
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, July 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

Date:	June 17, 2005
Time Started:	7:30PM
Time Ended:	9:10PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson, N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	N1IKM	KB1JYX	KB1KZC	K1STM
N1IWT	K1HEJ	K1WMS	N1JGR	K1DFS
WA1PAT	KB1KNV	N1JWF		

Sandy Murdock ran the show to help us get going for our ID's. This has to do with our "crash course" for volunteer services. She went over the various volunteer services that ARC offers. There's plenty of paperwork that needs to be filled out and handed in. It's a good thing we can do it at home. ☺

Secretary report:

E-Mailed report to committee for perusal. There weren't enough people last month for a quorum but notes were passed around.

Motion to Accept:	N1IWT
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	
unanimous	

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Treasurer Report:

No activity. The Comet antenna has been ordered by Chuck, but it hasn't yet been delivered. Total cost \$179.95

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1IWT
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP report...

Nothing to report, yet.

We need a minimum of 4 people for the ground crew to put up a new antenna at the Bristol site. It will be done on the weekend of July 2nd ...Sat or Sun...not sure yet. Volunteers include K1DFS, KB1KNV, WA1PAT, KB1JYX (Sunday only), N1IKM (Sat. only), KB1KZC (not Sat. morning). If interested in helping, please contact K1DFS.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1IWT
Abstain:	N1JGR

unanimous

Old Business:

None worth mentioning

New Business:

WA1PAT suggests that we have a radio room training session. 4 or 5 "students" and one "instructor" to show what to do...passing simulated traffic back and forth to a "mystery instructor" as a drill. K1HEJ agrees that it is a good idea as does the rest of the group.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1IWT
Abstain:	N1IKM

Unanimous

Pictures were taken for our ID's for those that wanted to wait around.

Amateur Radio Week in Connecticut

Governor Rell Names June 19-26 as Amateur Radio Week in Connecticut

Ham Radio Station on State Capitol Lawn

In an official statement (text is below) recognizing the contributions to the public welfare by Connecticut's radio "hams" Governor Rell took note of their nationwide annual Field Day encampment. She recognized those hams who are organized as weather spotters (SKYWARN) for the US Weather Bureau and she noted the work of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) during Operation TOPOFF3.

The Connecticut Legislature also issued a Citation in observance of Amateur Radio Week.

Field Day is a live field operation, also a demonstration of Amateur Radio, and an exercise in skills and readiness. Additionally it is a nationwide contest between clubs to attain the highest number of contacts with other stations.

Persons who have never seen an Amateur Radio Field Day site in operation will have an opportunity to do so on the grounds of the State Capitol in Hartford, where TWO field day stations will be in operation from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday.

Throughout Connecticut and the nation many Amateur Radio Field Day sites will be open to visitors.

FOR EXAMPLE :

(In Newington, the public is invited to a Field Day Opening ceremony on Cedar Mountain at the North end of Russell Road in Newington at 3 PM on Saturday June 26th.

This campout is operated by NARL, a regional Amateur radio society based in Newington with members from throughout the Capitol Region. NARL President is Ron Cady K1RKD of West Hartford. VP is Dan Miller of Bloomfield.

Signs will mark the location.

Newington Mayor Tom McBride will read a proclamation recognizing the contributions of Radio Amateurs.

State Rep. Sandy Nafis and State Senator Billy Ciotto will read the Governor's Official Field Day Statement and a Citation from the Legislature.)

For more information about Amateur Radio, visit the website of the American Radio Relay League (<http://www.arrl.org>). Or call **1-800-32 NEW HAM.**

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Amateur Radio Week in Connecticut – cont'd

State of (State Seal) **Connecticut**

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor, an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, Connecticut is the home state of ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio, which represents radio hams and their interests throughout the world, and

WHEREAS ARRL is devoting considerable resources to an educational outreach project to interest school children in the sciences through the gateway of Ham Radio; and

WHEREAS ARRL which was founded in 1914 in Connecticut is now celebrating its 91st Anniversary and

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut recognizes and appreciates the diligence of those radio hams who serve as weather spotters for the SKYWARN program of the US Government Weather Bureau; and

WHEREAS the State recognizes the co-operation of ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) with medical, state and municipal agencies in the New London area during TOPOFF3, and

WHEREAS these individuals have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free emergency radio communications at their own expense for parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs and other public events, and

WHEREAS, the year 2005 Ham Radio Field Day will take place on June 25- 26, and is a 24 hour round-the-clock emergency exercise encampment and demonstration of the Radio Hams' skills and readiness of stand-alone powered equipment in fields, hillsides, and woodland clearings; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially recognize and designate June 19-26, 2005 as

Amateur Radio Week

in the State of Connecticut.

The Signature here of: M. Jodi Rell

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Governor

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership: ASMs: K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, N1FNE, K1BRF, N1YAE; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator AB1CR; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB.

It's Field Day time again and it seems like everyone is really up for it this year! I particularly enjoyed a comment from the GNARC newsletter: "Field Day is all of ham radio in one weekend!" I was real pleased to see so many of the clubs respond to our call for your Field Day plans. Many thanks to Joe, N1KHB for compiling the list. That list is already on the CT Section Web site; I may put out a special e-letter next week showing the whole list. If you want to see some neat PR, just open the GNARC Web site:

<http://www.gnarc.org/>. This year we have a new twist: Allen, W1AGP had the idea that we demonstrate our capability on the lawn of the State Capitol. Well, that has become a reality thanks to his initial efforts and the fantastic work being done by Randy Hale W1IN and Joe Wonoski, N1KHB who are chairing this event. Next Saturday from 9:00-4:00, there will be a couple of QRP stations complete with networked laptop computers and perhaps some ATV.SGL Mike K1MK has arranged for this event to be listed in the daily legislative bulletin! Invitations to legislators have also been sent.

The other new twist this year is that we have a new affiliated club which will hold its first Field Day! The Northville Amateur Radio Association has just been approved as an ARRL affiliated club! Thanks to the efforts of James W1ID for bringing the application forward. Your SM and SEC plan to visit several FD sites--good luck to you all and have fun!

It was so good to see many of you at the NARL Ham Fest where there were good speakers, good shopping at the flea market and great food! Approximately 50 people attended the evening banquet. We sure appreciated Riley's time and visit. A huge thank you to all members of NARL who worked very hard to make this even enjoyable for all of us.

Now here's some great news from the SEC: CT placed 4th in the country in its 2004 SET. The 2004 SET results are in the July QST on Page 96. I am proud to be associated with a group that has once again proved that Connecticut can match the efforts of states much larger than us. Thanks especially go to Allen Pitts, W1AGP, who had the idea in place for our 2004 SET before I became the SEC. Allen helped bring the idea to reality and was part of our Statewide Operations Center team.

Bill Barrett, W1WJB, sent a note to Area 1, and I wish to quote him here "I propose a new motto: 'Connecticut: We're a lot bigger than we look.' " This excellent Delivery Of The Goods is due to the effort of all of you who organized, participated, traveled, got frustrated, overworked, tired, ---and got the job done in a truly outstanding manner."

Indeed all who participated in any way, kept Connecticut ARES in the top 5 Sections for our second year in a row. This is an incredible achievement and everyone should be proud of this accomplishment.--73--Chuck Rexroad, AB1CR SEC CT

The CT ARES Web site has been moved to servers owned and operated by John Joy, KB1GMJ. John has hosted a great number of sites for nonprofit groups. Many thanks John.

Four new ECs were appointed: congrats to Harlan KB1ILY, John W1JMA, Dan W1QK and Mike KA1EOU all in Area 1. More appointments will be made shortly.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Watch out for those computer viruses. Had a note from Pete KA1SYG who received an email allegedly from SNET saying his account would be closed. Attached was a .zip file which contained what looked like a .txt file. Tired, he opened it which unleashed a nasty virus so be careful!

Congrats to John, N1KB on his appointed to the Board of The Newington Kiwanis Club. Good work John!

In club news, members of ICRC received some Red Cross training during its June meeting.

The Southern Berkshire ARC celebrated its 40th anniversary of ARRL affiliation in early June. They had an excellent turnout and enjoyed their visit with Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI. Your SM would have attended but this meeting was held during a previously planned vacation. Some members who have not attended SBARC meetings for some time came out for this evening's event. One member, George WB2IIV celebrated the 40th anniversary of ARRL membership and brought his certificate! Congrats again!

The Greater Norwalk ARC participated in communications for The March of Dimes Walk America at Sherwood Island in Westport on a cold and rainy Sunday, always more difficult than in great weather. The club also participated in the Sound Cyclists' 'Bloomin Metric' bike-a-thon in late May. The net went well--Betty, KC1PUP operated her mobile "rover" around the 25-mile course."Quite noticeable was the effort to use Nextel 2 way communication and cell phones around the course by the event organizers. Not good was the end result of that. The boonies up in the Weston and Easton rural districts were their demise. Our guys, both mobile and rest stop operators were very effective all the time."--GNARC Newsletter

Sky Warn Classes held at the Government Center Stamford were sponsored by the Stamford Amateur Radio Association. The session was well attended--see photos at <http://www.ctsara.org/saraskywarn05.htm>.

The following was just received here from Steve Ewald, WV1X at ARRL Hq.-- Attention All Amateurs...

ARRL warns against spurious, virus-infected e-mails (Jun 16, 2005)--

Some ARRL members have recently reported receiving e-mail messages that purport to be from ARRL. These messages suggest that the recipient's account has been used to send "a large amount of unsolicited commercial e-mail," that their password has been changed or some other action was going to be taken regarding their arrl.net "account." The e-mail may be signed by "The ARRL Support team" or "The arrl.net team." Some messages also may show up as e-mail bounces from "Postmaster" or "Mail Administrator." These messages, which include a file attachment, are bogus. They do not originate from ARRL, and recipients of such messages should never attempt to open the attached file. Outside of routine correspondence, the ARRL only sends e-mail to members who specifically request mailings, such as W1AW bulletins and The ARRL Letter. Opening the attached file on one of these spurious messages could unleash a nasty computer virus. As a defense against these kinds of viruses, ARRL strongly recommends installing virus-protection software on all personal computers and updating virus definitions on a regular basis.

ARRL Connecticut Section

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For the latest information, visit our website at <http://www.icrcweb.org>