
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, September 19th 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:	8/15/08
Time Started:	8:27 PM
Time Ended:	9:39 PM

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall, W1ZFG

Attendees (Callsign):

K1WMS	KA1NDE	K1DFS	N1JGR	KIHEJ
W1ZFG	N1RMF			

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

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Treasurer Report:

Bank Statement – Cleared Transactions:

Previous Balance:	\$2,145.31
Checks and Payments	-\$218.50
Deposits and Other Credits	\$30.00
Service Charge	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement	\$1,956.81

Your Records – Uncleared Transactions:

Cleared Balance:	\$1,956.81
Checks and Payments	-\$1,166.00
Deposits and Other Credits	\$0.00
Register Balance as of 8/15/2008:	\$790.81
Checks and Payments	\$0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	\$0.00
Register Ending Balance:	\$790.81

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	KAINDE
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP report...

There is (was) a slight noise on .88 and .15. Everything else is ok.
The new 440 repeater is in, but not installed or programmed. It will be installed soon.
Packet is working fine, for those of us who do care.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Old Business:

There was a lengthy discussion about the highly successful operation of the N9N station at the Nautilus Anniversary celebration. Chuck – K1DFS showed some movies and pictures from the site.

There was also some discussion as to what to do about the numerous appearances of our club website on the Internet. We would like to centralize it in one location and clean up all the bad links, but nobody was sure how to accomplish this.

New Business:

Once again the club will be providing assistance with the annual Klondike Derby on the first weekend in February – location to be determined. Stay tuned for further information.

Since everyone seems to be busy this fall, the repairs at the Burlington repeater site will be put off until spring.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

Unanimous

Boxboro Grand Prize Winner

Congratulations to our own Walt Styslo– K1WMS, who won the grand prize at the Boxboro Hamfest last month. Walt is now the proud owner of a FlexRadio Systems FLEX-5000A Software Defined Radio. That should be a nice way to spend the long winter months learning how to use this new technology radio system.

Nominations for Officers/Board Members

Once again it is time to think about elections for next year. I will be accepting nominations for officers and board members at the September meeting and up until the October meeting, where the slate will be presented. Anyone who would like to nominate someone (or themselves) for any office or board membership may do so either at the September meeting or by e-mailing me the information.

Dan Wall – W1ZFG, Chairman – Nominating Committee, walldan54@att.net

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Aloha! Yes, your SM and her twin K1EIR were in Hawaii a few weeks ago! I tried to schedule a meeting with the Pacific Section SM but those plans didn't work out. Ah, but there must be a next time--KH6-land is a wonderful place and I mean to go back there to visit!

In my travels, I had the pleasure of spending the day with John Ronan, K3ZJJ, formerly SM of CT. He lived in Weston; I was STM at the time. John is well and is as energetic as ever! In fact, he's in charge of the program for Pacificon, a large Convention which will be held on October 19. Barb and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit with him.

While I was gone, as you know, many CT ops participated in the N9N Special Event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Nautilus reaching the North Pole. Thanks to the ham community, it was a very successful effort—they operated from 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 2 through 1:00 a.m. Monday, August 4 and made 2,008 (like the year 2008) contacts! Thanks to John, WA5MLF, a friend of the overall event coordinator and author Don N4KC, , You can listen to some of the audio by going to <http://www.krupsky.com/N9N/N9N.html> . Congrats to Chuck Motes, K1DFS the CT coordinator for the Amateur radio operation, and his team for a terrific tribute. Here's his initial report: We held out for 2,008 contacts because of the year. We talked to 48 states (we think), Europe, South America, Central America, Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania. We had pileups as much as 30 or so deep. We haven't analyzed the data yet, but it's going to be a hummer!!! Lots of pictures, video of the contact between Don Keith and Harold AC3Q, the radioman who received the message from the Nautilus in August 1958 when she surfaced from under the pack!

Now folks, Don Keith's report of the Special Event is a must-read. Go to <http://n4kc.blogspot.com/2008/08/back-from-big-boat-on-real-rf-high.html> . I can't tell you how really proud I am of this effort. The report is fantastic. Here are some highlights directly from N4KC's blog: N9N went on the air at 0900 EDST Saturday from the Submarine Force Museum and Historic Ship Nautilus in Groton, Connecticut, with stations on 40 and 20 SSB. Chuck Motes and his crew from Navy/Marine Corps MARS had done a fabulous job of setting up the stations, including a comfortable camper trailer, a G5RV Sr., and a trailer with a portable crank-up tower and 4-element beam--plus air conditioning and some fantastic vittles. It was a great setup! They also had gone to a lot of work to schedule volunteer op and logger shifts. I can't say enough about all the folks who participated, including non-MARS volunteers and a group of Army MARS members. One highlight was the sausage stew. Only glitches were a support rod for the G5RV that decided to break Saturday morning, requiring the lowering of the tower so it could be climbed and the rod replaced, and a nasty Alabama-like thunderstorm that rolled in Saturday afternoon. By the way, all I had to do was walk in, sit down, and operate. And when the storm hit, I was nice and dry inside the museum, doing my little presentation. Besides N9N, I was there to do a talk and book signing at the museum and library, in support of my new book, THE ICE DIARIES. Several members of the crew who took Nautilus to the North Pole in 1958 were there for the anniversary celebration, and I was a little nervous, hoping I would get it right when I talked about it. They all came up and assured me I did fine, and that means a lot to me. Thanks to all who came by. We must have sold 75 books. Thanks to the museum staff, and especially Lt. Cmdr. Caskey, the commander of the museum and ship, for their hospitality. Sunday was a little cooler and less humid, and we were back on the air about 0900. 20 rocked all weekend, 40 was not quite so good, especially around mid-day. We also did some 75 meters and I got a chance to do about an hour on 20 CW. A contest was underway and it was difficult to find an open frequency there. One highlight of the weekend was working AC3Q Harold Dennin, first on SSB, and then switching to CW. Harold was one of the Navy radio ops in Pearl Harbor who received and confirmed the first signals from Nautilus when she emerged from beneath the ice pack after successfully transiting from Pacific to Atlantic via the North Pole. That transmission -- "Nautilus 90 North" -- was the basis

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for our special event call sign N9N. Wow! Recreating that "QSO" was special! It was also a thrill to work several other former Nautilus crewmembers, folks who worked on constructing the ship, and other submarine and military vets. After Don left) Chuck reported the "Magic Minute" was wild and wooly...and wonderful! It was his idea and I loved it! Nautilus reached the North Pole at 11:15 PM EDST on August 3, 1958. At that precise time in 2008, N9N took as many "check-ins" in one minute as the ops could capture call signs, then went back and worked each one for a valid contact. Chuck reports 18 stations were confirmed. If they send QSLs, we'll include a special certificate with their N9N return card. I understand it was recorded and I'm looking forward to hearing it. Don continues to talk about his quick interview on NY Channel 11 and a one hour interview on Joey Reynolds's national radio show that originates from WOR 710 in New York. He even got a ticket to the taping of the Monday David Letterman Show in which Ham Radio was mentioned in one of his "how old is John McCain" jokes! (See last month's column for the details and background of this event.)--K1EIC

Don't forget--the New England Division Convention Holiday Inn Boxboro, MA is on for THIS COMING WEEKEND! It's a great Hamfest folks so come on out--it only comes to us once every two years. Members of RASON are back with their famous Wouff Hong Ceremony--they're pros!

A sincere note of thanks to Chris Soulias, NK1J for having served on the Section cabinet since 1991. He was Affiliated Club Coordinator and then ASM for many years. But due to time constraints, he's had to leave the cabinet but will certainly be as active as he can and is continuing as an ORS. Chris was also NM for CPN for many years--thanks Chris for your continuing support and encouragement. .

Congrats to ASM Jim KD1YV, our Section Webmaster, on his new home in Bethel. I'm sure he won't waste any time getting on the air!

Talking about moving, I have the sad duty to tell you that John Ahle, W1JMA is leaving the Section. Ah, but he's not far away--he'll be in Eastern MA, not far from Boxboro! We are losing one very fine Amateur op. John, among other things, has been an EC, has been very active in CARA, has been a significant contributing member of the CT Spectrum Management Association, participated in talks with UI when we had BPL in Shelton and has been thoroughly helpful wherever needed. He's offered rides, helped with antenna work, elmered people and is just a model volunteer. John is taking a new job and of course, we all wish you well John, but we'll sure miss you here. We'll look for you on our HF nets though!

Fall is approaching and already there are lots of events scheduled: Special Event Station at the Goshen Fair by the Berkshire ARC over Labor Day weekend; The Western CT Hamfest September 14 Edmond Town Hall Newtown; Emcomm East September 20 St. John Fisher College Rochester, NY; SET October 5; Nutmeg State Convention October 12.

ARES members are participating in a contest all this week which has to do with listening to and operating on various public service nets. For details, write to Bill KW1B kw1b@arrl.net or to your DEC. Have fun and get involved! ARRL Connecticut Section Section Manager: Elizabeth M. Doane, K1EIC k1eic@arrl.org

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