
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, February 19th 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:	1/15/10
Time Started:	7:57 PM
Time Ended:	9:26 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson – N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	KB1TBL	K1DFS	K1HEJ	KB1RRR
N1JWF	KA1NDE	W1ZFG	N1JGR	N1RMF
K1WMS	KB1KZC	W1CUT	KB1SNL	KB1MYL
N1ITT				

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	N1JGR

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Treasurer Report:

BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		3,497.31
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-473.90
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:		3,023.41

YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:		3,023.41
Checks and Payments	2 Items	-150.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Balance as of 1/14/2010:		2,873.41
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:		2,873.41

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1WGK
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

Everything is working fine and we now have a new controller which will be installed eventually (it is just a hobby) ☺

There are a few link issues that will be dealt with such as the link lag, etc.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Webmaster Report:

Website is up to date, waiting on content, etc.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Special Guest Speaker:

W1CUT – discussion regarding matching gifts through a company (free money by filling out a form). There are also discussions regarding grants and grant writing, specifically regarding the solar panel project. Security is an issue, closer scrutiny will be an issue and we also need to make sure that we give a courtesy call to ARRL.

<http://guidestar.org>

Old Business:

Klondike Derby: 15 operators to be at J.N. Webster, Route 44, Ashford, CT, Feb 6th at 8AM. Please dress appropriately and bring something for lunch. Should be wrapping up around 4PM'ish. If planning on staying the night, let Rick - N1JGR know. We really need the help. Contact Rick, N1JGR, with any questions. Talk in is 147.15, no PL

Updating of the brochure done by George and discussed briefly. Motion for 300 copies by Pete, seconded by K1DFS, motion passed

New Business:

Discussion of the Museum Ships, reporting back next month for the Nautilus in Groton, June 5-6, 2010.

Discussion of the new repeater.

Also, discussion about finding a new location for the 146.88 repeater. The tower at the current site in Bristol is old and rusty and in danger of failing at any time. We have been told by the site owner that if the tower falls down, it will not be put back up. A proposed site on Avon Mt. would be functional, but with reduced coverage to the south. Anyone with any ideas for an alternative site would be welcome.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1ITT
Abstain:	

Klondike Derby Update

The Klondike Derby was successfully held on Saturday and Sunday, Feb 6th and 7th. On Saturday, the weather was cold, but dry. There were a record number of scouts participating this year.

Participating from the ICRC were: Rick - N1JGR, Chuck - K1DFS, Pete - KB1KZC, Steve - KB1RRR, Larry - K1HEJ, George - N1RMF and Dan – W1ZFG.

Special thanks go out to Rick – N1JGR for his usual fine job in organizing the communications for the event and setting up all the radio equipment, the repeater and the tower.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership : K1EIC SM; ASMs: K1STM, KD1YV, W1FXQ; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1TCH; SEC N1CLV; ASEC N1FNE, K1BRF, AF1HS, K1VSC; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB.

A very Happy and healthy New Year to you all. It's amazing that it's already mid January and ten years after the big Y2K event. Do you all remember that New Year's Eve? Many ops spent that Eve together at EOCs in a standby mode!

Let's make this Section better than ever--what are your ideas? I have some of my own which I will share with you next month; I need time to get back from the holidays and get organized.

Congratulations to Kay Craigie, N3KN as she becomes the 15th president of ARRL! You can read about her many accomplishments and contributions to Amateur radio at

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2010/01/16/11292/?nc=1>.

Some years ago, Kay was a speaker at the Nutmeg State Hamfest in Wallingford. I have known Kay and her husband Carter, N3AO for many years and am personally thrilled that Kay will be leading ARRL as president. As you will read in the story cited above, she was a Section Manager, a director, a vice director, vice president and has served on all of the standing committees of the Board. Hearty congrats to Kay!

Your Section Manager attended the New England Division cabinet meeting which, twice per year, meets just before the full ARRL Board meeting. Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI invites Section Managers, Assistant Directors appointed by him, club presidents and advisory committee representatives to this meeting to discuss potential agenda topics and get input on topics of interest to all of us. Six CT clubs were represented: Radio Amateur Society of Norwich, BEARS of Manchester, Valley Amateur Radio Association, the Pioneer Valley Repeater Association, the Insurance City Repeater Club and the Newington Amateur Radio League.

Club officers have the chance to talk with other club leaders about what they're doing and look for ideas about how to handle the more difficult aspects of leading a club. Everyone is looking for a program speaker. So if you have a topic you would like to present and if you are willing to travel to a club when time permits, please let me know and I promise I will pass your info to CT clubs. We've tried a speakers' bureau before but have had little response. Let's do it again--lots of you have something to share. For now, contact me please and if there's interest, then I'll assign this project to one of my cabinet members to chair.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Some volunteers were specially recognized at their club holiday parties. This is often a time in which the ham of the year and the Elmer of the year are recognized. I was pleased to be able to attend the NARL dinner at which outgoing president Mary Hobart K1MMH received the ham of the year award and was recognized for her outstanding work as club president. All were pleased with the new venue for the NARL Hamfest at St. Mary's School and the many activities which the club has undertaken. Congrats to Steve Ewald, WV1X on his election as the new president of NARL.

I was also pleased to present the QST cover plaque for September QST to Paul Danzer, N1II for his article A Simple Transformer To Measure Your Antenna Current at the meeting of the Greater Norwalk ARC. I've known Paul for many years and have had the pleasure of working with him on the volunteer and professional levels.

While at GNARC, I heard an amazing talk given by the well-known contester Dan, N1ZZ who showed some extraordinary slides of the PJ2T Caribbean Contest Club operation. Handling 1,000 feet of seven-eighth-inch hard line, carrying it up steep slopes and burying it which involved splicing the pieces is just one of the many challenges they overcame. Yes indeed, we hams continue to be creative and adventurous! The Meriden Amateur Radio Club awarded their Elmer of the year plaque to Rich, WA1TRY. This award was named after Adolph Goodsell, W1ICQ who was Rich's mentor. Rich wrote an inspiring story about how he got licensed and the way in which he was mentored. You can read it at <http://www.w1nrg.com/forum/KeyKlix/KKJan10.pdf>. Congrats Rich--we've been on the air together for many years. Good work!

CT ARES deployed the Region 4 Mobile Communications Unit (R4MCU) to Norwich today at the request of the Emergency Management Director, Gene Arters. As you may have heard on the news, there are many residents in the Norwich area who have families in Haiti. They set up at the Haitian First Baptist Church in Norwich to provide residents the opportunity to go online to the International Red Cross Family Links website to enter requests for information on relatives and friends in Haiti. The Red Cross, Norwich Emergency Management, and a State Behavioral Health Team were also on site to assist. Many thanks to the following hams who assisted: DEC4 Bill Covey W1GTT, ASEC Ron Pariseau K1VSC, ADEC4S Chip Griffin N1MIE and his wife Liz Griffin N1LMG, Chris Poss KB1FUO, Kevin Clark KB1DQC and his wife Kerry Clark KB1SBD, and SEC Wayne Gronlund N1CLV. At this writing, I can report that there was some PR on this event on FOX61 News. Good work gang!

See you next month. Stay safe in this winter weather.

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