
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, July 17th 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:	6/19/09
Time Started:	7:38 PM
Time Ended:	8:53 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson – N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	KA1NDE	KB1RRS	KB1KZC	N1JGR
W1ZFG	KB1SNL	KB1SNM	N1RMF	KB1LKV
K1DFS	KB1QFP	KB1QZH	K1WMS	N1IKM
W1CUT	K1HEJ	K1PCL		

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1HEJ
Seconded by:	W1ZFG
Abstain:	N1JGR

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Treasurer Report:

BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		829.81
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-159.10
Deposits and Other Credits	2 Items	615.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0 Items	0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		1,285.71

YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:		1,285.71
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-100.00
Deposits and Other Credits	1 Item	50.00
Register Balance as of 6/15/2009:		1,235.71
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:		1,235.71

Motion to Accept:	NIWGK
Seconded by:	WICUT
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

It's all working, according to NIJGR...everything is working very well.

Packet standpoint: Major changes. NIURO is off the air and so did the other 2 major players as the gateway to the Internet. The EastNet backbone is a little shaky right now. Our single node packet station is working fine.

Motion to Accept:	NIWGK
Seconded by:	WICUT
Abstain:	

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Webmaster Report:

Data is being updated, thanks George (and Bill too). If you know of any events happening, let George know, so we can update the website. We are also trying to keep the web up to date.

Motion to Accept:	KB1KZC
Seconded by:	W1ZFG
Abstain:	

unanimous

Old Business:

November Boy Scouts help needed: Venture Crew, November 6-8, 2009, over in Ashford, CT. They would like us to provide the same type of help that we give them for Klondike. Is there any interest for the club to help out? This may become an annual event. We would need to be there Saturday and Sunday. We will be tabling this until next month to see if it generates any interest. There would be 9 stations, plus a Net Control, EMT, etc., we would need 14 operators, at least.

Related to the Scouts: In October, there was a JOTA station with N1JGR and KB1KZC and 3 hours of planning. We got about 70 kids on the air. It was a great time! If anyone is interested, contact N1JGR for more information...since they plan on going out and doing it again this year, JOTA '09. For dates, check it out on line.

Field Day is next weekend at Pete's house. \$20/person if participating, which will cover the food. Give the money to Pete. Planning on running a GOTA station and 3 stations on the air (20, 40 and 80/15/10 meters). We will be operating on batteries. There was also other discussion of solar panels, power, etc...interesting but I lost track pretty quickly.

Bristol club appears not to be disbanding, so it's now a closed issue

New Business:

Discussion on Linux installations

The Farmington Red Cross asked if we would become the sponsor club. Larry is trying to get a better definition/proposal to find out what we might be willing to do as a club. There's a lot of discussion regarding this possibility.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGG
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership : K1EIC SM; ASMs: K1STM, KD1YV, W1FXQ; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1TCH; SEC N1CLV; ASEC N1FNE, AF1HS; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB.

It's time for NARLFEST sponsored by The Newington Amateur Radio League to be held this weekend at a NEW LOCATION: St. Mary's School, 652 Willard Ave. right across the street from Newington High School. Note the day: SATURDAY, JUNE 20 8:00am to 2:00pm. General admission, \$5; hams licensed less than 1 year admitted free with presentation of FCC license. There is no charge for children under 12. Those wishing to purchase a 4ft table or have an outside space in the tailgate area should contact mhobart@arrl.org, 860-594-0397; there is a \$10 charge. VE exams will be given at 10 a.m. Drop 'n' Shop: Have an item or two that you'd like to sell? Don't want to sit around at a table all morning? NARL has a drop 'n' shop table where you can drop off your wares. NARL will staff the table and sell it for you (10% fee, proceeds to benefit the NARL scholarship program). View the Hamfest flier at <http://www.narlamfest.org/>. Read information about the following seminars:

9:00am Logbook of the World--W3IZ--learn all about how ops are confirming QSOs electronically.

10:00 am--New Ham Forum moderated by DEC Jonathan KB1KIX with SM Betsey K1EIC on hand. If you have gotten licensed recently, please come join us so we can learn about what you're doing and share ideas. Learn about operating modes, your national organization, the field organization, and clubs and get your questions answered! If we don't know the answer, we'll find someone who does.

10:00AM "Situational Awareness, Disaster Intelligence, and the CT SKYWARN Program"--Steve K1SJW DEC Sky Warn. The power point presentation will discuss how SKYWARN during severe weather events will likely be the first group to become aware of major issues involving damage and disruption to local, regional, and statewide infrastructures. The presentation will discuss how SKYWARN is best positioned to collect and relay this information in the early stages of a severe weather event so that other groups have reliable intelligence in order to plan their response to a weather related disaster. If you subscribe to the ARES Discussion list, you are always updated about weather-related issues by Steve. His updates were especially helpful to all of us during this long winter.

11:00am--CT Region 3 ARES Quarterly meeting moderated by DEC Region 3 Jonathan, KB1KIX. There will be a regular meeting of the CT Region 3 ARES team. A recap of recent activities and a brief overview on what we will be doing for the next few months. All ARES members are invited. If you want to become a member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, please attend this meeting and we'll help you become a member.

Next weekend--weekend of June 27 is the all-important Field Day event! Please, please, please make sure your effort is listed at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php> so those who wish to find you can do so. We have new hams who will certainly want to take part and learn about this significant and wonderful tradition! Be sure to send your PR news clips to PIC Al KA1TCH.

Thanks W1XX for the following note. Mark July 18-19 on your calendars to be alert for RI QSOs during the Ocean State 2-meter FM Simplex Challenge. Last year, stations all the way to Southern New Jersey were worked so give a listen--support the CT Rhode Island Contest Club in this effort.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Did you know that W1XX was at one time SEC? At that time, I was net manager of The CT Phone Net and K1EIR Barb my twin was NM of CN and those were the only two NTS nets we had. We had no 2 meter local nets at that time. Always good to hear from John.

And now, here's news from another former SEC now president of Shoreline ARC Donnie W1FYG: Shoreline ARC members assisted with communications at the Clinton Walk Site on April 19th. Sid Gale N1WVM led our group, plus 8 other hams. We had fun using the Club's 145.290 Repeater and simplex. Getting Ready for Field Day Last year, the Club participated in Field Day after being dormant for many years. The Field Day Committee has met over the last two months planning this year's event. Once again, we will operate from the Westbrook Emergency Operations Center. Additional antennas and rigs will be installed for the weekend to complement existing ham radio equipment. Our goal is to have FUN. We are promoting the event with our membership, for the newcomers and the veterans.

The club will be continuing its scholarship program given to a graduating high school student.

Club members and local hams have started a local rag chew weekly on Thursdays at 19:00 local on 28.420 USB (+/-). Everyone is welcome. Topics include ham radio interests and a variety of other subjects.

Don is deputy director of emergency management in Westbrook and oversees all of the radio equipment for the fire department. Great to hear from Shoreline ARC and see the club reactivated and growing once again.

See you on Field Day!

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2009 Field Day

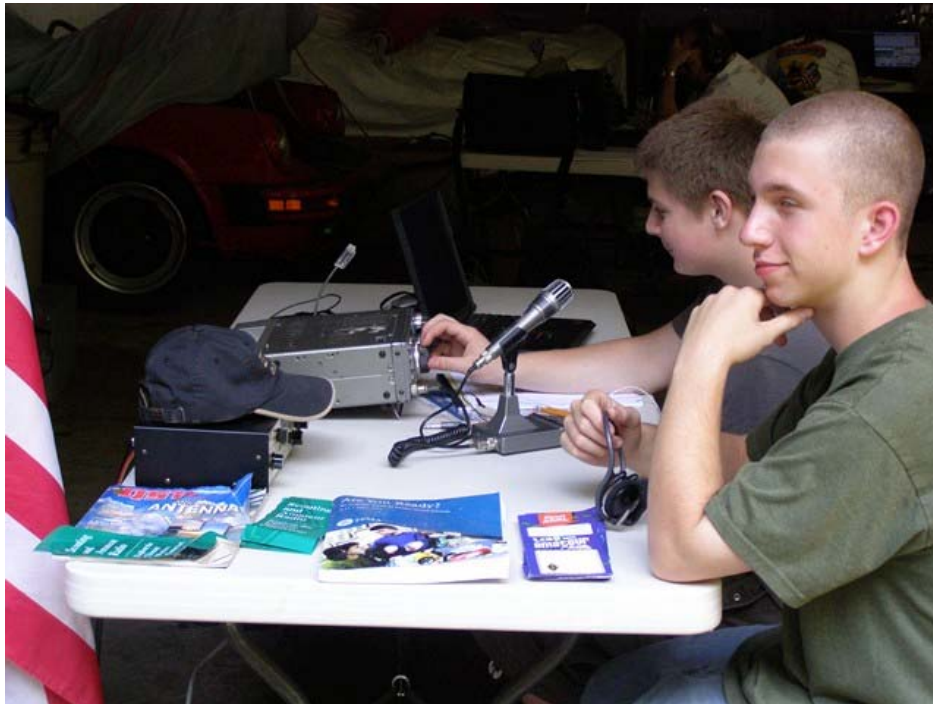
On Saturday June 27th and Sunday June 28th, members and friends of the ICRC conducted their annual Field Day exercise up in the woods in Bethlehem, CT. We set up three HF stations: one for 40 meters phone, one for 20 meters CW, and one for 80/15/10 meter phone, depending on what band was active. We also ran a Get On The Air station for the newly licensed and the soon to be licensed. We tried to run a VHF/UHF station, but were plagued by antenna and radio problems, so only a few contacts were made there.

Despite a threatening forecast, the rain held off the entire weekend. If you weren't there, you missed a weekend of good food, good friends, and lots of great radio. Special thanks go out to Pete – KB1KZC and Mary for allowing us to invade their beautiful home and for cooking up all that great food! Also special thanks go out to Fred – W1CKV who banged out 124 CW contacts on 20 meters! That should really help our score! And also thanks go out to the usual crew who set up, operated, tore down, and cleaned up. You know who you are! Thanks to George – N1RMF for providing the following pictures

Members of the ICRC who participated were: Larry – K1HEJ, Rick – N1JGR, Steve – KB1RRR, Chris – KA1NDE, Al – N1JWF, Jane – KB1SNK, Barb – KB1RRS, Nick – KB1SNL, Tyler – KB1SNM, George – N1RMF, Chuck – K1DFS, Fred – W1CKV, Pete – KB1KZC, Dan – W1ZFG, Frank – KB1QZH, Tom – KB1LKV, and Bill – KB1KNV.



“I’m in my Happy Place” KB1KZC and K1DFS



G.O.T.A. Station manned by KB1SNL and KB1SNM



Our CW ringer – Fred, W1CKV



KA1NDE and KB1RRS





NIJGR and KB1RRR putting up another dipole.



One of our solar array/battery pack set-ups.



OUR PRESIDENT – LARRY, K1HEJ

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