
Time Out

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November - 2010

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 19th at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave. (Rte. 4), Farmington, CT. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

For those of you who have not already built your Open Tracker kits ahead of time, there will be time to build any remaining kits after the business meeting. Computers will be available to program and test completed units.

Last Month's Meeting

ICRC Meeting Minutes

Date:	10/14/10
Time Started:	7:53 PM
Time Ended:	8:45 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson – N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	N1RMF	K1WMS	N1RMF	KB1TBL
N1QLN	KB1UTT			

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1QLN
Seconded by:	KB1TBL
Abstain:	

unanimous

Treasurer Report:

Motion to table treasurer report until next month.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	KB1TBL
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

Work was started on the roof, power washing, sealing, and plywood put down. Nice job!

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	KB1TBL

Presidents Report:

Nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	KB1TBL
Abstain:	

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Admin. VP Report:

Nothing to report. (On vacation.)

Motion to Accept:	N1QLN
Seconded by:	KB1TBL
Abstain:	K1WMS

Webmaster Report:

Pictures of 2010 Field Day on board. Meetings set up through December. Kit building in November and showing off in December.

Basically, web site currently up to date.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	KB1TBL
Abstain:	

Old Business:

Batteries are out but not yet picked up.

Kit building will be next month's meeting.

New Business:

Dan – W1ZFG requested that Larry read names into the record. Elections are November 19th at 7:30PM.

Board of Directors:

Chuck Ayers, N1KGY
George Carbonell, N1RMF
Al Gerke, N1JWF
Chuck Motes, K1DFS
Walt Styslo, K1WMS

Larry Buck, K1HEJ
Rick Castrogiovanni, N1JGR
Rick Johnson, N1WGK
Pete Paradis, KB1KZC
Dan Wall, W1ZFG

Executive Board:

President: Larry, K1HEJ
Tech. VP: Rick, N1JGR
Treasurer: Chuck, K1DFS

Admin VP: Dan, W1ZFG
Secretary: Rick, N1WGK

Motion to accept list as read: N1RMF, seconded by KB1TBL.

Discussion with new member what's going on with the club, including bike races, Klondike, etc.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1QLN
Seconded by:	N1JWF
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
Walldan54@att.net

Classic Packet Class

On Wed., November 3rd, our own “Professor Packet”, Larry - K1HEJ presented a training class on classic packet operation before a packed house at the Manchester EOC. 47 people were given the basics of sending and receiving NTS messages via the packet network, specifically for emergency situations. Great job, Larry!

Simulated Emergency Test

On Sat., November 6th, several members of the ICRC supported the ARES effort to conduct a simulated emergency test by manning the radio room at the Farmington Red Cross. Operators participated in special sessions of the Westcon, Eastcon, and Nutmeg Traffic nets, passing traffic between ARES operators via VHF repeaters and packet. In addition to many other operators, participating from the ICRC were: Larry – K1HEJ, Walt – K1WMS, Mike – N1QLN, Pete – KB1KZC, and Dan – W1ZFG.

Field Day Score

For anyone interested, the results of this year’s Field Day operations have been published in the December issue of QST. Look for our score on page 73, far right column, about a third of the way down.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership

SM: K1EIC, ASMs: W1FXQ, KD1YV, K1STM
OOC: K1DFS, SGL: K1MK
PIC: KA1WPM, APIC: KA1TCH
SEC: N1CLV, ASEC: N1FNE, K1VSC, AF1HS
STM: K1HEJ, TC: N1KHB

Did you enjoy the Nutmeg Hamfest? The forums were well attended and there certainly seemed to be lots of interest in many different things. ASEC Art AF1HS won the big prize this year—congrats again Art! And if you've ever ben to that prize drawing, you know that it can take a while. Unlike other years, the first ticket drawn was Art's; since he was present, the prize was awarded right away. It was fun!

Many thanks to the Meriden Amateur Radio Club, to John N1GNV president, Bill W1KKF who handled the prizes and the info booth and Paul K1SEZ program chair this year. Thanks to all of the committee members—it was a great show again this year!

Activity on the home front was high this month. Barb, K1EIR is back on the air from her location after many years thanks to the efforts of Pierre - N1EZT, Jon - N1BDF and George - WA1FLA. Pierre and Jon spent many hours designing a suitable 80 and 40 meter antenna that would work with her land configuration. That very night, Barb checked into every known traffic net and took traffic back to CT from outside the Section. She reports that everyone has been very helpful to her and is absolutely thrilled to be back on the air from her home. CW ops, look for her on 80 and 40! A big thank you to all involved!

Members of The Valley Amateur Radio Association handled the communications the The Wheeling and Able River Walk sponsored by The CT Chapter of The Spinal Cord Injury Association. Many thanks to all those who participated: Barb - K1EIR, Jon - N1BDF, Joe - KA2EKA, Mark - KB1SIX, Bill - N1EGL, George - WA1FLA, John - K1FBI and Betsey - K1EIC. Amateur radio got great PR in the sponsor booklet handed out to all participants. The event was unique in that three of the communicators also participated in the walk! Many thanks to all those who participated; the weather seemed to get colder as the day wore on!

The Valley Club will meet this coming Tuesday at the Pine Rock Firehouse Shelton at 7:30 when Bob KB1FYL will speak on some aspect of radio astronomy.

Three members of the Stratford ARC and the Connecticut Radio Society participated in the annual JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) on Saturday October 16 from Strang Scout Reservation in Goshen CT during the Housatonic Council of the Boy Scouts of America Fall Camporee. The call sign of the station was W1CRS: The Connecticut Radio Society. Many thanks for doing this special event; it gives our service exposure to young people and that's really what's needed.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Here's some news from our SEC Wayne, N1CLV.

Greetings!

The Simulated Emergency Test (SET) for the Connecticut Section will be held on Saturday, 6 November. The SET will be a statewide emergency communications exercise. It is intended to test our ability to provide communications for our Served Agencies which include the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (CT DEMHS), the American Red Cross (ARC), as well as local municipalities. Exercise play will begin on Saturday, 6 November 2010 at about 0900 EDT and end at approximately 1500 EDT Saturday afternoon as determined by the Exercise Director (N1CLV). The exercise will be executed at the Regional level by the respective District Emergency Coordinators and their field organization and amateur operators. Play will occur over two operational periods: 0900-1200 EDT and 1200-1500 EST. Players can participate in one or both of the operational periods.

In addition to the SET purposes outlined on the ARRL website, the CT Section 2010 SET Planning Committee has established the following specific Exercise Objectives:

- (1) Establish emergency communications (both voice and data) between and within the five CT ARES Regions - to include fixed, mobile, and field-deployed stations.
- (2) Encourage the use of emergency power (battery, generator, and/or mobile) by all stations during the exercise.
- (3) Maximize the number of amateur radio participants - the five Regional District Emergency Coordinators will establish Resource Nets and Tactical Nets as needed and will coordinate exercise play within their respective areas.
- (4) Utilize National Traffic System (NTS) format for all record message traffic.
- (5) Coordinate and integrate interplay between ARES, NTS, and SKYWARN components.
- (6) Incorporate appropriate elements of NIMS/ICS to the degree possible.

The CT ARES Player Handbook for the exercise can be downloaded from the CT ARES home page <<http://www.ctares.org/>>. Version 1.1 is the latest update.

Please note: we are seeking maximum participation from ALL radio amateurs, not just CT ARES/NTS/SKYWARN members! Please forward this email to your local club members, contest buddies, new hams, etc. The more players we have, the more fun and challenging the test will be!
Please pass the word!!

73 & Thanx, Wayne Gronlund, N1CLV
Connecticut Section Emergency Coordinator Amateur Radio Emergency
Service(r) (ARES(r))

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

The SET is an important exercise in every Section. I strongly encourage as many of you who can participate to do so. If you haven't participated before and have questions, don't hesitate to write Wayne or me and we'll put you in contact with your coordinator and give you any help we can. As your SM, I am encouraging all participants to send a report on the air to your SEC and to me that you or your group are participating. You can use the NTS nets for this activity. ARRL is also interested in your participation. We used to get lots of these reports; now I get less than five! Thanks and have fun!

In other ARES news, John KB1QBZ has agreed to be EC of Stamford and Frank KB1IFX will relinquish that post and become the EC for Region 1 Red Cross. A warm thank you to both of you for taking on these leadership positions; it is very much appreciated. Thanks, too, to DEC Allan NN1H for recruiting these leaders.

BTW, the Stamford Amateur Radio Association is running a VE Session Saturday, November 13.

Region 5 will hold their annual appreciation dinner this coming Monday at the Firehouse in Sandy Hook. Guest speaker will be ARRL EMCOMM Manager Mike - W5MPC. Your SM will be in attendance.

There will be an Advanced Sky Warn Spotter Training session on Monday, November 1 at the Washington Fire Department, 109B Brook Road, Washington, CT at 6:30 p.m. This session will be sponsored by the NWS Office Albany and the Washington Fire Department. The session is open to all spotters who have attended a basic training session in the last three years. The session will feature information on severe thunderstorms and will also focus on severe winter weather including Nor'Easters, blizzards, ice storms and flooding conditions from ice jams. Anyone who wishes to attend should register on the Albany, NY NWS Forecast Office Web Site.

From ASM Jim KD1YV posted in the CARA Capers: On Saturday, September, 25 the Bethel OEM/BEARS station (KA1KD) operated a special event station coordinated by ASM Jim, KD1YV commemorating the 200th birthday of P.T. Barnum, Bethel's native son. Thanks to all who stopped by to visit us and/or operate for a time. Our tent (CERT pop-up) was set up in P.T. Barnum Square, across from Famous Pizza. The group operated on 20 and 2 meters. They made over 60 contacts, and made contacts from Canada to Florida and west to California with a full range of states in between. The group also worked Italy and Germany, using 100 watts with a wire dipole between two trees.

Congrats to those who earned Public Service Honor Roll in September:
N1QLN 135; K1HEJ 125 and KB1NMO 110. Good work!

See you next month.

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