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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, June 15th 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>	4/18/12
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:36 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	9:30 PM

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

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

KB1VNT	N1QLN	K1WMS	KB1VPY	KB1SNL
N1JGR	W1ZFG	N1RMF	KB1YDH	KB1RRS
WY1O	KA1NDE	KB1TFU	N1JWF	KB1SNK
KB1IXQ				

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

Refer to last month's newsletter.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

**Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	KB1VPY
Seconded by:	KB1TFU
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Treasurer Report:**

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

Motion to Accept:	KB1TFU
Seconded by:	N1QLN
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP Report:**

All repeaters are working well. All the links between machines are good and functioning well.

Motion to Accept:	KB1TFU
Seconded by:	KA1NDE
Abstain:	

**Admin. VP Report:**

Copies of the flyer and brochure with corrections were sent out to all members.

A discussion followed as to what constituted a "Student" membership. A motion was made by Sue – KB1VPY that a Student membership should be \$25 and for any full time student with no age limits. The motion was seconded by KA1NDE. Motion passed.

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The club received “Thank You” letters from the Bike Race and Boat Race people for the clubs’ participation in both of these events as was previously reported.

Motion to Accept:	N1QLN
Seconded by:	W1ZFG
Abstain:	

**Webmaster Report:**

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

Dan – KB1VNT is currently working with WordPress software for a possible update to the website.

Motion to Accept:	KB1VPY
Seconded by:	N1QLN
Abstain:	

**Elmer’s net:**

Possible topics for next semester were discussed. These included: Net Control, Digital Modes, and Interference. Anyone who has suggestions for topics for next semester should send them to Mike – N1QLN. More discussion followed – tabled to committee.

**Constitution Rev. Committee:**

A copy of the original constitution filed with the state in 1989 was found in the moldy archives of the ICRC (i.e. Chuck’s basement.) The document has been typed into a MS Word document and sent to all committee members for review. Further discussion was tabled to committee.

**Old Business:**

A recap of the Fat Tire Classic was held. Since they did not provide us with any forms (or even blank paper) this year, we will develop a standard marshalling form for next year to be distributed to all participants.

A recap of the Boateaters Race was also held. The .15 repeater did not have enough power to reach the far ends of the course, so operation was switched to the .88 repeater. The cross-band repeat function on several of the radios worked fine. Next year, the .15 machine will remain in place, linked to the .88 machine. This will allow people at both ends of the course to access the system.

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

**New Business:**

Field Day: A checklist of items to bring and who will be bringing them will be created and sent to all participants. Final plans to be made at June meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:	W1ZFG
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

***Roy Johnson – N1IKM: SK***

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Roy Johnson – N1IKM. Roy was a long-time member of the ICRC and other clubs. He will be greatly missed. A copy of his obituary follows:

Roy E. Johnson (N1IKM, Silent Key) of Bristol, died at home on May 18, 2012. Roy is survived by his wife Carol (Dubay); his son David Johnson and wife Judy of Mountain Top, PA and their children, Michael and his fiancée Teri Bell of Exton, PA. and Ryan of Bethesda, MY; daughter Karen Pizzitola and husband Donald of Ellington and their daughter Laura and great granddaughter Eva; daughter Kristine Kaczmarczyk and husband Robert of Bloomfield, CT; a sister Pauline Walsh of Canandaigus, NY. Roy was born on January 5, 1935, and was the son of the late Mary Louise and Roy Johnson in Bangor Maine. Roy was also predeceased by his sister Lucille Kovalick and husband William of Hazleton, PA and his brother-in-law Richard Walsh of Bloomingburg, NY. Roy was educated in Maine and moved to Bristol in the 60's. Prior to his retirement he was the owner of Down East Odds 'n' Ends in Terryville and was a partner in Century 21 American Realty of Terryville. Roy was a member of The American Radio Relay League located in Newington, CT and volunteered as a tour guide for many years. Roy was recognized by ARRL as one of the top 25 Volunteer Examiners in the country for the years of 2009 and 2010. Roy was a member of the Southern Berkshire Radio Club serving as vice president for many years. Roy was also a member of the Bristol Lodge of Elks #1010.

**Private funeral services will take place in Bangor, Maine at the convenience of the family.**

[www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com)

***NARL Fest 2012***

The Newington club will be holding its annual hamfest on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 2PM at St. Mary School. 625 Willard Ave.(Route 173), Newington, CT. For more information, see their website at:

[www.narlfest.org](http://www.narlfest.org)

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## ***Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary***

### Section Leadership

SM K1EIC    ASMs W1FXQ, KD1YV, K1HEJ  
OOC K1DFS   SGL K1MK  
PIC KA1WPM        APIC KA1TCH  
SEC N1CLV   ASEC K1BRF, N1FNE, K1VSC, AF1HS, W1GTT  
STM K1STM   TC N1KHB

I have received word that Senate Bill SB61, AN ACT EXEMPTING AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS USING HAND-HELD RADIOS FROM THE PROHIBITION ON USING HAND-HELD MOBILE TELEPHONES AND MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE DRIVING, passed the House on May 9. Now it goes to the governor for signature. If signed, the law will not take effect until October 1.

Many hams were involved in advocating for this bill. Steve, KA1RLA felt a strong need to have this issue clarified and decided to bring his idea forward. He approached Senator Anthony Guglielmo (D 35th District) who enthusiastically supported Steve, and sponsored the bill. The Senator's office staff, especially Senate Aid Lena Holleran has been very helpful and supportive. John N1IWT recruited the following cosponsors: Senator Andrew Roraback (R 30th District) and Senator Joe Markely (r 16th District). Others who endorsed this bill were: Sen. Anthony J. Musto (d 22nd District), Sen. Edwin A. Gomes (D 23<sup>rd</sup> District), Rep. Michael Molgano (R 144th District), Rep. Dave Yaccarino (R 87th District), Rep. David Scribner (R 107th District), and Rep. David Aldarondo (D 75th District). Special thanks to Senators Guglielmo, Senate Aid Lena Holleran, Markely and Roraback for their support and guidance at the outset. Thanks to all legislators for their support, help and encouragement.

In-person testimony was given by Steve KA1RLA and Bruce N1XG; E-mail testimony which was included in the record was given by Jonathan KB1KIX and John N1IWT. Testimonies were reported to be very effective in the initial phase of the process. Bruce was able to gain the support of legislative representatives to the CT Chiefs of Police: Chiefs Matt Reed South Windsor and Chief Salvatore of Cromwell. They were at the hearing on other business but had no opposition. Bruce, Steve, John N1IWT, Bill K1EXE and Jonathan KB1KIX were among those who spent many hours recruiting support.

My thanks to all those mentioned above and to K1KI, K1ZZ, N1ND, W1AGP and SGL K1MK for their guidance. I heard from several of you about this bill. Your notes were very much appreciated; input in these matters is essential.

Please join me in congratulating SEC Wayne Gronlund on having completed all requirements to become a communications leader level 3 (statewide level). He had to complete a significant task book and sit for a 90 minute interview with Mike Varney, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator. Wayne had to show his COML mobilization guide (paper and iPad) and COML go kit. Now those of you who took the ICS courses remember that there is an incident commander, then the chief and then unit leaders. Wayne has been certified to be one of these leaders in an event that requires State response. This is a significant accomplishment. I know you will write him.

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

Many thanks to the following ops from NARL who participated in the Amateur radio demo at the Kiwanis Club Big K Flea Market: Vinny W1VJA president, Ethel KB1NMO, George AB1GL, Quentin KB1UME, Steve WV1X, EC Armando KB1PRP, Paul KB1QQI and Mike N1QLN.

The Newington Amateur Radio League, in addition to planning the Hamfest and Field Day, is coordinating for various public service events. May events include communications for the Lucy Robbins Welles Library 5K walk/run challenge and the Memorial Day parade.

CQ Radio Club has changed their meeting location and dates. Be sure and check their web site for details: <http://www.cqradioclub.com>. They now meet at the City Hall on Main Street in Torrington at 7:00 p.m. If you're in the area, come join them!

The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association enjoyed a presentation by contest branch manager Sean Kutzko KX9X who gave a presentation on the November CW/phone Sweepstakes. He and Ward Silver N0AX both operated from Puerto Rico and from an island off the northwest coast. And they made a clean sweep—worked all 80 Sections! As an added bonus, they got a tour of the Arecibo Observatory!

Sean presented Harlan, W1QH, Dan, W1QK, and Roger, NG1R, with “Clean Sweep” awards for their participation in this contest. Congrats to all!

John WB1GRB is Webmaster for the Stamford ARA Web site <http://www.ctsara.org>. If you have a mobile device, check it out—he's made a very nice mobile Web page! You'll be directed to it from the above address on your device.

The Valley Amateur Radio Association has a new web site <http://ctvara.org> whose Web master is Mike KB1WLM. Mike is new to Amateur radio and within one week has passed four incident management training courses and is taking the ARRL emcomm course! Congrats Mike!

Congratulations to Bill KB1HEW on his appointment as emergency coordinator for East Haven. He has taken both the Level 1 and Level 2 ARRL emcomm courses and is looking forward to the challenge. Thanks to DEC Douglas WA1SFH for recruiting this new EC.

Here's an upcoming special event you may like to participate in. Museum Ships Weekend 2012 – June 2 2012 0000Z June 3 2012 2359Z. Activating IOTA NA-143 (Pelican Is.) Brazos Valley ARC will be operating from radio rooms of WWII Submarine USS Cavalla and Destroyer Escort USS Stewart from Seawolf Park on Pelican Is. in Galveston, Texas. We will be operating on 10-40 meters (SSB and CW). Be a part of living history as we commemorate the actions of these ships and crews. More information at <http://www.bvarc.org/index.php?page=ms> Special Event QSL with SASE via KK5W (QRZ.com).--Ron Litt, K5HM, Event Coordinator.

Field Day is approaching. Don't forget to put your FD location in the 2012 FD station locator. Someone in your group needs to go to <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-station-locator> and mark it up! Put yourselves on the map!

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

Mark your calendars!

May 12: QCWA Spring luncheon Tommy's Restaurant Middletown.

May 12 Military/Amateur Radio crossband communications test; see ARRL web site.

May 16: The Skywarn Basic Spotter Training Class for Hartford /Tolland area 7:00 pm the Canton Community Center 40 Dyer Ave Canton, CT; contact kb1sjw@arrl.net.

May 19: Goshen Hamfest, Goshen Fair Grounds; contact Lee k1lee@arrl.net.

May 19: ARRL EC001 class contact Ed WA1LEI@yahoo.com.

May 26-27 Angel Ride; contact n1clv@arrl.net.

June 2-3: Museum Special Event see article above.

June 9: VE Session sponsored by CARA; walk-ins welcome; contact Frank N1PE frsileo@att.net.

June 16: NARL Fest St. Mary's School Newington; contact Vinny w1vja@arrl.net.

June 23-24 Field Day!

July 28-30: Simulated Emergency Test statewide; contact your DEC for information.

August 18: Eastern Area NTS picnic details to follow; contact k1eic@arrl.net.

August 19 Rookie Roundup; see April QST, <http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>.

August 24-26 New England Division Convention Holiday INN Boxboro, MA <http://www.boxboro.org>.

Don't forget—we have a Section calendar at <http://ct.arrl.org>.

Please ask someone in your club to post your events. Contact Webmaster and ASM Jim KD1YV, kd1yv@arrl.net to get registered.

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