St. at Broadway). Contact coordinator Lee KB1NAL kb1nal@arrl.net or DEC Wayne N1CLV n1clv@arrl.net

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