
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, November 20th 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:	10/16/09
Time Started:	7:36 PM
Time Ended:	8:13 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson – N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	K1HEJ	N1RMF	N1KGY	KB1SNK
N1JWF	KA1NDE	K1WMS	N1ITT	
K1DFS*	W1ZFG*	KB1KZC*	KB1RRR*	N1JGR*
* = via cell phone				

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1ITT
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Treasurer Report:

About \$3500 in the bank.

Motion to Accept:	N1ITT
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

Repeaters are working great, especially with the upgraded .15 machine. Everything seems to be playing very nicely and links to 88.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

President's Report:

SET is coming up on November 14th. Other than that, nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

Webmaster Report:

Website has been updated, shows Burlington and Bristol linked including Walt's 220 link.

More stuff to be updated this week.

ARES SET coming up, so it will be on the website.

Looking for updates for Breakfast, 21st of November, Carousel?

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Old Business:

Venture Scouting has been cancelled. No replacement date has been set as yet. It should be revisited as New Business at a later date.

JOTA – This weekend but we won't be active. It will be happening at the league.

New Business:

Discussion of running the contest on November 21st. Motion to allow the club call to be used in the contest, unanimous, New Hampshire contingent abstained...

Motion on the floor to discuss the ordering of another 733, to replace the one in Bristol. They are under \$500. N1KGY, N1JWF seconded...unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1JGR
Abstain:	

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 (except Rick), 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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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.

The time has finally come for the eighteenth annual Nutfest, formally called The Nutmeg Hamfest and ARRL CT State Convention Mountain Side Wallingford. This coming Sunday doors open at 8:00 a.m. The Hamfest, sponsored by The Meriden ARC is an annual event we all look forward to so come on out, attend the forums and maybe win a prize, shop till you drop and just have fun. Talk-in 147.36 R, +600, no PL. The weather promises to be good too which adds to the occasion. I can't wait to see all of you! The weather held out for the Western CT Hamfest in September and I hear that the weather promises to be great Sunday.

The number of forums has doubled in response to your requests. Your Section Manager K1EIC, Division Director K1KI and Vice Director K1TWF will be on hand for the ARRL Forum. Learn about antennas at "Antenna University" where you'll hear a number of experts give talks and answer your questions. Fred Hopengarten, the one who wrote the book on zoning laws, K1VR will be on hand to talk about zoning laws and Amateur radio antennas! Noted astronomer John Wallace will talk about radio astronomy. You'll hear talks on multiband HF antennas by QST Technical Editor Joel Hallas W1ZR and hear ARRL lab supervisor Ed Hare W1RFI talk about the best DX antenna. Don't miss the Yankee Clipper Contest Club's October meeting, the VE session and meet QST's "the doctor" to get your questions answered! What a terrific list of forums! For the full schedule go to http://www.nutmeghamfest.com/event_in.htm

Fall has really been very busy. I just want to thank everyone involved in special event and other display activities. There have been special event stations at Goshen Fair, Woodstock Fair, Hebron Fair, Community Preparedness Awareness Day in Cromwell sponsored by the Middletown Chapter American Red Cross, Positively Pomfret and this coming weekend Northville ARC will be running a special event station at The Warren Fall Festival. Please be patient with me if I've missed your event; these are the ones I know about at this point.

In addition, The Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club has partnered with The Norwalk Public Library to give Norwalk residence a chance to experience "the thrill and adventure of ham radio" as the news release puts it. You see, GNARC members Jay NE2Q, Kurt W1FSM, and Gus W1BV installed a shortwave receiver and a 66-foot inverted V. The staff has been trained to use the receiver and now those who visit the library can pick up a headset at the main desk and experience the thrill of listening to the HF bands. The news release is at http://www.norwalkplus.com/nwk/information/nwsnwk/publish/Local_2/Experience-the-adventure-of-shortwave-radio-at-the-Norwalk-Public-Library_np_printer.shtml

CT welcomes a new ARRL affiliated club: The Orange Amateur Radio Association. Their president is Faustino, NF1Y and vice president EC A1 KB1QEX. I will be visiting them soon to present the charter. Welcome aboard!

Members of The Southington Amateur Radio Association participated in the Apple Harvest Festival Parade coordinated by ASEC Rod N1FNE. I always remember Milt Chafee W1EFW, former Division Director BTW, talking about this event. Often, he rode in that parade! Milt was a phenomenal mentor and a thoroughly versatile operator, even into his 80's. And yes, he learned how to do the digital modes!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Speaking of digital, K1YON-2 is a new Flexnet packet node on 145.07. The BBS is K1YON-4 located in East Hartland so go ahead and connect folks and enjoy the network.

The New York State QSO Party will run on Saturday, October 17 at 1800 UTC for 12 hours. NY fixed stations send: <call sign>, signal report, County (3 letter abbreviation); NY mobile stations send: <call sign>/M, signal report, County (3 letter abbreviation); outside NY send: <call sign>, signal report, State or Province. See full details at <http://www.nyqp.org>.

NARL had as their guest speaker Cary Carroll. Mr. Carroll is a Senior Chief Electronic Technician, Submarine Squadron Two, Communications. He is a career US Navy Submarine radioman with a distinguished record of service, and he recently returned from sea duty. His interesting talk, "A Submarine Radioman's Life in Today's Navy," described the automated computerized systems used in modern underwater and surface communications.

EC Armando, KB1PRP, recruited volunteers from NARL to help with communications at the Regatta that was held on October 4.

The BEARS of Manchester were involved in communications for a canoe race in Glastonbury on that same day. There are also plans to hold a joint exercise with New Britain's CERT team in November.

Region 2 ARES is sorry to see Chris W1HVN resign as DEC. Chris has just moved and has a job that requires a serious time commitment and lots of responsibility. Chris, as you know, has spent a great deal of personal resources outfitting and maintaining the MCU which ARES has designated as the Region 2 vehicle. Happily, Chris will continue as EC for West Haven. Thank you for all your work Chris as DEC and for your tremendous outlay of personal resources for the benefit of ARES and for the public. We're glad you're still able to help us out.

Mark your calendar: October 16 & 17 The New England Amateur Radio Festival - NEAR-Fest! GNARC News describes it as follows: "This is a truly New England happening continuing a 30+ year tradition. The 2 day event is located at the fairgrounds in South Deerfield, NH 30 minutes northeast of Manchester, NH. For full details visit the website: <http://www.near-fest.com/>

November 14 is our annual Simulated Emergency Test in which all CT radio amateurs are encouraged to participate. This year, SEC Wayne N1CLV has described SET as an exercise divided into 4-hour segments during which participants may be active in any or all segments of the test. The SET Players' Handbook can be downloaded at <http://www.ctares.org> or by writing your DEC. Contact n1clv@arrl.net if you need further assistance.

Here's more news for ARES members. Dana N1OFZ has run the ARES reflector discussion@connares.org for many years and is no longer able to do it due to personal and family commitments. Dana, thanks so much for handling this important resource for so long--we have all appreciated being able to communicate with each other especially in time of critical need.

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The new reflector will be up I expect within a couple of days of your receiving this letter. I know the SEC will want to write you all about it when it comes up so this is just a note to expect a message from Discussion list. If you have been subscribed to the former list, you will automatically be subscribed to the new list. Once we know everything is working, all ARES members will be added. Of course, you can unsubscribe but we're hoping you will find the list a good resource. The SEC and other leaders often use the Discussion list to get important information to all members. For those of you who know about list software, we're using Mailman which is a wonderfully flexible mailer. More to follow!

And now, see you Sunday!

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