
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, January 18th 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:	12/21/07
Time Started:	7:34 PM
Time Ended:	8:53 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson, N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	KA1NDE	K1DFS	K1HEJ	W1ZFG
N1JGR	KB1KNV	KA1KRP	N1RMF	N1KGY (+ Jr.)

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Treasurer Report:

Balance 9/30/07	1013.16		
10/4/07	764	Ship amplifier	-20.60
10/15/07	765	Secretary of State	-25.00
10/15/07	766	F&T Comm	-79.50
10/22/07		Winding Trails Dep	250.00
10/22/07	767	Amplifier Repair	-209.66
10/29/07	768	CL&P	-100.00
Balance 12/31/07	828.40		

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP report...

88 machine: Amplifier took care of the problem with the power. It looks like we may have taken a lightning hit, which caused problems. We did have to bypass the controller because we couldn't get it working correctly.

440 machine: George is working very hard on fixing our 440 machine to get it back on the air by mid January

15 machine: Awesome site. Can hit it from Killingworth and Beckett and in Vermont

There were other discussions regarding repeaters, etc.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1WGK
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

KLONDIKE DERBY – The annual Klondike Derby is happening Feb 2nd and 3rd. Friday Feb 1 is Stew Night. Unofficially, the location will be Bear Mountain, but we don't know yet officially. It's a nice place...a state park in the Otis area. It is COLD, so bring your proper clothing. We will be running VHF AND HF radios this year. We need as many people as possible. For more information, contact Rick, N1JGR. Reminder to check out the website, icrcweb.org

New Business:

Bike Race: Smashing Pumpkins race was cancelled, so we are down to 1 race at Winding Trails. We can, however, do other races for these folks at other locations, like Wallingford and Hamden. Club members need to come out to support the races. It's really a great time and we get free food. We also get a wonderful donation from the races, which we need.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Field Day: We will be at Winding Trails again this year for Field Day. Field Day is the last full weekend in June.

We will be climbing the Burlington site in the spring to clean up the towers, etc.

Walt Styslo set up some testing for licensing upgrades at Farmington Red Cross, the 3rd Saturdays of the month, except February, which will be the 4th Saturday. (January 19, 2008, 10:00-12:00 - February 23 2008 10:00-12:00 - March 15, 2008 10:00-12:00 and April 19, 2008 10:00-12:00)

WA1NXC will be running a General class in January in East Hartford.

K1DFS moves to open a special fund for the UHF repeater, seconded by George, to replace the aging 440 machine. Unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1WGK
Abstain:	

Unanimous

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Greetings to you all on a very cold winter day. Weather has certainly been a major topic of discussion for the ARES program this past month. But before I tell you about that, I first want to wish each of you a very happy and healthy Holiday season. I hope those of you who celebrated Chanukah had a terrific holiday. During that time, I was in Germany on a riverboat, touring some of the fabulous Christmas markets--and yes; they're outdoors in the cool, rainy weather! Handmaid goods galore and the best sausage and lots of food and spiced wine of course--good for a ham fest--right? That hot wine sure tasted good in the windy weather. Seriously, I brought back some nice treasures.

And when I got back, there we were ready for the first of two storms. And as usual, Sky Warn ops were standing by giving proper reports to coordinators for relay to NWS. We did have an NWS activation. Many thanks to DEC Steve K1SJW who kept us all updated on the progress of the storm and the criteria for reporting. You may not realize it if you're not involved but there is definite criteria for reporting that include precise definitions of weather events and conditions. If you haven't taken the Sky Warn training, come on out to a class when it's offered--it's fun and very interesting.

While I was away, ASM Jim, KD1YV and Barb K1EIR were in charge in my absence; thanks to both for helping out.

Congrats to Mary K1MMH who will be inducted as the new president of NARL right after the New Year at their annual holiday party!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Congrats, too, to the following new hams who attended the class given by ECARA: KB1PRW -- Tim - Thompson, CT; KB1PRX - Keith - Brooklyn, CT; KB1PRY - Dottie - Niantic, CT; KB1PRZ - Alan - Stafford Springs, CT. If you have completed teaching a class and want to get me your list of new hams, I'll surely try to post it here. All new ops get a letter of welcome from me which includes details about clubs and other Section activities.

If you want to volunteer to help out with the CPTV Fund Drive on New Year's Eve day, contact Mary, K1MMH k1mmh@arrl.org. Volunteers need to be at CPTV studios, 1049 Asylum Street, across from St. Francis Hospital by 11:00 a.m. for training. You will be needed until about 2:30. Please wear shirts that represent Amateur radio that are NOT white. Thanks. I bet Amateur Radio will get a bit of publicity that day!

On January 5, I plan to join many club presidents and Section Managers and attend the New England Division cabinet meeting. Twice per year, our director Tom Frenaye, K1KI hosts a Division meeting to receive input from leaders and clubs before the upcoming Board meeting. Club presidents and Section Managers and assistant directors are invited. It's a good chance to touch base with volunteers who have similar positions in other Sections and learn about what they are doing.

Then I plan to link each of your club Web sites to the Section Web site: <http://ct.arrl.org>. If your club does not have a Web site, you are invited to write a short description of your club, perhaps listing your officers and meeting times and whatever else you feel is pertinent and sending it to Jim, KD1YV, our Webmaster for inclusion. Email: kd1yv@arrl.net.

That's all for this month--again, enjoy this special time with family and friends and certainly, enjoy Amateur radio!

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