
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, February 20th 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:	1/16/09
Time Started:	7:35 PM
Time Ended:	9:32 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson, N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	KB1KZC	N1JGR	K1HEJ	K1DFS
KA1NDE	N1RMF	K1WMS	W1ZFG	N1JWF
Steve	Barbara			

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KB1KZC
Abstain:	

unanimous

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Treasurer Report:

BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		711.31
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-100.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0 Items	0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		611.31

YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:		611.31
Checks and Payments	2 Items	-179.50
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Balance as of 1/14/2009:		431.81
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:		431.81

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

Packet is at 25 watts and unable to connect to the next big node, at the center of Mass., nor can we connect to CIK, who lost his site.

We lost some voltage because of the battery issues

88 site, for noise problem. Rick made a nice diagram of cables, etc...the 2nd harmonic filter is gone now. There is still a little noise in the system. Still hunting to try and clean up the noise

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Discussing PVRA's radio system that had failed due to malicious keying up.

Other discussions happened as well...you should have been here.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KA1NDE
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

KLONDIKE!!!! One sleeper is all set to go. More help is needed! Feb 6, 7 and 8, 2009. Trying to scrounge up some gear. Need another ground plane dual band antenna. We are good for cable and generators. Food! Venison Stew on Friday, eggs on Saturday morning, please contact Rick N1JGR to join them. N1jgr@snet.net for more information, 860-276-7101

WEBSITE: We need to get updates to the website

Pete sent out the e-mail address for the brochure. It's all set...but we need pictures and ideas from all the members for the brochure.

New Business:

Change the bylaws discussion: At the next election, we are looking to change the bylaws (moved by Chuck – K1DFS, seconded by Rick –N1JGR) to 5 officers and 5 directors making up the board. Minimum of 6 board members to conduct a board meeting.

Dues discussion: We will have to increase the dues. While we appreciate the donations and hardware, we are planning on increasing the dues from \$25 to \$50 for full membership. This will be the first dues increase in over 8 years. This would become effective the new dues year, April 1, 2009. K1DFS made the motion, seconded by George. In addition, within 6 months of receiving your brand new license, hams can fill out an application and submit it to the club at one of our meetings, for a complimentary 1 year membership to the ICRC. We meet the 3rd Friday of every month, at the Farmington American Red Cross, Route 4, in Farmington, CT. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership discussion: We will be voting next month on a membership change, removing the "Associated" membership, changing the "Full Membership" to include non-majority children and spouses that are also hams. Lifetime membership will not change, nor will Complimentary memberships.

There was discussion regarding the improper use of the 88 repeater.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership: K1EIC SM; ASMs: K1STM, KD1YV, W1FXQ; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1TCH; SEC N1CLV; ASEC N1FNE, AF1HS; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB. Happy New Year! I hope each of you had wonderful holidays. I was privileged to attend the gatherings of The Greater Norwalk ARC and NARL and it was a pleasure to see many of you.

At the NARL dinner, president Mary Hobart, K1MMH read a greeting to club members from State Representative Sandy Nafis. Al Cohen, W1FXQ, arranged to call George Hart, W1NJM, on his cell phone. George, one of the founders of NARL and the creator of NTS, told some stories about his early experiences with Amateur Radio and the early days of NARL.

Awards were given as follows. NARL Decade Awards recognize those who have served the club for 10 years. Recipients were: Oscar Dietrich, N1JQY, and Mark Bonadies, NS1T. NARL Distinguished Service Awards went to Tom Cote KB1KOS, Ethel Kramer KB1NMO, George Lillenstein AB1GL, Hal Chase W1EES, and Ron Cady K1RKD.

The NARL Ham of the Year -- George Hart, W1NJM, Leadership Award was presented to Al Gerke, N1JWF. Mary read the nomination for this award and honestly, I've not seen one like it. It was beautifully written and eloquently expressed the service that Al gives to so many people. To me, this was very special. Thank you Al. Hearty congratulations to all the award winners!

The Greater Norwalk ARC recently participated in a simplex exercise in which they had teams of ECs passing messages. The objective was met and the exercise was a success. Their plan is to do an activity which involves radio direction finding. Sounds like fun!

Wayne N1CLV took over as SEC from Rod N1FNE on January 1. Again, thanks to both for continuing outstanding work. Rod and Art AF1HS will be assisting Wayne. Art will continue to handle the ARES web site and the database as well as recruit members for ARES.

Speaking of the database, every ARES member is asked to please go to https://secure.ema.arrl.org:8443/ares/CT_ARES_member_login and check your member record. Even if everything is the same, please click on update so the date of your having accessed your record gets updated. This is critical because we want to know that we have current information. Many thanks. If you have any questions about logging in, contact Art af1hs@arrl.net.

The Insurance City Repeater Club is busy planning for the annual Klondike Derby to be held early in February. Sure hope the weather holds up--it's been a problem for all of us scheduling meetings and events.

Many CT ops will attend the packet workshop given by Brian N1URO and hosted by The Mt. Tom Amateur Repeater Association. It will take place Saturday, January 24 at Holyoke Community College. If interested, contact N1KXR n1kxr@comcast.net.

The CT Phone Net has had difficulty meeting at 1800 on 3.973 because of band conditions. Their alternate frequency has been the 145.29 repeater sponsored by The Shoreline ARC. Many thanks to the club for permitting the Section NTS net to meet when conditions become difficult on HF. Our sincere sympathy to Assistant NM Andy NX1Q on the death of his dad. We wish Andy and his family all the best in the New Year.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

The following ops made Public Service Honor Role during December: KA1RMV, NM1K, NX1Q, K1HEJ, KB1NMO, and KA1GWE. Congrats--thanks for your time. Did you know that ARES ops can also earn PSHR? Contact STM Larry, K1HEJ for details and go to <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/pshr/>.

Each year the ARRL Board of Directors has the opportunity to select recipients for a number of awards in various categories that honor Amateur Radio operators. The nomination period is now open for the annual ARRL awards that are designed to recognize educational and technological pursuits in Amateur Radio. One particular award honors a young Amateur Radio operator who has demonstrated outstanding service. Nominations and supporting information should be submitted to ARRL Headquarters. Some awards require nominations to be submitted first to the Section Manager. Please know that I inform the nominator that I have received the nomination and immediately forward all material to Headquarters. Nominations are due by March 31, 2009. Nomination forms and further information on these awards are found at www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/award.

Here are the details. The Hiram Percy Maxim Award is for a licensed radio amateur under age 21 whose accomplishments and contributions are of the most exemplary nature within the framework of Amateur Radio activities.

The ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award goes to a volunteer Amateur Radio instructor, and the ARRL Professional Educator of the Year Award is given to a professional teacher who has incorporated Amateur Radio into his or her class curriculum.

The ARRL Microwave Development Award is presented to a licensed radio amateur or to individuals who are licensed radio amateurs who contribute to the development of the Amateur Radio microwave bands.

The ARRL Technical Service Award recognizes a licensed radio amateur or individuals who are licensed radio amateurs that provide Amateur Radio technical assistance or training to others.

The ARRL Technical Innovation Award is granted to the licensed radio amateur or to individuals who are licensed radio amateurs that develop and apply new technical ideas or techniques in Amateur Radio.

Let's see some nominations come from Connecticut--good luck!

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