
Time Out

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April - 2012

This Month's Meeting

A reminder to members to check into the ICRC website for the latest happenings @ www.icrcweb.org

[April ICRC General Meeting April 20, 2012](#)

Held at: American Red Cross
209 Farmington Ave, Farmington, CT

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING!

April 20, 2012 at 7:30PM

Final prep for the Winding Trails bike race April 22... and Safety meeting for the Boateaters Race May 12

If you are interested in volunteering for either Winding Trails Bike Race or the Boateaters or both; send your email to [George at NIRMF@comcast.net](mailto:George@NIRMF.comcast.net).

Your email must contain; which event you are volunteering or both, Your name and Contact phone number and Amateur call sign If you have a friend that is not a ham and wants to help that is OK, Please provide their name. They may become interested in becoming an operator. Each checkpoint must have two people and at least one must be a licensed operator.

The Winding Trails Bike race April 22, 2012 - you operate from the comfort of your vehicle with two people per check point - Normally there are 7-8 check points plus the start/ finish. Be on-site for 8am at Winding Trails, Farmington and done around 3:30PM - Lunch is provided.

The Boateaters Race is on May 12th - the Pre-Race meeting is a mandatory SAFETY meeting April 20, 2012. That race Starts at 8AM and done by noon. This event takes place on the Farmington River near the dam and runs for 5.5 miles down stream.

Thank you in advance from the events committee of ICRC.

Are you looking to take your HAM test, or know someone who may be interested? The ICRC will be holding exams for Tech, General and Extra starting at 6:00PM

Please note that the 6:00PM time is a new change from what used to be 6:30PM

Contact K1WMS Walt at k1wms@hotmail.com or call him 860-529-8474 [What do I bring with me?](#)

2 Forms of ID, Pencils, pen, \$15.00 cash or Check. Checks made out to ARRL- VEC

Last Month's Meeting

ICRC Meeting Minutes

Date:	3/16/12
Time Started:	7:56 PM
Time Ended:	8:30 PM

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall – W1ZFG

Attendees (Callsign):

WY1O	W1ZFG	N1JGR	KB1SNL	AB1NH
N1JWF	KA1NDE	KB1TFU	KB1VPY	KB1VNT
WA2PNV	N1QLN	K1DFS	K1WMS	N1RMF
K3VDH	N1RNS			

Presidents Report:

Nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1QLN
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

unanimous

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer report was presented by the treasurer. Account balances were read.

Motion to Accept:	N1QLN
Seconded by:	AB1NH
Abstain:	

unanimous

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Tech. VP Report:

The Tech VP Report was tabled due to lack of time.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Admin. VP Report:

Nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Webmaster Report:

The website is up and running and is currently up to date.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KA1NDE
Abstain:	

Elmer's net:

The final exam for the second semester is in the process of being created. The Elmer's Net is now on "summer vacation" and will return in the fall with a third semester.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to report.

New Business:

- Club Liability Insurance: A motion was made to have the club purchase liability insurance to cover our members while participating in public service communications events. Cost of the policy is \$200. Motion was made by Perry – WY1O and seconded by Mike – N1QLN. Motion passed.
- Bandpass Filters: Discussion was held on the subject of getting bandpass filters for use during Field Day to prevent interference between the closely located transceivers. Mike – N1QLN said that he could borrow some commercially made units from his cousin. A committee consisting of Chuck – K1DFS, George – N1RMF, and Dan – W1ZFG will look into the purchase of parts for the construction of permanent units for club use.
- Field Day Committee: A committee consisting of George – N1RMF, Walt – K1WMS, Perry – WY1O, Marie – KB1TFU, and Dan – KB1VNT was formed to manage this year's Field Day operation.

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- Constitution and Bylaws: A motion was made to appoint a committee to revise and update the current constitution and bylaws of the club. The motion passed. The committee will consist of Dan – W1ZFG, Mike – N1QLN, Kevin – WA2PNV, and Marie – KB1TFU. A draft of the new document was sent out with this month's newsletter for review and approval.

Motion to Adjourn:	W1ZFG
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

President's Message

"Inventing a New Normal"

Watching the presidential primary debates over the past many months, I'm struck by one very obvious realization, but by no surprise; none of these guys who are campaigning for the Republican nomination is really qualified to be president of our nation. Not even the forecasted prime forerunner, who is unable to keep track of how many Cadillacs his wife has! And so that I don't completely alienate our Republican readers; I'm not too sure about our current president who had first promised to be such an advocate of change - and here we are with pretty much the same "same old, same old" with gas at the pump raising steady towards five bucks a gallon.

I suppose that's okay, as we have had regarded great heads of office as George Washington, Abe Lincoln, John F Kennedy and Ronald Reagan who had never held that high political office - and had done well at it. A good part of their success has been the people who they choose to assist them in their goals. The Cabinet selections, as well as the close presidential advisers were carefully selected in each administration of those noted presidents, and were a major reason for the successes in their terms of office.

Regardless of the winner of this year's political race, America will still survive as it always has. And who knows, maybe there will be an opportunity exercised for the president to step up to the plate – and make a difference for the good of the American people.

Why do I mention this, it's got to more than just the ranting of a dissatisfied voter! I mention it to compare the office and leadership of our clubs and other organizations - but specifically here for our gathering; the Insurance City Repeater Club. It's to compare both the unprepared presidency and the established leadership of our Club.

In the past, as now; we've had club presidents who haven't been trained for the position. However all of them, within my memory have had valued "cabinet" and advisers. The Cabinet and advisers may be compared to having the wisdom and experience of those on our Board of Directors.

While I have had experience in leading many church and other volunteer organization (another ham club - yes), my time in the gallery at the ICRC was really less than a year. After a one year membership in 1993 (I still have the card) I re-joined last Spring, just in time to be a part of the first Boateater's Challenge race. What an eye-opener that was - these guys are really serious about communication and giving full service in terms of

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emergent events! I sense my lack of experience in the ICRC as a plus, for it allows me to discover and distinguish the Club as a new person would. Where veteran leaders may be too close to the routine, as a new member, and new president - I'm channeled to see the good things we are doing and see what might be improved.

After about four months in office, and enjoying the "honeymoon period" that a new leader experiences, I now discover that I'm "leading" an extremely dynamic group. Just in the Executive Board alone, we enjoy concise expertise in engineering, information technology, business, governmental practices and even in law enforcement communications. A diverse group, united in dedication of providing professional service. Additionally, where a problem arises, these guys are right on it, with full fervor and commitment to excellence.

In addition to the normal hustle and bustle of preparing for our service projects Klondike (now past), and completing a fairly comprehensive Elmer's Net; the two bike races, a canoe race, Field Day with a new QTH; the club is also vigorously involved currently with extensive By-Laws revision and sponsoring a Technician license class in Glastonbury. That honeymoon of mine, has long been over.

My perceived areas for improvement with the ICRC are that of defining our committees and projects a little better with a more defined sense of order and management. In the past, while our hearts and intentions are in the right place, I believe we've become a little laid-back and casual, and in that practice some personal feeling by others have been hurt by "not being on the same page". I also see that the Club really needs to do more in outreach and growth of our membership. For all the great services that we provide to our community, we need to allow other to share in the practice; to have fun and if not careful learn a thing or two. We also need to put a little zip into the meetings, rather than to have the dull business meeting each month. The executive Board has made a goal to start having a program of some sort at more meetings – to make it a little more interesting.

Firmed structure and outreach - those are my goals so far. And I'm fortunate that the Board, and some of our members have noted this new direction with which we're taking, and have supported it. As with anything that is new, it's sometimes difficult to get used to it - yet over time hopefully these small changes to what has been normal in the past may become our "new normal".

The duties of the ICRC president are described in a brief detail in our Club Constitution and ByLaws. However, as many documents of this type are, - they seem to be pretty standard - to include preside at the meetings, enforce the Constitution and Bylaws, decide "questions of order", sign all official documents (adopted by the Board of Directors, and none other) and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of the President. That last official duty could be a conundrum, that could get one in trouble, if one didn't realize that he or she still must be in tandem with the Board of Directors!

What is not mentioned in what I would like to call is "leadership style". Each president chooses one for his or herself, whether intentionally or by happenstance. Our former ICRC president, much like myself with very little experience for the job; saw the position to entail other duties which I don't readily see. While I do see that unofficially I'm a "figurehead" for the club, I basically cannot speak for the Club outside of the objectives of the Boards of Directors. I believe that we have had a problem or two by the previous president who had some communications outside of the objectives of our Board of Directors, and has caused some hardships. A very major part of those communications was a statement of who could use our ICRC repeaters, and who couldn't. I plan to address this issue during next month's President Message in May's "Time Out".

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Just a final word about our Club repeaters. In addition to the services that we provide through our club repeater system, these FM audio machines are available for enjoyment by all Technician class licensees and above, regardless of club membership. They are open to all; 24 hours / 7 days a week.

The frequencies are:

- 147.15+ (N1JGR) PL 77Hz located in Burlington
- 146.88- (K1DFS) PL 77Hz located in Bristol
- 442.85+ (K1DFS) PL 77Hz located in Bristol

All ICRC repeaters are to be regarded as “open” repeaters, with CTCSS sub-audible squelch control to reduce interference to and from other repeaters. The sub-audible squelch code(s) are published and are public knowledge, so as to not keep anyone from using them. For ease of remembrance, 77.0 Hz is the sub-audible squelch code for all ICRC repeaters.

The following 224.60 repeater is not owned, supported and controlled under the auspices of the Insurance City Repeater Club; but is linked to the ICRC system, by special permission.

- 224.60- (K1WMS) PL 123Hz K1WMS (affiliated) repeater located in Vernon, CT

Lastly - I monitor the ICRC repeaters regularly from 6:45 to 7:30 AM, on my way to work, Monday through Friday. Occasionally, I'll join another conversation somewhere else on another system. But basically, I'm looking for some action on our ICRC repeaters. If you're up and about - please give me a call! I'd love the company.

Perry WY1O

Call for Speakers

All speakers and organizations wanting to participate in the 2012 ARRL New England Division Convention program, please contact us at your earliest opportunity. Note the dates for the convention this year: August 24 – 26, 2012. While there has been good response to date, open program hours remain available. Contact us if you wish to present a talk; include a subject title and, if you are so prepared, include a brief abstract.

If you represent a regional club or organization (e.g. NESMC, CEMARC, MARS, NEWS etc.) we can help facilitate open forums or closed meetings by providing you a meeting room. We do ask that organizations like this to please consider Sunday morning time slots for their closed meetings.

Groups looking to set up information booths should get your request in early. While the information booths are offered without charge, we ask for some volunteer time in return to assist us with ticket sales and other logistics during the convention operation. Note, if you require a hotel room, make your reservations ASAP per the instructions contained on the web site to get the special convention rate.

Keep an eye on the convention web site, <http://www.borboro.org>, for the latest information. We look forward to meeting you at the convention,

Ken Caruso, WO1N
Boxboro Program Chairman Wo1n@arrl.net 508-572-3347

The ARRL Needs Your Help!

Do you live in a CC&R- restricted community or participate in EmCom activities? Have deed restrictions / HOA covenants prevented you from erecting amateur radio antennas? Have these restrictions prevented you from full participation in emergency communications activities during disasters? If your answer is "Yes", ARRL needs to hear about your experience. As you are probably aware, Congress has directed the FCC to conduct a study of the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio Service communications in emergencies and disaster relief. The FCC was directed to identify "impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use restrictions on residential antenna installations". Finally, the study is to make "recommendations regarding the removal of such impediments." The FCC has issued a Public Notice - DA 12-523- soliciting input from the public as part of their study. The ARRL is gathering comments from the Amateur Radio community to present as part of its comments on the public notice. The ARRL is looking specifically for input in two specific areas: * Recent Amateur Radio involvement in actual emergency communications and disaster relief; * Specific details about how CC&Rs and other private land use restrictions have impaired licensed Amateurs to participate fully in these disaster relief communications. If your ability to participate in ARES, RACES, SKYWARN, CERT, or other emergency and disaster relief communications has been limited because the inability to have adequate antennas due to CC&Rs, you are asked to provide that information to the ARRL. First, we recommend that you prepare a narrative of your exact situation, in as much detail as practical. Some areas for you to consider in writing your story might be:

- Were there alternative properties without CC&Rs in the area you wished to reside?
- What exactly does your CC&R allow / prohibit (please include a copy of the specific wording)
- Have you applied for a waiver of the CC&R with the Home Owner's Association / Architectural Review Committee but were denied? If so, what was the reason?

To assist you in sharing your information with the ARRL, please visit the special ARRL website built to allow you to readily provide the pertinent information at www.arrl.org/ccr-study-information This page will present you with an overview of what we are asking and have links to the two forms for you to complete. Please be as factual as you can with the information you provide and please provide only information about events and activities in which you were directly involved. If you wish to write out the details of your situation in advance, please do so. They can be either uploaded from the website or they can be sent as an email attachment to an email sent to CCRinfo@arrl.org Keep in mind that the FCC study does not apply to ordinances and zoning laws implemented by the government - such as towns, cities or counties. PRB-1 covers those situations. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!** Congress directed that the FCC provide the report back within 180-days and that clock is already counting. The FCC is only accepting comments for a 45-day period, which will end May 17,2012. In order for the ARRL to collate your information in a common report, we ask that you send in your information no later than **WEDNESDAY APRIL 25**. If you need more information, please contact reginfo@arrl.org The time to act is **NOW!**

Rookie Roundup – Ideas for Clubs

One of the most common concerns expressed by clubs is they want to help their new hams get on the air and learn HF operating skills. Field Day is a great opportunity – and many hams made their first HF QSOs on that last full weekend of June – but it only comes once a year. That’s where the ARRL Rookie Roundup [[hyperlink to www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup](http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup)] comes in.

The Rookie Roundup is a contest especially for new hams – those first licensed in the current and preceding two years – and it occurs three times a year on the third Sunday of April, August, and December. Each contest uses a different mode. April is the SSB contest, RTTY is featured in August, and December is a Morse code contest.

April QST includes a feature on the Rookie Roundup – this is a great opportunity to open up the club station or arrange for a member to host a multioperator effort as described below. Now there are a total of six ARRL HF contests for newcomers every year: Field Day, three Rookie Roundups, and two School Club Roundups. (Eight, if you count Kid’s Days in January and June.) Take advantage of these opportunities to get your new hams on HF!

Multioperator Category

Many clubs asked about adding a category for multiple rookies sharing a single station – such as a club station. Beginning with the April 2012 contest, a multioperator category has been added! Any number of rookies can participate – assisted by any number of non-rookie helpers and Elmers – as long as a single transmitter is used. This is a bit different than the usual Multioperator, Single Transmitter category which allows a second radio to make contacts. Certainly, the rookies not making contacts can tune around and find other stations to work – the contacts have to be made from one operating position, though.

There are no restrictions on what type of station may be used, the number of rookies, the number of helpers and mentors – it’s very much like Field Day or a regular contest multioperator effort. You can go fast or slow, call CQ or search and pounce. This is not only a great, low-pressure way for newcomers to try HF operating and get comfortable with a microphone, key, or keyboard but it’s great training for Field Day, too! These new operators will be able to contribute at a much higher level having had experience in the Rookie Roundup.

Team Competition

Another requested feature for Rookie Roundup was to support team competition. In response, we added a competition for five single-operator Rookie category entrants to add their scores together to create a single team score. A Rookie’s individual score will still be listed separately so now they can compete in two ways at once! Note that multioperator entries can not be included in team scores.

A team registration form will be available on the ARRL Rookie Roundup website before the contest – watch the website for information on how to submit and deadlines for submitting team information.

Rookie Roundup – Ideas for Clubs – cont'd

Contest Ideas

In no particular order, here are some ideas to jump-start your club's thinking about operating in Rookie Roundup – use one of these ideas or make up your own! As the note at the end of this article suggests, be sure to let us know about your ideas, too.

- Break out the club's emergency communications gear and set up an HF station
- Create two teams of rookies and have a competition within your club
- Challenge another local club to a multioperator competition
- Combine Rookie Roundup with a post-contest pizza feed to share stories
- Pair up individual mentors and rookies and form teams to combine scores
- Set up a "mini-Field Day" station in a public place for some ham radio publicity
- Invite non-hams to participate as spectators
- Have young rookies challenge the older rookies
- Award prizes for most contacts made, most states contacted, most rookies worked, etc

You'll find plenty of other ideas to try – have fun with the contest!

Other Notes

Since 6 meters did not turn out to attract much attention, we dropped 6 meters from the Rookie Roundup effective with the April 2012 contest. We will continue to publish the results of Rookie Roundup during the same week of the contest. Score submissions will still be required 72 hours after the contest.

N1MM Logger ([hyperlink to n1mm.com](http://n1mm.com)) remains the only standalone package supporting Rookie Roundup along with the online logging website, In The Log ([hyperlink to inthelog.com](http://inthelog.com)). You may also log on paper log sheets – a downloadable log sheet is available on the contest's website.

Tell Us About It!

If you do host or enable a Rookie Roundup operation, be sure to let everyone know by taking photos and posting them to the ARRL Soapbox web page ([hyperlink to www.arrl.org/soapbox](http://www.arrl.org/soapbox)). Send a copy of your story to contests@arrl.org, as well. Success breeds success – by publishing your account, other clubs will be encouraged to help their own rookies "break into the big leagues", too!

73,

Sean Kutzko, KX9X
Contest Branch Manager

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The New England QSO Party

Greetings!

The New England QSO Party is coming in just one month - the weekend of May 5-6 - and we'd sure appreciate it if you would spread the word within your club through your newsletter or at the next meeting and help us to encourage activity from Connecticut. Last year we had 160 different stations from all Connecticut counties on the air, and we'd like to have more activity this year.

The NEQP is a great way to test your antennas on 80-10 meters and to be the focus of a lot of activity as stations from around the world look for Connecticut stations.

Here is a summary of the New England QSO Party rules:

Object: To contact as many New England stations (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont) in as many New England counties as possible on 80-40-20-15-10m. **(New England stations work anyone)**

Date: First full weekend of May. (May 5-6 in 2012)

Contest Period: 2000Z Saturday until 0500Z Sunday (4pm EDT Saturday until 1am EDT Sunday) and 1300Z Sunday until 2400Z Sunday (9am EDT Sunday until 8pm EDT Sunday).

Categories: Single-operator high power, low power(150w or less) and QRP(5w or less) categories, plus multi-operator, single transmitter. Same four categories for mobiles. Single-operator stations using assistance during the contest (packet or Internet spotting nets, etc.) will compete in the multi-single category.

Contest Exchange: Send signal report and state/province (DX stations send signal report and "DX"). **New England stations send signal report, county and state.**

QSO Points: Count one point per phone QSO, two points per CW (includes digital modes)QSO.

Multiplier: Stations outside of New England use [counties](#) as multipliers for a total of 67 (CT/8 MA/14 ME/16 NH/10 RI/5 VT/14). **New England stations use states(50)(Count DC as MD), Canadian provinces(14) and DXCC countries as multipliers.**

Scoring: Total score is QSO points times the multiplier. Mobiles count QSO points per county and multipliers from all counties (counted once).

Suggested frequencies: CW - 3540 7035 14040 21040 28040, SSB - 3850 7280 14280 21380 28380.

** Now that the broadcast stations are mostly out of 7125-7200, try 7180 on 40m SSB.**

Reporting: Logs should indicate times in UTC, bands, modes, calls and required contest exchange. All stations include your club's name in the log header or summary. Entries must be submitted within 30 days and sent to NEQP, P.O.Box J, West Suffield CT 06093 or via e-mail to logs@neqp.org (Cabrillo format preferred).

Awards: Certificates will be awarded to the top scorers (25 QSO minimum) in each New England county, U.S. state, Canadian province and DXCC country. A number of special plaques will also be awarded to top scorers.

The New England QSO Party – cont'd

Additional details can be found on the NEQP web site at <http://www.neqp.org>

See if you can have a competition within your club for the top scorer. Several Massachusetts clubs are challenging each other for the best club score.

We're especially looking for mobile stations to put the rarest counties on the air. Litchfield County is usually the hardest one for people to work.

If you think you might be on for at least a short time in the NEQP, let us know with a brief message to us at info@neqp.org

Thanks!

-- Tom/K1KI for the NEQP Committee

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership: K1EIC SM: ASMs W1FXQ emeritus, KD1YV, K1HEJ;
OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1WPM; SEC N1CLV: ASECs N1FNE, K1BRF, AF1HS, K1VSC, W1GTT;
SGL K1MK; STM K1STM; TC N1KHB.

Just in: SB61 has passed the Public Safety and Security Committee on a vote of 23 to 0 with 2 abstentions. The House and Senate must pass it in order for the bill to become law.

Hamfest weekend is this weekend!

The ECARA flea market will be on Saturday, March 17 at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 350 Hartford Turnpike, Rt.101, Dayville from 8:00 to noon. GPS: 41-50-82N / 071-53-60W. There will be lots of door prizes including an HT raffle! Admission is \$3.00; table space is \$10.00. A VE session is planned, you must pre-register. For registration and table spaces and any other info, contact Paul KE1LI kelli@arrl.net or at 860-928-2456.

Directions:

North & South: RT 395 to exit 93. Go west on Rt 101 to church, .6 miles.

West: RT 84 East to Rt74 East, To RT 44 East to RT 101 East. 3.5 miles on left side.

East: RT 101 West. .6 miles after Intersection of RT 395.

Talk in on 147.225 MHz PL 156.7

The Southington Amateur Radio Association Flea Market starts Sunday, March 18 at 8:00 a.m. to noon at Southington High School, (GPS Approx. N41° 37.134' W72° 51.614' 720). Pleasant Street. Admission \$5.00; children under 12, free; table spaces (6ft) \$15.00 in advance (checks must be received before March 18), \$20.00 at the door. Take 50% off if you bring your own table! For vendors, doors open at 6:15 a.m.; doors open to the public at 8:00 a.m. Talk-in 147.345, 145.49DV, 224.80, 444.25DV, PI – 77 Hz.

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Exams for all classes of license start promptly at 10:00 a.m.; Walk-ins are welcome but pre-registration is preferred. Please send an SASE to SARA P.O. Box 873, Southington, 06489. To reserve table space either at full or half price, the club requests that you go to <http://www.chetbacon.com/sara.htm>, fill out the form and mail it to the above address. For further information, contact Norm W3IZ 860-584-1403 (eve) or 860-594-0230 (day). Email: w1ecv@arrl.net; web: <http://www.chetbacon.com/sara.htm>

ARES members, don't forget the annual meeting at 10:30 a.m. hosted by your SEC Wayne N1CLV. Looking forward to seeing you at the hamfest!

And now unfortunately, I need to report a few silent keys.

I am sorry to have to report that Ed Fontaine KA1RMV passed away this morning. His wife Jacquie, N1SPT reported that the funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church on Norwich Avenue in Colchester with burial with full military honors to follow at the Veterans' Cemetery in Middletown. Donations may be made to The Colchester Food bank or to Hospice in Glastonbury—I do not have addresses at this time. Ed was very active in CT and First Region NTS. He was formerly net manager of The Eastern CT Traffic Net. He was active on local, Section and region nets and one who was always ready to take traffic. Ed was fun and very helpful to so many both on the air and in person. Larry, K1HEJ, STM for many years said, "He was an elmer and a real team player."

STM Anne, K1STM remembers Ed: "For many years, Ed was heard as Santa Claus on the TIPS net Christmas Eve net. He always had a smile in his voice and didn't hesitate to gently mentor us when needed. We will miss him." Many thanks to N1CLV for passing along this link.
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theday/obituary.aspx?n=edmond-alfred-fontaine&pid=156460439>.

Bob Tonucci K1ODY is a silent key after a long illness. Bob was very active both in the Valley Amateur Radio Association and in the city of Shelton. He just enjoyed many facets of Amateur radio and really was lots of fun.

The Southington Club reports that Harold Heath - N1GUE has become a SK. Condolences to the club and to his family.

Pete KZ1Z reports that Ronald Lindsay W1CUB formerly WB2CUB of Bethel is a silent key. In addition to Amateur radio, he enjoyed photography, stamp and rare coin collecting, operated model airplanes and model trains. He was a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the Bethel Camera Club, and a softball umpire! We will miss all these fine ops.

Are you enjoying this wonderful weather? Want to learn more about weather and the Sky Warn program? A Basic Spotter Training Class will be held in Branford –March 22! The class will be held at 6:30 PM at the Branford Community House, 46 Church Street, Branford, CT 06405. Registration is required. Please register at <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/okx/Skywarn/spottertraining2012.html>.

Save the date: The annual simulated emergency test will be held in conjunction with the Governor's State exercise July 28-30 with most of our activity on the weekend of July 28-29. More details will follow so stay tuned!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Hearty congratulations to QST Technical Editor Joel Hallas, W1ZR who will receive the Dayton HamVention Technical Achievement Award. Well deserved Joel!

Congrats to the following ops who earned PSHR in February: NM1K 160, KB1NMO 115, and KB1RGQ 110. For further information on the Public Service Honor roll, go to <http://www.arrl.org/public-service-honor-roll>.

Some NTS ops are meeting at The Chinese Buffet in Plainville for lunch on March 24 at noon. If you are an active traffic handler and wish to come join the fun, contact either Bill KB1UUAU or NM Ethel KB1NMO, both @arrl.net.

At its February meeting, NARL past president Steve WV1X presented an award to Jonathan KB1KIX for his work as special projects chair. Steve was presented an award for his work as president of NARL for the past two years. Congrats Steve and Jonathan!

Region 3 ARES is looking for ops to get involved in various digital projects including HF digital, packet and APRS. If interested, please contact DEC Jonathan KB1KIX kb1kix@arrl.net.

NARL will host a table presenting Amateur radio at the opening day of the Kiwanis Flea Market on April 29. The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association had their meeting last Friday when they had a roundtable discussion about various mobile installations.

And don't forget, the CT DX Association meets the first Wednesday of each month (except the months of June, July and August) at ARRL Hq 7:30 p.m. You are invited to come learn about DX operating from the pros!

Looking forward to seeing many of you this weekend. Be sure and stop by the ARRL table and say hello!

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