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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, May 17th at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave. (Rte. 4), Farmington, CT. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

The meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the Charter Oak Room (also called the Disaster Op Center). If you are NOT taking a VE exam, please do not arrive for the meeting before 7:15 P.M. , as the VE session will be taking place in the same room as the meeting starting at 6:00 P.M.

The majority of the meeting will be spent discussing plans for the upcoming Field Day activity on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Other issues may be discussed after that, time permitting. There is no other activity planned for this meeting.

## ***President's Message***

**ICRC members have been busy** with two events over the last month. Your continued support is the only way we can do these events. The growing membership is a good sign that we are meeting the membership wants and needs. If we have not met your needs let me know. It is your club!

**I would like to have several people to be part of the membership greeting committee.** New members and guests must be greeted and felt part of the group. You will be surprise to hear what they want to know or want to share. Their ideas that we may have been tried in the past and not worked out, today however, that same thought may work. We cannot stifle anyone thoughts/ideas. The entire club must be open to new hams or new members thoughts in general.

**Field Day 2013** is getting close. Are you planning on coming to Field Day? Planning has started with the location. Andrews Mountain in Naugatuck, CT. on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Camping out? Tents, or camp trailers allowed. There will be fun for all. If this is your first field day weekend, come to the General meeting, May 17<sup>th</sup> and join in on the planning process. We all would love to hear your suggestion(s) on or about Food, Camping or what Radios you may like to see or try out during this weekend event. Ah, Field Day 2013, learn how to erect long wire antennas, Tower trailer with HF Beams, setting up the radios, computers, and then operating. Calling CQ with the club Call Sign "K1CRC" and working with up to 200 watts of power on HF.

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## ***President's Message – cont'd***

You will be looking to make contact(s), then logging them into the book or computer. The club earns points for each contact made. If we had someone that will do CW, we can earn twice as many points per contact.

Cooking and eating outdoors, the fresh air may give you an appetite to eat, and then operate some more, then sleeping, and then start of day two. You can operate the radio or eat breakfast, in either order. You make your own fun and share with others at this event.

There will be a sign up chart at Field Day. You can sign up for a time slot to either log or operate. Learning is something we all can do or we can mentor others during Field Day. When we are done you will have learned something to take forward in your amateur radio adventure.

**See you on May 17th at the General Meeting. 7:30PM on the third floor of the American Red Cross in Farmington, CT.**

**There is a VEC session for new licensees or a ham wanting to upgrade to a General or Extra prior to our monthly meeting.** The club is looking for General, Advanced, and Extra licensees to become a VE's. VE's must be accredited and then responsible to one (1) of the fourteen (14) VECs. (Volunteer Examiner Coordinators) here is the FCC site that shows them all.

[http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=licensing\\_5&id=amateur](http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=licensing_5&id=amateur)

ARRL VE's are responsible to the ARRL VEC, which is the choice of our club. Contact myself if you are interested. Visit the VEC session prior to the meeting at 6 PM the same day of the meeting to learn more or <http://www.arrl.org/become-an-arrl-ve> or <http://www.arrl.org/ve-manual> or give us your application to a VE's at the ARRL VEC Sessions held just before the regular meetings of the ICRC.

George Carbonell – N1RMF – President ICRC.

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## ***Board of Directors Meeting***

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the I.C.R.C. on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 P.M in the Conference Room at ARRL Headquarters, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. Board meetings are open to all club members wishing to observe the proceedings. Please arrive at 6:45 P.M. to ease entry into the building. After 7:00 P.M., the door will be secured and there will be no one stationed at the door to admit late arrivals.

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## ***Last Month's Meeting***

# **ICRC General Membership Meeting Minutes**

## Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

<b>Date:</b>	4/19/13
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:30 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	9:20 PM

**Minutes taken by:** Dan Wall – W1ZFG

**Attendees (Callsign):**

W1ZFG	N1RMF	N1QLN	KB1ZFD	N1HUZ
K1NKS	KB1RGQ	AB1NH	KB1TFU	KA1NDE
KB1RRS	WY1O	KB1WEZ	K1WMS	KB1SNL
N1JGR	KB1TBL	KB1RRR	KB1ZIU	N1SBK
KB1ZML	KB1IXQ	KB1YDH	N1JWF	Eric Jones

The normal business meeting was not conducted due to the training sessions for the two upcoming club events.

A presentation was made by Eric Jones of the Boateaters Race to be held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Duties of participants and safety were discussed and checkpoints were assigned. Members participating should assemble at the bike trail parking area on Route 4 in Farmington at 10:00 AM.

A presentation was made by Steve – KB1RRR, George – N1RMF, Rick – N1JGR, and Al – N1JWF on the Fat Tire Classic Mountain Bike Race to be held on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Winding Trails in Farmington. Procedures were discussed and positions were assigned.

**Old Business:**

- **Field Day:** A presentation on possible Field Day sites was made by Nick – KB1SNL. The possible sites being considered were Naugatuck, Ivoryton, and Winding Trails. Winding Trails was eliminated due to the fact that the site was already booked. After further discussion of the pros and cons of each site, a vote was taken. The results were: Naugatuck – 12, Ivoryton – 3.
- **Club T-Shirts:** Al – N1JWF reported that he could get club hats for \$20 each at 15 per group. Further discussion was tabled to the May meeting.
- **New .88 Site:** Kurt – KB1IXQ reiterated the need to find a new site for the .88 and 440 repeaters. Possible sites under consideration are: Oak Hill School, Channel 61, and Chippens Hill.

**New Business:**

None.

<b>Motion to Adjourn:</b>	N1QLN	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1IXQ	
<b>Aye: 24</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

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## ***Monthly Presentation***

There was no presentation scheduled last month, due to the time it took to go over preparations for the Fat Tire Classic Bike Race at Winding Trails and the Boateaters River Race. Regular monthly presentations will resume at a future date.

## ***Fat Tire Classic Bike Race***

On Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, members of the ICRC once again provided radio communications and marshalling activities in support of the Fat Tire Classic Mountain Bike Race held at the Winding Trails Recreation Area in Farmington, CT. The day started out a bit chilly, but it warmed up nicely by mid-morning. There were no serious incidents for us to attend to, but there were several minor incidents requiring assistance from the paramedics. These occurred at the end of the race in the parking lot and not on the race course itself. There were enough volunteers to put at least one person at every checkpoint, but over the years we have discovered that it works out better with two people at each checkpoint. Hopefully, we will have a better turn-out next year. The second person does not need to be a licensed amateur radio operator, the only requirement is a willingness to spend a nice day sitting out in the woods.

Participating from the ICRC this year were:

Start/Finish Line: Mike – N1QLN and Pete – KB1ZIU.

Paramedic Assist: Mike – N1QLN.

Checkpoint #1: Perry – WY1O.

Checkpoint #2: George – N1RMF and Dan C. – KB1VNT.

Checkpoint #3: Chris A. – KA1NDE and Barb – KB1RRS.

Checkpoint #4: Al – N1JWF and Lori – KB1ZML.

Checkpoint #5 and Net Control Station: Rick – N1JGR.

Checkpoint #6: Dave – KB1TBL.

Checkpoint #7: Dan W. – W1ZFG.

Checkpoint #8: Jim – AB1NH

Checkpoint #9: Kurt – KB1IXQ and Chris C. – KB1YDH.

Checkpoint #10: Steve – KB1RRR and Nick – KB1SNL.



(Photo by Rick – NIJGR)

## ***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.

Words can't express the sadness we all feel about the recent events, the Boston Marathon tragedy and the explosion at the fertilizer plant in Texas. About 200 hams participated in communications in Boston—CEO ARRL Harold WJ1B was among them. Hams also supplied comms for the busses and medical facilities using over a dozen repeaters and 66 separate frequencies. Harold was assigned to shadow the Boston Marathon Medical Director Chris Troyanos and relay messages back and forth to him from the Course Communications team. The team with Chris also included the team leader Ralph, KD1SM who communicated with the entire Medical Network and Jeremy, AB1SD who operated a commercial radio that was linked to the Mass. EOC. Harold was in medical tent A when the blasts went off. As you can imagine, Harold and others witnessed awful scenes. Sincere thanks to all CT ops who were assisting at the event.

The Southington Hamfest sure drew a large crowd. It was great to see many of you and meet several newly-licensed ops! I saw several people interested in becoming licensed—more than usual! The ARES meeting was well attended.

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

ASEC Rod N1FNE conducted the meeting; our SEC had a family emergency. Rod told the group assembled that a major goal this year is for operators to complete the “core four” courses: ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800 which are FEMA independent study courses that can be completed on line. For further information, go to <http://www.ctares.org>. More and more, nationally, these courses are expected of participants working in the field by emergency management directors. I know you’re all busy planning for Field Day but summer is coming and this will give you time to get these courses done. And don’t forget to update your training record on the database when you are finished—it’s absolutely critical that we have updated info. Besides, you surely want to be recognized for all your hard work! Rod also told the group about a statewide WINLink network that is being established which will be comprised of, but not limited to, a microwave backbone and related components to form a reliable network. Contact Bill (W1GTT) for specific inquiries regarding this upgrade.

The 39th annual Eastern VHF/UHF/Microwave Conference will be held April 26-28 at the Baymont Inn and Suites, 20 Taylor Street, Manchester CT. Advance room rates start at \$69.99. The meeting is sponsored by the North East Weak Signal Group (NEWS). The program will include presentations, a banquet, swap ‘n sell, auction, test lab and more. For further info go to <http://www.newsvhf.com> or contact K1MAP [map1@mapinternet.com](mailto:map1@mapinternet.com).

The SKYWARN training date for weather spotters in Hartford-Tolland County is set for Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the Marlborough Fire Department, 200 West Road, Marlborough, CT. The training session will run from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

Directions from Hartford

Distance: 16 miles Time: 20 Minutes.

1. Take CT-2 E toward Norwich/New London.
2. Take exit 12 toward Business Route/ West Road/Marlborough.
3. Turn left onto Portland Rd.
4. Continue on Portland Road. It becomes West Road.  
Travel about 1.9 miles.

Angel Ride 2013 is occurring Memorial Day weekend May 25-26. Amateur radio operators provide communications for this ride which benefits the Paul Newman’s “Hole-In-The-Wall” Gang Camp for children who have serious diseases. About 400 riders participate in the 135-mile bicycle route which covers towns in regions 3, 4 and 5. Typically, the event raises about \$600,000. If you can help, please contact Wayne, N1CLV [n1clv@arrl.net](mailto:n1clv@arrl.net). If you have helped regularly other years and cannot help this year, please let him know early so he can make plans.

SEC Wayne N1CLV participated in comms for the MS Walk in New London. The communications were coordinated by Region 4 ARES.

RASON held a successful auction at the Gales Ferry Firehouse last weekend which gave those who attended the chance to visit, eat some great food and sell some high quality equipment, both new and old! This event is held annually—they always have a great auctioneer!

The Greater Norwalk ARC will participate in a “salute to vets” event at the American Legion on May 18. The public will be attending this outdoor event so this should be a great PR effort.

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

The Insurance City Repeater Club enjoyed a talk about D-Star digital communication techniques given by Bill N1CNV and Jim W1JJA. Various aspects of the technology were presented, from stand-alone operation to connection with the Internet. A live demonstration was given, which made several contacts.

Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 1-2. Tri-City ARC and SCRAMS operators will be operating the annual Museum Ships Weekend event from the historic ship USS Nautilus again this year using the special event call N1S. The event is scheduled for the weekend of June 1/2. In addition to Nautilus, other retired naval vessels around the world will be participating. An award certificate will be available for stations who work at least 15 ship stations. Details regarding participating ships and event frequencies are posted on the event coordinator's website, [www.nj2bb.org](http://www.nj2bb.org).

You will all want to be aware of the FCC enforcement actions this past quarter. ARRL has reported that between January and March, FCC sent 23 warnings which included letters concerning unlicensed transmissions, interference and repeater infractions. Additionally, letters were sent to individuals and entities who conducted commercial operation on Amateur bands. For further details, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-announces-enforcement-actions-for-january-march-2013>. Remember to all—you are responsible for the proper operation of your station.

Congratulations to Chris KB1YNE who has earned The Official Relay Station appointment. This is a traffic-handling appointment that recognizes an operator for skill in the art of handling record traffic on one or more operating modes. For further information on this appointment see <http://www.arrl.org/official-relay-station>.

John N1IWT is still in the hospital. He has been one of the administrators of the ARES Discussion list and program manager for the TIPS net. You can send cards to his home—43 Academy Street, Southington 06489. I know he and his wife Anne K1STM will appreciate hearing from you.

PIC Dana KA1WPM sends you this exam schedule. Unless otherwise indicated, walk-ins are allowed. See the ARRL page for full details.

April 27 9:00 AM Bloomfield Police Dept.,

May 5 10:00 AM Eels Hill, Milford; pre-registration required. Contact Dick WA1yqe@aol.com

May 9 7:00 PM 49 Sunrise Ave., Trumbull; contact Kevin K1YGM [kevin.cellini@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.cellini@gmail.com)

May 11 9:00 AM ARRL Hq

May 14 7:00 PM Thomaston Town Hall/Senior Citizens Center

May 17 6:00 PM American Red Cross Farmington

May 18 9:00 AM Bloomfield Police Department

May 21 7:00 PM Portland Senior Center

See you next month.

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