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# Time Out

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

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

Rick – N1JGR, our Technical VP will be giving a talk on Emergency Communications, battery power, etc. Don't miss it!

## ***Last Month's Meeting***

## ICRC Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	11/21/08
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:43 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:19 PM

**Minutes taken by:** Dan Wall – W1ZFG

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

K1DFS	K1HEJ	K1WMS	N1KGY	N1RMF
KA1NDE	W1ZFG	N1JGR	N1JWF	

At the start of the meeting, the club observed a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Jerry Stross – KB1BFJ. Jerry was active in ham radio and also as a leader in the Boy Scouts.

### RE-ELECTION

Motion to close nominations by K1DFS, seconded by N1RMF. All in favor, unanimous.

Motion to have (acting) secretary cast one ballot by N1RMF, seconded by K1DFS. All in favor, unanimous.

(Acting) Secretary casts 1 vote for election of Board of Directors.

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<b><i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i></b>
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Motion to have (acting) secretary cast one ballot by N1RMF, seconded by K1DFS. All in favor, unanimous.

Secretary casts 1 vote for election of Officers. Elections are completed for another year.

**Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Treasurer Report:**

Current balance:	\$711.31
(1) Outstanding check – CL&P:	-\$100.00
Pending balance:	\$611.31

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP report...**

The club accepted a generous donation of an RM50 50A power supply, donated by Chuck – N1KGY. Thanks Chuck! A new power supply was needed to replace the one at the .15 site, which is defective. After a lengthy discussion of proper battery charging technique, it was decided to move the supply currently at the .88 site to the .15 site and to put the new supply at the .88 site.

For those interested, packet is also working fine.

440 repeater is in George's basement and he's working on it.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

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

### **Old Business:**

Al – N1JWF reported on the costs associated with renting the crane required to do the work needed on the antennas and poles at the .15 site in Burlington.

A 60' model can be rented from Friday night thru Monday for \$900, but must be trucked in on a flatbed.

A 50' model can be rented for \$300 and can be towed with a suitable vehicle.

Klondike is still scheduled for the first weekend in February (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) at a location still to be determined. Come on up and join the fun and support this worthy cause.

### **New Business:**

There was no new business to discuss.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

Unanimous

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

Section Leadership : K1EIC SM; ASMs: K1STM, KD1YV, W1FXQ; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1TCH; SEC N1FNE; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB.

Attention ARES Region 2 members: The first Region 2 ARES net will be held on the 147.505 repeater at 7:00 p.m. this coming Monday. Nets will be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Contact ADEC Chris, W1HVN [w1hvn@arrl.net](mailto:w1hvn@arrl.net) for more information.

Everyone has been waiting for FD results and as you know, they're in print. The Greater Norwalk ARC placed first in New England, first in CT and fourth out of approximately 300 3A stations in the nation! Greater Bridgeport ARC and the Valley Amateur Radio Association took 9th for category 4F in the entire country. They took first place in category 4F in New England and took 52nd place in all categories in New England. Congrats gang and bravo to all of you in the Section who got out on FD to learn and have some real good ham fun!

The Greater Bridgeport ARC ran a Technician Class and licensed ten new hams this month--a warm welcome to the new ops!

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

The Meriden ARC plans to hold a technician class in January coordinated by KE1AI.

BEARS of Manchester ran a class given by Paul Gibson N1TUP at ESPN in which 8 people became licensed! ESPN plans to run a Level I emcomm course given by EC Skip W1FTE.

BEARS of Manchester members are again coordinating comms for the Manchester Road Race on Thanksgiving Day. This is a big effort--about 50 hams are volunteering.

Many of the Manchester area CERT team members became hams and decided to study for their general license. Earlier this fall, Paul Gibson, N1TUP, ran a general class for this group--16 ops were upgraded. Congrats to all!

There have been some very interesting club meetings of late. Many clubs are getting ready for upcoming elections and holiday parties. But beyond all that, there's great activities going on.

The Valley Amateur Radio Association is returning to its former meeting site--the Pine Rock Firehouse on Long Hill Avenue in Shelton. This is a spacious meeting room comfortable for everyone. This coming Tuesday, November 25, Paul K1SEZ, will be their guest speaker and talk about getting started with DX Labs, the software that literally runs your station! Paul gave this talk at the Meriden ARC and it was extremely well received. So, come on out and hear Paul's talk next Tuesday--area hams are invited--time: 7:30 PM. For more info, contact me or Jon N1BDF [n1bdf@arrl.net](mailto:n1bdf@arrl.net).

The Greater Norwalk ARC enjoyed a presentation given by Michelle DeLuca, Deputy director of the Office of Emergency Management who updated the group on planning for Norwalk. They are developing a "living document" which will be an internal disaster plan that involves all city departments, not just fire and police. They are also reaching out to external communities including day care centers, faith communities, civic groups, shelters, and businesses to offer training in emergency preparedness.

NARL recently ran a build-a-thon in which members built APRS trackers.

The CARA Hamfest was a very successful event. Although attendance was slow at the start, the clearing weather got everyone out--there were more profitable inside tables sold, the forums were well attended, batteries were a hot item with many prepaid orders placed and The raffle tickets we sold netted almost three times the cost of the FT-2800 prize rig. Hearty congrats to Chairman Joe AB1DO and all CARA members on a great event!

SKYWARN Recognition Day is December 6. The 10th annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) special event will take place Saturday, December 6, 2008. SRD is co-sponsored by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. SKYWARN Recognition Day is a way to recognize the commitment made by Amateur Radio operators in helping keep their communities safe. During the 24-hour special event, amateur radio operators visit their local National Weather Service (NWS) office and work as a team to contact other hams across the world. The on-air event will be held from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC December 6. If you haven't joined in the fun, 2008 is your year! To learn more, check out this web site: <http://hamradio.noaa.gov> . -- Contact, November, 2008. <http://www.arrl.org/pio/contact/2008/11/>

A very Happy and healthy Thanksgiving to you all. See you next month.

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## ***Election of Officers/Board Members***

The following were elected at the November meeting:

### Executive Board

President: Larry K1HEJ  
Admin. VP: Dan W1ZFG  
Tech. VP: Rick N1JGR  
Secretary: Rick N1WGK  
Treasurer: Chuck K1DFS

### Board of Directors

Andrew, Les	KA1KRP	Castrogiovanni, Rick	N1JGR
Motes, Chuck	K1DFS	Johnson, Rick	N1WGK
Paradis, Pete	KB1KZC	Gerke, Al	N1JWF
Ayers, Chuck	N1KGY	West, John	N1IWT
Buck, Larry	K1HEJ	West, Anne	K1STM
Johnson, Roy	N1IKM	Carbonell, George	N1RMF
Wall, Dan	W1ZFG	Styslo, Walt	K1WMS
Reyor, Bill	KB1KNV		

Dan Wall – W1ZFG  
Chairman – Nominating Committee

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