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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, June 18th 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>	5/21/10
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:44 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:03 PM

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

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

K1HEJ	K1DFS	N1JGR	KB1RRR	W1ZFG
N1JWF	KA1NDE	K1WMS		

### **Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	K1DFS
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1RRR
<b>Abstain:</b>	

unanimous

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<b><i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i></b>
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**Treasurer Report:**

Dues were due as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Dues are \$50. Although dues are higher than some other groups, you get commercial grade repeaters and commercial grade amplifiers. You also get a wonderful group of people. Consider keeping your membership active and also consider giving a tax deductible donation.

Because of the high cost of the electricity delivery charge relative to the small usage charge, the club is going to try to expedite the solar power project for the Burlington site to get that site completely off of the grid.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KB1RRR
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP Report:**

Both repeaters are working fine. The packet node was down, but will be up shortly.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KB1RRR
Abstain:	

**Old Business:**

Discussion was held about the upcoming Field Day activity on June 26 – 27. This year we will again be participating in Field Day activities at Pete-KB1KZC's QTH in Bethlehem. The address for the location is 48 Deerwood Dr., Bethlehem, CT 06751. The portable tower has been repaired and will be in place for the weekend. Discussion of food and drink happened. Looking to run 20M, 40M, 80M plus GOTA all on battery. We are still looking for people to volunteer to take on some of the tasks involved in getting the extra bonus points. Refer to the official rules on the ARRL website to see what points are available.

Final plans will be made at the June meeting, so if you are interested in helping out in any way, come to the meeting. All are welcome to come up and operate any time during the contest period, and to help set up and take down the equipment. Because this activity is being hosted at a private residence, we must limit participation to ICRC club members only.

**New Business:**

None.

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KB1RRR
Abstain:	

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## **Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary**

Section Leadership: Section Manager (SM): Betsey, K1EIC ASMs: Al, W1FXQ; Anne, K1STM; Jim, KD1YV  
Official Observer Coordinator in charge of the Amateur Auxiliary Program: Chuck, K1DFS  
Public Info Coordinator (PIC): Al, KA1TCH Assistant PIC: Dana, KA1WPM  
Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC): Wayne, N1CLV Assistant SEC: Brian, K1BRF; Rod, N1FNE,  
Ron, K1VSC State Government Liaison (SGL): Mike, K1MK Section Traffic Manager (STM): Larry, K1HEJ  
Technical Coordinator (TC): Joe, N1KHB

Reminder: The Atlantic Division director Bill Edgar, N3LLR is hosting a FD Webinar tonight at 9:00 p.m.  
If you want to participate, you need to register for it by going to <http://www.atldiv.org/training.htm>.  
Enjoy! These webinars are well done. There's always something to learn.

I hope to see many of you at the Goshen Fair grounds Saturday, May 22 for the 19th annual Hamfest sponsored  
by The Southern Berkshire ARC. The event starts at 8:00 and ends at 1. Talk-in on 147.285 repeater, PL 77.0.

### Special Announcement!

This is advanced notice that the amateurs with the Southington Community Emergency Response Team  
(CERT) will be operating communications during a drill on June 5, 2010. It will involve Bristol Hospital and  
others. The time window that will be set aside for the communications will be 0800 to 1600 local time on June  
5th. The CERT Commo Leader KA1ILH has requested use of K1DFS/R for the drill. All amateurs not involved  
in the drill are asked to leave the repeater clear for their use. Net control will either use a personal call sign or  
will use the callsign W1ECV (Southington Amateur Radio Association). Provision of the repeater for  
emergency or drill use is a primary function of the club, and ICRC is happy to make it available for this drill.  
The drill will utilize K1DFS/R (146.88/146.28, PL=77.0 Hz) from 0800 to 1600 on June 5, 2010.  
This is a very important training opportunity for a new comm. team, and we would not want to interfere with  
their training. Please leave the frequency clear. OOs will be monitoring for conformance with FCC  
regulations.—Larry K1HEJ, president ICRC.

The ICRC provided radio communications and marshalling activities for the Fat Tire Classic Mountain Bike  
race at the Winding Trails Recreation Area in Farmington. Rick, N1JGR coordinated the group of  
approximately twelve ops. They could use a few more hands next year so if you're interested in helping out,  
contact the club in early spring to see what is needed.

Memorial Day weekend is especially busy with the Hartford Hamfest on Saturday, May 29 and communications  
for Angel Ride May 29 and 30.

The Natchaug ARC is sponsoring the annual Hartford Hamfest to be held on Saturday, May 29 at the Tolland  
Agricultural Center, 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon, CT. Talk-in will be on the 145.11 repeater (-600). For further  
information contact Wayne [n1gus@yahoo.com](mailto:n1gus@yahoo.com) or visit <http://hamfest.na1rc.org/>. Admission is \$5 and there is  
free tailgating!

SEC Wayne N1CLV and DEC Dave K1DAV are still looking for volunteers to help with Angel Ride that  
supports the Hole In The Wall Gang Camp. See the article on <http://ct.ar1.org>. If you wish to volunteer, please  
register at <https://www.teamholeinthewall.org/SSLPage.aspx?pid=829&tab=2> and indicate that you are an  
ARES volunteer. They still need help so do not delay—thanks!

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

Our condolences to DEC Allan, NN1H on the death of his father. Our sympathy to you and your family Allan.

The Section also extends our sympathy to the families of Andy, NX1Q and Linda N2YL, former Hudson Division director. Andy was very active in the CT field organization. Many of us, particularly in the traffic handling community have known Andy for many years. He was an avid NTS op and a wonderful CW operator. He also enjoyed DX and some contesting as well. He really enjoyed ham radio. He will be missed—our prayers are with Andy and his family.

Our SEC Wayne, N1CLV is pretty busy at work these days. He is Manager of the US Coast Guard Marine Safety Lab in New London which is receiving all the samples that need to be tested from the oil spill. Wayne holds a Ph.D. in chemistry so you can well imagine what he and his staff will be doing these next months. He has been interviewed by CBS, WFSB, WTNH, WSHU and many other outlets about this work. See the most recent video from WFSB at <http://www.wfsb.com/video/23599790/index.html> and read the article in The Day at <http://www.theday.com/article/20100506/NWS01/305069415/1018>. It's quite refreshing to follow good work in the national news by someone we know so well. Congrats Wayne and best wishes to you and your staff in this critical project. We're sure glad you're on our team!

About forty people attended the luncheon of the Quarter Century Wireless Association. Amateur radio operators licensed for at least 25 years may join QCWA. For further information, contact Gary K1MQ [k1mq@arrl.net](mailto:k1mq@arrl.net) or go to [http://www.qcwa149.org/mgxroot/page\\_10752.html](http://www.qcwa149.org/mgxroot/page_10752.html). The following were elected as officers: Mike K1AMS president, vice president Mark K1PU, secretary Steve WV1X, treasurer Gary K1MQ.

The luncheon was primarily an awards occasion. The list of winners will go in an email next week but among them were George Hart W1NJM 80 years licensed, ASM Al Cohen, W1FXQ for I think 60 years, your SM and her twin K1EIR Barb 50 years licensed. I thought I had the list but I don't have it at this writing but I will happily recognize all in a future email. Congratulations to everyone!

The Candlewood ARA enjoyed a presentation by Mike W1JQ and Dave W1CTN from the YCCC in which they gave the group lots of good advice and tips on contesting. They encouraged CW contesting because it can be done easily with low power. I know that many of you newer hams are interested in learning CW or in practicing on the air. IF you need help in that area, write Anne, K1STM, my ASM in charge of Elmers and among us all, we will endeavor to find you some good help and practice. Give it a try!

Their May meeting this coming Friday will feature Bill, N1TIW who will talk about solar power.

The Shoreline ARC will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next Thursday at The Westbrook Fire Department. Congratulations--I'll be there with bells on!

Congrats to Larry KB1QQM on having passed the PR-101 course and test. So far, two ops have completed this course: Dana KA1WPM and Larry, KB1QQM. Larry has been appointed a PIO. Thanks and congratulations again.

This course, BTW, is excellent; those of you who are interested in PR work should definitely take it, even if you know quite a bit about public relations. I know I keep saying it, but there's always something new to learn!

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

Dana, our acting PIC, has set up a CT PR list. Contact [ka1wpm@arrl.net](mailto:ka1wpm@arrl.net) if you're interested in participating on this reflector.

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