
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 17th 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:	11/19/10
Time Started:	7:35 PM
Time Ended:	8:10 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson – N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	N1RMF	K1WMS	KB1HDD	N1KGY
KB1TBL	N1JGR	K1DFS	W1ZFG	K1HEJ
KA1NDE	KB1RRS	KB1UTT	KB1ULW	N1QLN
AB1NH	N1JWF	KB1SNL	KB1SNN	KB1UIK

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer report was presented by the treasurer.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

There are some issues with the repeater because of too many ID's. Rick will be checking on our side and asked Walt to check on his. Brief discussion about Packet

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	KB1TBL

Presidents Report:

Received a call from W1ZTQ, president of the Chippens Hill club. He wanted to know if there would be some sort of mutual agreement with them. After discussing with the executive board, we would be willing to help out on a case-by-case basis as opposed to a merger.

Larry wanted to let everyone know that the repeaters got a good workout for the SET this year. There were some impressive scores this year.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	N1JGR

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Admin. VP Report:

We will be voting on the slate for the next year later in the meeting.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	N1JGR

Webmaster Report:

Website is up and running. Looking good. Always looking for new pictures, etc.
Contact George for more information. Klondike will probably be the next “big” set of pictures.
New members will be added to the membership page.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

Old Business:

Elections discussion and election.

Motion that the secretary cast one vote for slate as read made by N1RMF, 2nd by N1JWF.

Secretary cast one vote for slate as posted.

Congratulations, all!

New Business:

We made a commitment to re-provision the Burlington site. We are looking to go off the grid.

We are looking to hire the company to assist to get it done before the snow flies. Chuck Ayers is willing to pay approximately ½ the cost if the club will meet the other ½. There was a discussion to see if we can perhaps get the club up there to construct it ourselves.

Chuck Ayers wants to suggest he purchase the parts as a kit. He is willing to cover the cost up to \$1200 but we still need to talk with the folks that are working on it, so we can see where we stand right now. Chuck wants to be involved in this work party.

N1WGK motions to accept the gracious offer, seconded by K1DFS. Unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

Election of Officers/Board Members

The following were elected at the November meeting:

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

Dan Wall – W1ZFG
Chairman – Nominating Committee
Walldan54@att.net

Club Building Project

After the business meeting, several members worked on their Open Tracker + kits. Several others who had completed their kits earlier had them built into portable cases. The kits will be used during our club's support of the Boy Scouts Klondike Derby in February.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership

SM: K1EIC, ASMs: W1FXQ, KD1YV, K1STM
OOO: K1DFS, SGL: K1MK
PIC: KA1WPM, APIC: KA1TCH
SEC: N1CLV, ASEC: K1BRF, N1FNE, K1VSC, AF1HS
STM: K1HEJ, TC: N1KHB

A very happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday to you all. Can't believe it's here again—gosh, the time sure flies when you're busy as many of us are.

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of attending a dinner coordinated by DEC Dave K1DAV to recognize and thank volunteers and served agencies within Region 5 for their special work. Region 5 ARES participated in approximately 81 communications events throughout the year. Mike W5MPC, Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager and Allen Pitts, W1AG, Media and Public Relations Manager were also in attendance. Your SM, Mike and Allen each greeted the group with some special words about their work, Amateur radio and emergency communications in particular. Congrats again to you all!

The BEARS of Manchester is doing the communications for the annual Manchester road race that always occurs on Thanksgiving day! EC Richard, W1RGC reports that over 50 hams are helping; the BEARS and the CERT emcomm team will be working together. It looks like the weather will be just fine for it this year.

The Orange Amateur Radio Association set up a JOTA station for the Wepawaug Council of Boy Scouts at Eisenhower Park in Milford. Lots of scouts observed operators making many contacts. Those participating were Al - K1QEX, Tino - NF1Y, Lenn - KB1QEW, Fred - KB1SWH, Harold - KB1TJG, and Douglas - WA1SFH. Great to see this activity from a newer ARRL club—congrats gang!

The Valley Amateur Radio Association heard a wonderful talk by Bob - KB1FYL on radio astronomy. The meeting was well attended and the talk was received with a great deal of enthusiasm. Thanks Bob and thank you Mark - KB1SIX for recruiting such a great speaker!

This month, Paul K1PL will speak to VARA on Amateur satellite communications.

The Greater Norwalk ARC enjoyed an informative meeting with guest speaker Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI. They talked about trends in Amateur radio, ARRL activities, reviewed club benefits and lots more. Tom has a Division cabinet meeting twice per year before the ARRL Board meeting to gather input from club presidents and other leadership officials in the Division. Why not encourage your president to attend the next meeting; I usually go whenever I can which is most of the time!

The following comes from the desk of ASM Al W1FXQ. The public, area radio hams and radio broadcast people are invited to a slide show and talk by radio executive John Ramsey W1JNR, Chief Technical Officer of WCCC Radio and General Manager of the U of H FM station WWUH. The time is 7 PM Monday December 6 at the Senior Center, 120 Cedar St. (CT Route 175), in Newington. Ramsey will play memorable air checks and give his own recollections of outstanding radio events interspersed with slides of studios, transmitter towers and related sites.

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In his first job in broadcasting (1971) he was a DJ and board operator at WEXT (1550) West Hartford (now WDZK). John Ramsey is chairman of the Society of Broadcast Engineers local chapter and webmaster of HartfordRadioHistory.com and Coldwar-ct.com. Ramsey is also president of Ramsey Communications Services, a broadcast engineering consulting firm. John also holds an Advanced Class Amateur Radio license as well as an FCC Radio Telephone First Class Commercial license. All are welcome. More information is available at 860-667-2864.

Reminder: Connecticut Phone Net is meeting at 1700 local Monday-Saturday 3.973, 1000 local Sunday mornings, 3.965.

Attention packet ops: CT has a new gateway! Ted K1YON has completed the installation of BPQ32 software to once again allow connectivity to distant nodes through the Internet. Many thanks to Ted for his willingness to once again make new nodes available to us. Enjoy the network!

The Simulated emergency test drew participants from all over the State. It was held in conjunction with a Red Cross exercise which added a special flavor to the test. And as has been true often in Connecticut, the scenario became real! Yes, we actually did have a solar flare and for a time on HF, we really could not communicate on 75 meters anyway. The outage didn't last for long but it was just amazing that the flare really did occur as we were working the test with that scenario. I remember many winters when we had SETs and many storms during SETs some years ago.

This year, ARES and NTS operators supported each other very well. The VHF linked system was used primarily by the ARES leadership team who took instructions from the SEC Wayne N1CLV. Wayne's pre-SET on-air meeting the night before served us all well; we were told about some differences this year in the test and what to expect.

About a week and a half before the test, all ARES members subscribed to the ARES reflector received several well-written, informative articles about emergency communications and Amateur Radio.

And now here are some comments from SEC Wayne: "Thanx to all for a GREAT effort for the Simulated Emergency Test (SET). There was a LOT of good activity - I listened to many of the nets for ARES, NTS and Skywarn. Good coordination and enthusiasm was evident in all! Reminder to those who are responsible for reporting to send the completed Word SET Report forms to K1DM@arrl.net, copy to N1CLV@arrl.net - thanx!"

I just want to publicly congratulate our SEC for his forethought and outstanding leadership and thank ASEC Brian, K1BRF for his role with the Red Cross exercise.

A huge thank you to all our DEC's, EC's, net managers, our STM Larry K1HEJ and all of you who made this test fun and worthwhile. Every one of you plays a part—you are all important players and I can tell you that I and my leadership team very much appreciate your time and talent.

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And so on this Thanksgiving holiday, a very special “thank you” to ARRL staff and all our volunteers: club leaders, cabinet members, appointees, volunteers at all levels. It really is a privilege to work with you all these years. Be well and stay safe.

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