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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 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>	9/21/07
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:46 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:44 PM

**Minutes taken by:** Rick Johnson, N1WGK

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

N1WGK	N1JWF	N1JGR	K1HEJ	K1DFS
K1WMS	N1IKM	KB1KZC		

### **Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	K1DFS
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1KZC
<b>Abstain:</b>	N1IKM (Substituting for Fred)

unanimous

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

Previous Balance: \$817.66

Checks and Payments                      1 Item    -79.50

Deposits and Other Credits                2 Items    85.00

Service Charge                              0 Items    0.00

Interest Earned                              0 Items    0.00

Ending Balance of Bank Statement: \$823.16

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	KB1KZC
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Tech. VP report...**

Rick wonders where to start. Rick and George went out a week or so ago and hooked up the 440 with an amplifier and it works well except for a minor hum.

Radios were looking good, but 88 and 15 blew up on the same day about a week later. 88 machine will be set up with a PL of 77.0 the next time Rick goes up there.

October 14th, we will be doing some heavy duty moving of batteries at the Burlington site. If you are interested in helping, contact Rick, N1JGR

88 repeater needs repair, need a motion for up to \$250, motion by Al, seconded by Pete

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1DFS
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Old Business:**

Bike race: WE NEED HELP!! This is the bike race at Winding Trails. We need you there for 8:00AM on Sunday at Winding Trails, or at 7:00AM at the Dunkin Donuts. THIS SUNDAY, 9/23/07 WE REALLY NEED HAMS!

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## ***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

### **New Business:**

JOTA is coming up in October, anyone interested in getting involved?

The Sharon Repeater Club would like to acknowledge that Al helped out at Goshen Fair this year and appreciated it.

KLONDIKE IS COMING UP!!! It will be Feb. 2nd and 3rd. We often go up on Friday, set up your calendars. We don't know where it's going to be yet but it will happen!

Move to put in a letter of recognition for Dan, who has been doing a wonderful job with the newsletter, N1JGR, seconded by KB1KZC, unanimous

Motion to Adjourn:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1WGK
Abstain:	

Unanimous

## ***Nominations for Officers/Board Members***

The slate for the Officers and Board Members was created at the September meeting and will be presented at the October meeting. The slate will also be e-mailed to all nominees. Anyone not wishing to be on the slate will have until the November meeting to notify me to be removed. The finalized slate will be voted on at the November meeting.

Dan Wall – W1ZFG  
Chairman – Nominating Committee  
[walldan54@att.net](mailto:walldan54@att.net)

## ***Jack McLaughlin – Silent Key***

It is with deep sadness that we report that our friend Jack McLaughlin – WK1S, formerly WB1ASH, passed away suddenly on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Many of you will remember that Jack was president of the ICRC about 10 years ago. He also ran the ICRC packet BBS, was an active net control on the Nutmeg VHF Traffic Net and the CT Phone Net and was just very active in amateur radio in CT. Jack will be missed by many of us.

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

It sure was great to see many of you from all across the Section at the Western CT Hamfest. Congrats to chairs Joe AB1DO and Jim KD1YV on a fine job. I understand that there were very few leftovers in the food department--congrats to food chair Judy, N1TGK.

There is a lot of activity going on this weekend, September 28-30. The ARRL and TAPR 26th annual Digital Communications Conference will be held at The Double Tree Hotel - Windsor Locks. See <http://www.tapr.org/dcc> for conference details. Beginners and longtime digital ops are welcome.

The RASON Hamfest will be held this coming Saturday, September 29, 9:00-1:00 at The Gales Ferry Firehouse, 1772 Route 12, Ledyard. Talk-in 146.73 PL 156.7 Hz. Admission \$4; 6ft tables \$15; 5ft, \$13. Contact Wayne, KB1NKK; phone and fax 206-350-3064; e-mail [rason@snet.net](mailto:rason@snet.net). VE exams will be given at 10; registration at 9:30.

Paul, N1TUP, president CSMA will chair a meeting of CSMA Sunday, Sept. 30 at 10:00am Marcus Communications, 275 New State Road, Manchester. Many thanks to Bruce, N1XG for hosting this meeting at his office.

Some may not know this but TS Bruce and TS Dana KB1AEV worked very hard to re-establish the 147.18 repeater now located in Prospect for use over the long Labor Day holiday weekend. A lot of hard work and significant investment goes into repeater systems so be sure and thank Bruce and Dana: [n1xg@arrl.net](mailto:n1xg@arrl.net), [kb1aev@arrl.net](mailto:kb1aev@arrl.net).

STM Larry, K1HEJ announces that The Nutmeg VHF Traffic Net will temporarily meet on the 147.09 repeater sponsored by the Middlesex Amateur Radio Society. Many thanks to MARS and to their president Mark, K1PU for giving the net permission to operate there.

IT'S HERE! The FIFTEENTH annual Nutmeg HamFest and ARRL CT State Convention will be held at Mountain Ridge in Wallingford on Sunday, October 7 and promises to be very exciting! Don't miss The Doctor --yes, the famous Doctor of 'The Doctor Is In' and Commissioner James Thomas from The Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security! Commissioner Thomas will outline the State's Emergency Communications plans, including the role of Amateur Radio Operators. Lots of surprises this year--see <http://www.nutmeghamfest.com>.

ASEC Rod Lane, N1FNE and DEC Chuck Rexroad, AB1CR plan to demo D-Star digital voice so be sure and stop by their table. Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI and Vice Director Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF will also be on hand to greet you and answer your questions.

Don't miss the ARRL Forum where I will be announcing a couple of new initiatives and give a few awards for really significant work.

Doors open at 8:30 and VIP admission at 8:00. You can register on the Web site if you want to get a VIP ticket! Admission: \$7.00.

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

IMPORTANT! SEC Brian K1BRF and Committee Chair DEC Wayne N1CLV Announce The 2007 Simulated Emergency Test. The 2007 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) for the Connecticut Section is coming! Are you ready?

According to the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) website "The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications, administered by ARRL Field Organization Leaders including Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, Section Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers..." General guidelines for the SET are given at the following ARRL weblink:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/setguide.html>

Please note that because of various scheduling conflicts, the date for the Connecticut Section SET will be Saturday, 13 October 2007 – repeat -- Saturday, 13 October 2007. Participants should expect that the primary portion of the exercise will take place from approximately 0830-1200 EDT on that Saturday. We are purposely trying to conduct the test using a compressed timeline so that we can maximize participation by all radio amateurs in Connecticut and contiguous states.

In addition to the SET purposes outlined on the ARRL website, the CT Section SET Planning Committee has established the following Exercise Objectives:

(1) Establish emergency communications (both voice and digital/data) between and within the five CT ARES/DEMHS Regions – to include fixed, mobile, and field-deployed Stations;

(2) Encourage the use of emergency power (battery, generator, and/or mobile) by all stations during the exercise;

(3) Maximize the number of amateur radio participants - DEC's will establish Regional Resource Nets and coordinate within their respective areas;

(4) Utilize National Traffic System (NTS) format for all record message traffic. We are looking for maximum participation from ALL radio amateurs, not just CT ARES members!

Anyone with questions about the SET should contact one of the members of the SET Planning Committee using their [callsign@arrl.net](mailto:callsign@arrl.net) for email: Allan NN1H, DEC Region 1, Wayne N1CLV, DEC Region 4, SET Committee Chairperson, David K1DAV, DEC Region 5, Steve K1SJW, DEC Skywarn, Larry K1HEJ, CT STM, Brian K1BRF, CT SEC. Thanks and 73--Wayne, N1CLV DEC Region 4 and SET Chair.

The CQ Radio Club will celebrate sixty years as a club on Saturday, October 6 with a whole day of events culminating in a dinner complete with video of club historical events. The Meriden Amateur Radio Club is also celebrating sixty years and will have their special meeting at the end of October! Your SM will be on tap to congratulate, thank and celebrate at both events!

This month we have a re-activated club: The Greater Bridgeport Amateur Radio Club which will offer entry-level license classes, VE sessions, and repeater operation. This is a general-interest club; contact John, KA1JXW [russojg@snet.net](mailto:russojg@snet.net).

The New England Amateur Radio Festival (NEARFEST) Deerfield Fair Grounds NH is coming up October 12-13. This is a Friday / Saturday event so those of you who want to go can still be back for SET on Saturday! There will be another NEARFEST in May. See <http://www.near-fest.com> for full details.

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