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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, March 17<sup>th</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>	February 17, 2006
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:42PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	7:58PM

**Minutes taken by:** Dan Wall, WA1PAT

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

K1HEJ	KB1JYX	KB1KZC	WA1PAT	N1JWF
K1WMS	K1DFS			

### **Secretary report:**

E-Mailed report to committee for perusal.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	K1DFS
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1JYX
<b>Abstain:</b>	

unanimous

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

### **Treasurer Report:**

No activity this month. Current balance is \$792.65

Motion to Accept:	KB1JYX
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

### **Tech. VP report...**

No Tech VP report this month. Tech VP not present at meeting.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

unanimous

### **Old Business:**

The club will once again be providing radio communications for the spring mountain bike race at Winding Trails. There was some concern expressed by our Men From M.A.R.S. as to a possible date conflict with a planned M.A.R.S. activity for 4/29, but a check of the biking web site showed that the bike race is scheduled for 4/23.

Our Field Day committee (Al and Al) will report back at the March meeting.

### **New Business:**

After a suggestion by Rick -N1WGK, Chuck will attempt to acquire 10 laptop computers from CCSU.

SARA needs a new computer to control their downtown repeater after their site was moved.

Chuck – K1DFS asked if it was ok to use the .88 machine for on-the-air code practice. There was no opposition to this by anyone present. Details to follow.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KB1JYX
Abstain:	

Unanimous

## **Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary**

Section Leadership: ASMs: K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, K1BRF; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator N1FNE; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. Believe it or not, the 61-page TOPOFF After Action Report is finished and on the CT ARES Web Site: <http://www.ctares.org>. To download the PDF file, right click on the link and choose "Save Target As", then follow the prompts. Enjoy the document. If you are so inclined, write me and let me know what you think.

From Richard Monahan, K1FPP Nutmeg Chapter QCWA: Today, on St. Valentine's Day, at the USL (Underwater Sound Laboratory) Luncheon, Tom Guadliana, W1DCM (Dogs, Cats, & Mice) was presented with his 75 year QCWA, (Quarter Century Wireless Association) Award. Along with this award he received an honorary Life Membership to the National QCWA. Tom is a young 94-year-old very active Amateur Operator that participates in many HF net including, USL net, 4 Pmer's net, Use To Be net, East Cars, and a 2-meter VHF evening net. If you hear him on be sure to say hello. Tom always has a very famous and original expression: "If you see someone without a smile, give him yours".

And now, here's something really nifty! "The Cannons Have Fired";--Mac, W1FYM Rear Admiral Barry K. Atkins was interred in Arlington National Cemetery on January 30, 2006. Amateur Radio helped coordinate a simultaneous rifle salute in Hartford, Connecticut. The request came from Alex Parley of Windsor, CT, who was a member of Atkins' crew during WWII. Their destroyer, the USS Melvin, sank the Japanese battleship Fuso in the battle of Surigao Strait, the only destroyer known to have sunk a battleship. Retired Admiral Atkins was a long-time resident of Connecticut. Mr. Parley contacted Allen Pitts, W1AGP, at ARRL HQ. SM Betsey Doane, K1EIC, passed the request to Mac Harper, W1FYM. The Arlington Public Service Club responded to Mac's email seeking volunteers. Arthur Feller, W4ART, proposed using VHF from Arlington, and communicating via IRLP to Connecticut. Jack Reed, W4FXX, helped find club members who might participate. Adam Hahn, KG4VNC, went to the Arlington ceremony. Mac, W1FYM, set up a portable VHF and HF station in Bushnell Park, Hartford, for the ceremony. Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, station manager at W1AW, operated during his lunch hour to provide an HF link. Mac, Joe, and Adam established voice communications at noon, using IRLP via the PVRA repeater W1HDA in Vernon, Connecticut.

At 12:14 EST, KG4VNC passed the voice message, "The cannons have fired. The honor guard is beginning their salute." W1FYM informed the military, who began their rifle salute simultaneously with Arlington. Following the bugle playing of TAPS, Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, station manager of W1AW, transmitted the C.W. message on 40M: "THE RIFLE SALUTE FOR REAR ADMIRAL BARRY K. ATKINS WAS FIRED AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AT 12:15 LOCAL TIME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006." The clarion tones of Morse Code were audible to all present, and were reminiscent of the Morse messages used during World War II. Master Chief Charley Williams read the Governor's Proclamation and delivered remarks upon the life and history of the admiral. Members of the Marine Corps League and Navy Reserve units from Plainville rendered the honors in Hartford. Charley Williams, HMCM(SS) represented the State Department of Veterans' Affairs. Lisa Perrona was present from State Representative John Larson's office. Many thanks Mac--terrific job and great PR for Amateur Radio!

Norm W3IZ is running a 5-session Technician Class at The Southington Town Hall each week from 7:00-9:00 p.m. from March 2 through March 30. If you know anyone who wants to take the class, contact Norm at [w3iz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:w3iz@sbcglobal.net). ECARA is running a general class end of March.

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

Your SM and SEC Rod had a great time at the Candlewood ARA where they gave out merit framed hurricane certificates to N1OCM and KB1LQV for their efforts during their deployment during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Several TOPOFF certificates were presented to CARA members who participated. We thoroughly enjoyed the program on antique radios given by Marty, K1CVF. He has an incredible collection you will not want to miss so invite him to your club!

Mark your calendars: March 18 ECARA Ham Fest Pomfret Community School 8:00 a.m. to noon; April 23 Southington Ham Fest and ARES Annual Meeting. Come meet our new Field And Educational Services Dept. Manager Dave Patton, NN1N who will be speaking at this meeting! I spoke with Dave recently and he is looking forward to meeting you. Also on that date, Kevin KA6PDG and members of RASON will be doing communications for the MS Walk-a-thon 7:30-1:00 p.m. that day. If you can help, contact Kevin at (860) 886-0762.

Bill, W1KKF, president of the Meriden ARC presented Joel N1JEO an engraved pocket knife for his many years of service. Congratulations Joel!

February is the birth month of the Meriden Club. As such is is also the birth month of W1NRG the club's station. W1NRG is an active member of 10-10. To celebrate the anniversary of the club's birth and also W1NRG, we will hold a special for Castle Craig members for the month of February. The details of the special are simple. Just work all the Castle Craig members that you can during the month of February. You may work a station for credit only once. For each station that you work, you will receive a 5 point upgrade on your Castle Craig Plus. You may count your own call for the special giving you an extra 5 points. Those members not having the Castle Craig Plus will be upgraded at the time of application and we welcome new members to join our chapter at that time. All members must be worked on 10 meters, and the special starts February 1, 2006 and ends February 28, 2006. Log information consisting of call of station worked and station's Castle Craig number should be sent to the Certificate Manager via email no later than March 10, 2006. For those members without email it should be sent to the CBA of N1API no later than March 15, 2005. US mail must include and SASE for return postage, (\$1.00 for DX Stations). Your upgrade will be returned the same method as is was received. Thanks for your support of The Castle Craig Chapter of 10-10 and we hope to work you all in February! 73- Al N1API Certificate Manager Castle Craig Chapter of 10-10

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