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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, April 21st 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>	March 17, 2006
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:49PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:28PM

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

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

N1WGK	WA1PAT	KB1KNV	John (non-ham)	K1DFS
N1JGR	K1HEJ	N1JWF		

### **Secretary report:**

E-Mailed report to committee for perusal.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	K1DFS
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N1JWF
<b>Abstain:</b>	

unanimous

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## **Last Month's Meeting – cont'd**

### **Treasurer Report:**

3/17/2006

**Previous Balance:** 792.65

**Register Ending Balance:** 882.65

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	KB1KNV
Abstain:	

unanimous

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

We need an update on the status of the 440 repeater and the 15 rebuild.

There was some discussion about the 15 repeater issues that we have been experiencing lately. I couldn't keep up with everything discussed but it was interesting.

88 machine is having some noise also...N1JGR will check into it as time permits.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

unanimous

### **Web report...**

KB1KNV needs information to put into the web site.

### **802.11 project report...**

We currently have 1 access point that may be live (assuming it survived the Winter) but it still needs programming. We also want to put up a server at the location. We also have a 1w amp for the job as well. We need to pick a date and go up to the site to get everything started.

### **Old Business:**

Bike race @ Winding Trails, Farmington: April 23<sup>rd</sup>... We need hams!!! Please contact Al, N1JWF, if you can help out.

### **New Business: None**

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

unanimous

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## **Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary**

We were all shocked and deeply saddened by the death of our friend John Hennessee, N1KB. John was one who spread joy and enthusiasm to those around him. He always encouraged others to try something new and was a real help to everyone who wrote or called Headquarters about regulatory information. He was a cheerful gentleman who was genuinely interested in the people he met. There is a beautiful article about John on the ARRL Web site at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/03/07/3/?nc=1>. I came across a very nice editorial from a member of the Ohio Section and some photographs from PIC Al W1FXQ which I have permission to share; I will post them on the Section Page on the ARRL Web site as soon as I can--watch for an alert. You can send condolences to the family via the on-line guestbook at <http://www.legacy.com/Charlotte/Guestbook>.

I am calling for this Section to place a high priority on ARRL's "Hello" Campaign created and coordinated by Media & PR Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP. It is time to make a concerted effort to increase the number of active operators in the Amateur Radio service, a task which each of us needs to undertake. Read about this effort in April QST and in this week's ARRL Letter and consider ways in which you can participate. I have written to club presidents asking for their support. Here's one thing we can all do: please be welcoming of newcomers and consider ways in which you can be an Elmer. "Hello" bumper stickers will be on sale through the ARRL catalog; "Hello" buttons will be made available at major ham fests; go to <http://www.arrl.org/pio> and starting March 20th you can download the latest Hello and EMCOMM audio public service announcements. These 30 second PSA's were made possible thanks to Johnny Donovan at WABC-AM and Howard Price, KA2QPJ, of WABC-TV in New York who is Acting President of the Broadcast Employees Amateur Radio Society, a member of the ham organization at WABC Radio & TV in New York and also the BEARS. There will be a video (a really GREAT one I am told) coming out in April. PIOs should coordinate an effort to get these PSAs to radio and TV stations - they do no good to us just waiting on the web. They need YOU to act and get them broadcast. Special note about video files: MPEG files may be good enough for your computer, but the files do not have high enough resolution for "real" TV work. To get broadcast quality copies of the video, please write to [hello@arrl.org](mailto:hello@arrl.org) with your name, address and where you will be placing it. The DVD's are not cheap, so ARRL cannot just speculatively pass them out. If you have a local TV station that must have BetaSP or the full, uncompressed digital files, please send an email with specifics about what they need to [hello@arrl.org](mailto:hello@arrl.org). Be sure and take a look at these PSA's--new ones will come out every 6 or 8 weeks.

If you want to give a talk to a community group about Amateur radio, you can get Hello brochures which can be viewed at <http://www.arrl.org/pio>. These brochures are not designed for club use but for distribution to those who are not ham operators. ARRL is happy to send you what you need but is asking for a donation of the postage cost. There will also be a short video of about 3-5 minutes for starting talks about ham radio coming out in the early fall. If you need some background information to pass out, there's also materials you can download and print at [www.arrl.org/pio](http://www.arrl.org/pio). Check out the campaign Web site <http://www.hello-radio.org>. We all say we want to promote ham radio and see it grow. Well, now is the time to act on our words. If you are interested in teaching a class, please know there is plenty of material available, and if you need personal support, I will make it a priority to find those with teaching experience to talk with you. Let us together show others what this wonderful service which we all so much enjoy has to offer!

A How-To class for licensed ham radio operators is being offered by the Conn. Section of the American Radio Relay League. The single session 4 hour class will be from 9-1 on 29 April at the Meriden Amateur Radio Club [www.meridenarc.org](http://www.meridenarc.org) and will be presented by Conn. Section Technical Coordinator Joe Wonoski - N1KHB and Technical Specialist Mike Loukides - W1JQ.

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

Planned topics include antenna construction and adjustment, along with antenna tuners and analyzers. We will also cover choosing and working with plastic and metal materials for construction of electronics projects along with adhesives, sealants, and fastener selection. There will also be instruction in soldering and an example of basic circuit calculations resulting in a small project to take home. The class is free and open to licensed amateur radio operators. Seating space is limited, so please reserve by contacting Joe Wonoski at N1KHB@aol.com (use "How-To" for a subject line) or call H. 203-457-9770 or B. 203-785-2998.

The March meeting of the Southern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club featured a power point presentation by Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD on the subject of EchoLink. Mr Taylor is the writer and developer of the EchoLink program and was the recipient of the Special Achievement Award at the Dayton Hamvention in 2003 as well as the ARRL 2002 Technical Innovation Award. On March 19, 2006, SBARC will have an amateur radio booth at the annual TriState Trade Fair at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, CT. The club's annual Hamfest will again be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Goshen Fairgrounds in Goshen, CT.--Ed Rubin, N2JBA President

CT ARES Rapid Response Teams will participate in a Recon Rally CT ARES ® Area 4 North on Saturday, March 25 from 0830-1500 at Quinebaug Valley Community College, 742 Upper Maple Rd, Danielson. ARES members are invited to get teams together and participate in a valuable experience in which you will become familiar with Area 4 North & have some fun at a Scavenger Hunt! For further information, see the complete flier at <http://www.ctares.org> ; also Area 4 Web site <http://homepage.mac.com/tahoekid/RRG&EOP.html>. For further information, contact DEC Wayne N1CLV [n1clv@arrl.net](mailto:n1clv@arrl.net).

I just had a delightful call from one of our 92-year-old ops Bill, WA1BER, AFA1PJ Air Force MARS. He is on the air each day, sometimes for several hours and is doing just fine--by the way, he had no problem hearing me on the phone and his memory was terrific! He is a member of the Coastline ARA and often goes to their gatherings in Milford. Congrats to Bill--it was fun talking!

More hams are needed for the Boston Marathon on April 17th. All you need is a minimum 2.5 watt 2 Meter HT with a good antenna (not the stock antenna) with extra batteries. An ear phone is also a good idea. You must be over 18 years old and no guests are allowed. This is an all day commitment starting from 6:30 AM to 9:00PM. Some assignments end by 2:30 PM. Others end as late as 7PM. Please sign up at: <http://marc.amateur-radio.net> To make sure you get a jacket please sign up by March 15. If you have any questions call my cell phone 508-922-9688 or drop me an email [w3eve@arrl.net](mailto:w3eve@arrl.net) Talk it up with your friends. We try very hard to put groups together. 73-- Steve Schwarm, W3EVE office: 781-672-3826; cell: 508-922-9688; home: 508-384-7697.

The Candlewood Amateur Radio Assn. Enjoyed a talk by Steve, KF6AJ on non-radio uses of RF.

Don't forget: the CPTV Annual Family Science Expo Amateur Radio booth coordinated by NARL needs your help--April 27-30 CT Expo Center Hartford off I-91. Contact Ron Cady [K1RKD@ARRL.net](mailto:K1RKD@ARRL.net), Bob Stanwood [KB1EYZ@ARRL.net](mailto:KB1EYZ@ARRL.net) or Al Cohen [W1FXQ@ARRL.net](mailto:W1FXQ@ARRL.net).

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