
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, September 16th 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:	8/19/11
Time Started:	7:30 PM
Time Ended:	8:25 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson – N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

W1ZFG	N1WGK	K1DFS	N1RMF	K1WMS
N1QLN	WY1O	KB1VNT	WA2PNB	N1JWF
KB1TFU	N1JGR	KB1SNL	N1NKO	KB1IXQ
AB1NH				

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Treasurer Report:

Report read to attendees.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1QLN
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

Survived the lightning storm. .88 and .15 are both working. The 440 machine and the link between the two are also working.

Two 6 meter transceivers were removed from the Burlington site for possible use in the new 6 meter repeater.

The .15 site needs more work. Rick was looking at the Solar work that needs to be done. The inside work is about 95% done. The batteries are shot, though.

We will need to look at getting a Low Voltage disconnect to save the batteries, the cost being \$175.

N1QLN made a motion to spend the money on the LVD, pending N1JGR's approval of the specifications.

Seconded by W1ZFG. Unanimous.

A lot of time has been spent up there to take care of the site, now just waiting for the wires to come into the building from the roof.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Presidents Report:

Nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Admin. VP Report:

Nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Webmaster Report:

Bill says that he's going to completely re-do the site but we aren't holding our breath. HEATHKIT is back in business as of this month. There's a little story on the site about it. There are other articles. There are also pictures for the installation of the solar site and other stuff as well. Elmer for the new hams is up there, along with a complete schedule, so it's up to date.

Motion to Accept:	N1QLN
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

Old Business:

New Club call sign K1CRC, thank you!

Sunday, still short of the club ride due to cancellations. Need another 4 vehicles, 9AM at Wooster St. New Britain at the Quartet club. Free food after the ride for all volunteers.

New Business:

None.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

Quartette Club Motorcycle Ride

On Sunday, August 21st, members of the ICRC assisted New Britain CERT and East Hartford CERT in providing radio communications for the 2nd Annual Quartette Club Charity Motorcycle Ride. The ride was to benefit a local cancer patient and his family.

Participating in the event from the ICRC were: Dan – KB1VNT, Billy – N1HUZ, Walt – K1WMS, Dan – W1ZFG, Mike – N1QLN, George – N1RMF, and Marie – KB1TFU

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
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Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

I am writing this month's Section news at a time when many of us are focused on the cleanup from Hurricane Irene so this month's column will be shorter than usual.

A sincere thank you to every single person who helped out this past weekend with comms and other related activities before, during and after the hurricane. Your SEC Wayne Gronlund, N1CLV your STM Anne West K1STM and I very much appreciated your commitment and selfless dedication to public service. Believe me, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. All of us were busy with home and family and yet still had time to help. SkyWarn, ARES and traffic nets were active and ran well with many participants. A big thank you to all Section leaders and to repeater owners and trustees and digital node system ops who did their best to keep their equipment operating and made their resources available. Many repeaters are still running on emergency power as there are still many communities still out of power.

Your leaders very much appreciated the support from ARRL Headquarters. SEC Wayne, PIC Dana KA1WPM and I attended a Web conference with 19 other affected Sections chaired by Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey W5MPC. On Sunday, Wayne and I attended a short teleconference with W5MPC, Ken K1FUG, Steve WV1X and Sean KX9X who assured us of their continued support if needed.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

ECs and members, keep your reports coming into your DECs so Wayne can compile a report. Write down what went well and what did not go well so we can learn from this experience.

As we move toward a more normal way of life, please begin to focus on the CARA Hamfest coming up September 11 at Edmond Town Hall in Newtown. For full details please visit:

<http://www.danbury.org/cara/Hamfest.html>.

Looking forward to seeing you and hearing about your experiences then.

I'll write more in another week.

Labor Day has passed which means summer is over and we have a Hamfest to start the upcoming Fall season. Yes, it's the Western CT Hamfest sponsored by CARA THIS SUNDAY at 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Edmond Town Hall 45 Main Street, Newtown. Talk-in 147.300(+) PL 100.0. Admission \$6.00, indoor tables \$15.00 which includes one admission. Tailgating \$10.00 includes one admission. And children under 10 FREE!

You will not want to miss the talks. Hear Steve Simons W1SMS talk about station grounding and lightning safety!

Learn about how Samuel Morse developed morse code and hear about his life. Bill Thoren, N1TIW will demonstrate Morse's original sender and receiver! Don't miss these talks!

Now go to <http://www.danbury.org/cara/Hamfest.html> and read about the BIG BATTERY SALE—yes, batteries that will easily back up your station for years for a low price! And of course, there will be the commercial vendors.

So come on out, stop by the ARRL table and say hello. Tell me all about your experiences operating during Irene or whatever else you want to talk about.

Now Sunday is September 11, the 10th anniversary of what we all know was a horrific day. Many Amateur radio clubs are planning special event operations; check out the ARRL Special Events calendar <http://www.arrl.org/special-events-calendar> if you wish to participate.

Are you going to the Hebron Fair sometime this weekend? Stop by the ham radio exhibit sponsored by NARL. I can't make it this year but I sure had lots of fun when I participated. The rain is supposed to stop by then so give it a try if you have the time.

Gary WE1M is starting an Amateur Radio Technician Class course September 15. Contact WE1M@arrl.net if you know someone who might be interested.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Nutfest is here folks so mark your calendars for Sunday, October 9—The 19th Nutmeg State Convention and Flea Market Mountain Side Wallingford sponsored by the Meriden Amateur Radio Club and The Nutmeg Hamfest Alliance. There will be information tables on a variety of ham-related organizations as well as more forums than ever. Go to <http://nutmeghamfest.com> for details.

The Stamford ARC enjoyed a presentation by Dan N1ZZ who spoke to the group about how to achieve DXCC. Dan truly is a very interesting speaker.

DEC Douglas WA1SFH is asking all ARES Region 2 members to subscribe to his new Region 2 mailing list: ctaresregion2@yahoo.com. Send a blank email to ctaresregion2-subscribe@yahoo.com. You'll get an email back asking you to confirm your subscription; just follow the directions and you'll be all set.

All ARES members are reminded to please update your record on the ARES database. Go to <http://ctares.org>, click on ARES Membership and follow the directions. If you forget your password when logging into the database, just write ASEC Art AF1HS. Thanks.

And lastly, SEC Wayne and ASEC Rod and your SM Betsey are asking all ECs to please get your reports of hurricane and other ARES activity to DEC's immediately if you haven't done so already so we can get your info. If you have reported, many thanks. If you wish to copy one of us, that's fine; just please get it to your DEC so we can learn from your comments. We want to know what went well, what did not go well, who participated, and hear about the activity itself and any details you wish to share. If writing is hard for you, then call but do report. This is a requirement of your appointment as defined by ARRL. I want to see DEC's get their reports to the SEC no later than the 15th please. Many thanks—look forward to hearing from you.

See you Sunday!

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