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# Time Out

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

**\*\*\* SPECIAL NOTICE \*\*\* LOCATION CHANGE \*\*\***

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, February 18 at the Farmington Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave, at 7:00 PM in the training room on the third floor. (The room downstairs is being used for a blood drive.) The reason for the location change is so that after the business meeting, Walt, K1WMS, can conduct a short training session in the radio room on how to use the Red Cross's radio equipment. Anyone planning on participating in the emergency exercise in April should plan on attending.

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

## **ICRC Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date:</b>	January 21, 2005
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:16 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:01 PM

**Minutes taken by:** Rick Johnson, N1WGK

**Attendees (Callsign):**

K1WMS	K1DFS	N1WGK	KB1KNV	K1HEJ
KB1JYX	N1JWF	WA1PAT		

**Secretary report:**

E-Mailed report to committee for perusal.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	K1DFS
<b>Seconded by:</b>	K1WMS
<b>Abstain:</b>	

unanimous

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**Last Month's Meeting – cont'd**

**Treasurer Report:**

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Reconciliation Summary

**BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:**

Previous Balance:		673.29
Checks and Payments	2 Items	-102.00
Deposits and Other Credits	1 Item	25.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0 Items	0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		596.29

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP report...**

In absence of Tech. VP, K1DFS said that 15 machine is running but a bit noisy.

88 machine is running just fine

6M link is running fine.

We have 3 crystals from Jan crystals and nothing is on frequency...unfortunately. It's either low or high. If you don't understand what I just wrote, you're not alone. We may end up going to ICM.

On the packet side, K2PUT's sysop is linked with us, solid 24x7 at 1200 baud. They want to hook up with us at 9600 baud. N1URO told Larry this. We have also established a contact with a Red Cross guy up in Worcester.

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

K1DFS has been connecting via ICRC to the Internet and sending messages to Health Department via amateur radio on packet through an Internet Gateway. The Public Health officials responded via a normal "reply" and apparently were pleased with the fact that it worked. N1URO is looking at forwarding information directly back to the K1DFS BBS.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

### **Old Business:**

Reminder of the Klondike, first full weekend in February...

There is, now, in the Senate and the House, an antenna bill. A sample letter is passed around the meeting. We want to send a letter to our representatives, to support it.

Icrcweb.org, update ARRL to point to the correct web site.

### **New Business:**

IMPORTANT! Next Month, February meeting will be held at Farmington Red Cross...at 7:00PM!!!!

Badges for the Red Cross: Walt, K1WMS will work out how the badges will be done.

Go to ICRCWEB.ORG and check it out! Bill set up an e-mail reflector through the site, which would make it a centralized list...pretty cool!

Bill is also doing a LAN party at Tunxis Community College and is also doing an introduction to Amateur Radio...everything is ready to go..might be neat to check out. It will be March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 5PM for 24 hours. Check it out on Packet, 07!

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

unanimous

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

Section Leadership: ASMs: K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, W1AGP, N1FNE, K1BRF, N1YAE; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator AB1CR; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB.

Happy New Year to you all! The New Year promises to be a busy one---We are in another phase of our attempt at getting a PRB-1 bill enacted in CT. The CT antenna bill, senate bill SB 92 has been referred to the joint committee on energy and technology.

Why is this bill important? PRB-1 was a preemption order issued by the FCC in 1985 and later codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 97.15(b). One of the points which this order makes is that local regulations which operate to preclude amateur communications in their communities are in direct conflict with federal objectives and are pre-empted.

Now the purpose of codifying the federal rule in state statute is to make clear to local officials the existence of federal preemption in this area and the limits the federal rule places on a municipality's power to enact zoning regulations.

**WE ABSOLUTELY NEED YOUR HELP!** We need every ham op in CT who supports this bill to write to their senator and State representative--and we need you to do it today! Letters or e-mails are just fine.

Why should you write? Elected officials view their constituents as "resources" and want to hear from them. They need input from their constituents to gauge positions on a piece of legislation and determine how it will impact their district. It also assists in how a legislator will vote on an issue. As a licensed Amateur Radio operator, you can provide a valuable resource to your representatives in the General Assembly. The insight you offer as to why a particular piece of legislation may affect hams could be the difference in whether or not your legislators will support Amateur Radio. Legislators do not have sufficient resources to allow for a full understanding of every issue that comes before them. Although they may ask staff to review a specific issue, such as zoning and telecommunications, each legislative researcher has a varying degree of knowledge of these issue areas. Therefore, your combination of being a constituent and a federally licensed radio operator can help make the difference in ensuring that your legislators receive the balanced information they need to make good decisions on Amateur Radio related legislation.

Not to worry--I never ask you to do something without giving you the tools. SGL Mike, K1MK has set up a Web site with sample letters and information about how you can find correct names and addresses of your legislators. Please go to <http://www.qsl.net/k1mk/sgl> where you will find all the info you will need.

You are welcome to send us copies of your letters or just let us know that you have sent a letter. Please direct your questions to Mike [k1mk@arrl.net](mailto:k1mk@arrl.net).

For further details about SB 92, including the wording, please see <http://cga.ct.gov/2005/tob/s/2005SB-00092-R00-SB.htm>

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

ATTENTION ALL ARES MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO WISH TO BE MEMBERS: It is real important that current members renew their membership every January.

Why? Because we absolutely have to have current contact and training data for each member. Surely, you can understand that no organization is worth its salt without a good database of its membership. So, our SEC Chuck, AB1CR, the rest of the ARES leadership and I are urging you to renew today. If your DEC has your signature on file, simply mail or email the completed ARES registration form to your DEC. That form can be found at <http://www.ctares.org>. If you are joining for the first time, then you need to fill out the form and mail it with your signature to your DEC. All of that info is available on the CT ARES Web site but if you have any questions, do not hesitate to write Chuck AB1CR, [ab1cr@arrl.net](mailto:ab1cr@arrl.net).

Finally, all ARES members are requested to please subscribe to the email reflector [discussion@connares.org](mailto:discussion@connares.org). Simply send a blank message to: [discussion-subscribe@connares.org](mailto:discussion-subscribe@connares.org) and respond to the confirming message from the list. Subscribing to this list is the best way you can keep up-to-date on current information and receive information promptly.

I know I am asking you to do a lot of things in this e-letter but there's a lot going on in the Section and really, we need to work together to make more good things happen in CT. Thanks for your help.

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