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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

<b>Date:</b>	12/17/10
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:52 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	9:02 PM

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

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

KA1NDE	KB1UIK	KB1SNM	KB1SNL	KB1TBL
N1QLN	KB1UTT	N1JWF	N1KGY	KB1KZC
AB1NH	K1HEJ	W1ZFG	N1JGR	K1WMS
N1RMF				

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<b><i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i></b>
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**Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1KGY
Seconded by:	KB1KZC
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer report was presented by Rick – N1JGR, in the absence of the treasurer.

Motion to Accept:	N1KGY
Seconded by:	KB1TBL
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP Report:**

The machines are working fine, as usual. The solution to the problem of excessive id'ing was discussed. A possible solution was presented by Chuck – N1KGY. Tech VP to investigate implementation. Packet is working fine at the .15 site. The two unused packet TNCs will be removed for use at Klondike.

Motion to Accept:	N1KGY
Seconded by:	KB1TBL
Abstain:	

**Presidents Report:**

Nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

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<b><i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i></b>
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**Admin. VP Report:**

Nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

**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.

Motion to Accept:	N1KGY
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

**Old Business:**

Solar Panel Project - .15 Site: The roof has been up for a few months now, but before the solar panels can be installed, a lot of overhanging dead branches must be removed. Peter – KB1KZC reported that a man-lift will need to be rented to remove the branches and also perform the needed antenna pole work at the same time. The cost of a one-day rental of the lift is approximately \$275. Chuck – N1KGY made a motion that he would put up the first \$200 towards the rental fee if the club would cover the rest. Motion was seconded by N1RMF.

The date for the work party is **re-scheduled for Saturday, January 22nd, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.**

We will need several people to act as grounds crew for this event. Duties will consist of clearing the brush after it is cut down and assisting the people working on the antennas. No climbing will be required for grounds crew volunteers. The more the merrier! Check the website and the repeaters for updated information as the date gets closer.

Klondike Derby: Plans will be finalized at the January meeting for our participation in the Boy Scouts Klondike Derby on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. An invitation will be extended to the CRA and NARL clubs for additional assistance.

**New Business:**

The ICRC has accepted a request to supply radio communications for a boat race to be held on the Farmington River on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. There will be 12 checkpoints and 4 safety spots that will need to be manned with radio communications. We are looking for about 25 operators for this event. Chuck – K1DFS will invite the organizers of the event to the January meeting to discuss logistics, etc.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1KGY
Seconded by:	N1QLN
Abstain:	

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

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

It sure does not seem possible that another year has gone by. I know I write this each year but it just seems that each one goes by faster. Here we are in the midst of another wonderful holiday season! I wish for each of you a very Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a wonderful and safe holiday season. From my point of view, the year has been a good one in the Connecticut Section. Clubs are doing more PR events, hamfests are well attended, new people are stepping up to take leadership positions in clubs, we have several new appointees in the Field organization, new ops are learning how to retrieve messages and bulletins on packet, there is a lot of work in the center of the Section being done with D-star, we run Winlink classic and WL2K digital systems, technical forums and training were offered in some parts of the Section, SET had high participation, emcomm teams continue to add creative service and training, there is new participation with various councils of governments, and lots of classes for new hams have increased our numbers. Your SM has attended almost every Hamfest and enjoyed meeting you at your clubs. As I embark on another term, I just want to thank you for all your work and support. Please know that I am interested in your ideas—I consider this job mostly as a facilitator.

The New year is getting off to a busy start. NARL will be holding their holiday party and election of officers on the first Monday in January. And later that week on the 5th, Douglas, WA1SFH is coordinating a radio merit badge day for boy scouts in Milford. He will be assisted by several clubs. He is following a model created by K2GW. I'll write more about this substantial effort next month; It's one many of you may wish to emulate.

Congrats to Ed N2JBA on his many years of service as president of the Southern Berkshire ARC. Ed is stepping down and Doc K1CTT is taking over. Ed, you've done a terrific job as president. He attended most of the Division cabinet meetings, paid close attention to the Section calendar in planning events, coordinated many activities and was just a real pleasure to work with. Congrats and thank you Doc on your willingness to step up and lead this fine club. I am very much looking forward to working with you.

Congrats to Quentin, KB1EWM on becoming newsletter editor for NARL news. A huge thank you to Jonathan, KB1KIX for producing the newsletter for several years. I continue to be impressed and amazed at the quality of newsletters throughout the Section. Writing just this column makes me understand the long hours and effort it takes to produce a good letter. Thank you for your time and commitment Jonathan. And thank you Quentin for your willingness to take up this challenge.

The Valley Amateur Radio Association enjoyed a fine presentation on satellite communications by Paul K1PL. Thanks Paul and Pat for coming to the meeting; we all enjoyed it.

Club presidents are reminded that the Division cabinet meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15 at the Springfield Sheraton. Contact Director Tom Frenaye K1KI for further info. I am planning to attend.

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

Want to hear some digital sounds? Frank N8WXQ points us to this link:

<http://www.nonstopsystems.com/radio/radio-sounds.html>.

ASM Jim KD1YV is presently busy making preparations for changing servers for the ARES Discussion list and the ct.arrl.org Web site. I just want to tell you that this involves a significant amount of time—thank you Jim. And thank you Al, KA1TCH for continuing to host these Web resources. Thanks, too, to John KB1GBJ for continuing to host the CT ARES Web site <http://www.ctares.org>.

Again, have a super holiday folks! See you next month!

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