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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, November 21st 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>	10/17/08
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:35 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:36 PM

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

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

N1WGK	N1IKM	N1JGR	K1WMS	N1RMF
W1ZFG	KA1NDE	KA1KRP	N1JWF	K1HEJ
KB1KZC				

### **Secretary report:**

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	KA1NDE
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N1JWF
<b>Abstain:</b>	

unanimous

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

### **Treasurer Report:**

Chuck was out. We have about \$700. Rick gave us the “report”. Hopefully, we should have a listing of the actual information soon.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGGK
Seconded by:	K1HEJ
Abstain:	

unanimous

### **Tech. VP Report:**

Work was done on the 88 site. Duplexer was replaced and they found that the amplifier from the 440 was letting out the magic smoke that keeps it running.

So far this year, we have lost 2 power supplies, a duplexer and an amplifier.

George has the amplifier sitting in the living room on the floor...his wife is a VERY patient woman. ☺

15's roof is leaking, needs to be tarred. No date lined up yet.

We also had our first meeting to discuss how to hook up the radio to our repeater.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGGK
Seconded by:	KA1NDE
Abstain:	

unanimous

### **Old Business:**

Discussion and critiques regarding races and protocol.

Ongoing discussion about the web page and it needs to be updated.

### **New Business:**

JOTA this weekend. N1JGR has a setup in Plymouth with the BSA. The call will be N1JGR. Dan and Pete will be there too, typically on 20 meters.

KLONDIKE: The place is Wocoman in New Hartford, on West Hill. Trying to get BellTown in Mass, on Bear Mountain. It's the 6-8<sup>th</sup> of February, 2009.

Bike race coming up...more information to follow.

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

### **Committee Report:**

Motion to accept: N1WGK

Seconded: N1IKM

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

## ***Election of Officers/Board Members***

The slate for the Officers and Board Members was presented at the October meeting. The slate was also 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

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

Section Leadership: K1EIC SM; ASMs: K1STM, KD1YV, W1FXQ; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1TCH; SEC N1FNE; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB. Brian Fernandez, K1BRF has resigned his position as SEC. Brian has done a tremendous job with ARES during his tenure--he's increased membership, created a team of DEC's who really work together, lead the Section through two SET exercises that were very successful and respected by many and just generally did a real pro job. I did enjoy working with him. Thank you Brian for your incredible dedication and service, your leadership and genuine help to me.

Rod Lane, N1FNE has agreed to take over as SEC until the end of the year or sooner if we recruit another. Rod is interested in helping out temporarily. I want to thank Rod for his willingness to help out at this time.

Rod's contact info: [n1fne@arrl.net](mailto:n1fne@arrl.net); home 860-621-9967; daytime: 860-766-2281.

If you are interested in the position of SEC or you are thinking of someone whom you feel would be a good candidate, please write me and Rod. There will be a small committee established to carry out the interviewing of candidates whom the SM is considering for this important cabinet position.

I had a family commitment during SET but wasn't away from it at all. My work was done from a distance on packet. At the Hamfest, I had the chance to chat with many of you about SET and there were lots of very positive comments. Of course, the ARES team is putting together their list of things to do but generally, people had a good experience. My sincere thanks to the entire committee chaired by Brian, K1BRF. Thanks to all of you who promptly got your reports in--Mike K1DM is compiling the data for Headquarters and the Section leadership.

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

The Nutmeg State Hamfest was fun, wasn't it? Attendance was about the same. It was a little less but the decrease was negligible. The ARRL Forum included participants from surrounding Sections. Of course, SET was a big topic of discussion. Your SM at one point asked Rod, N1FNE to come up and read a plaque which she plans to present to WIJMA when John is available. So Rod came up but there was something in his hand. No one could quite figure out why he would be coming up with yet another plaque--some thought that perhaps there was an error on the plaque I wanted him to read. My jaw dropped and I was speechless when I was presented with a plaque from the ARES community signed by Brian, K1BRF and everyone enjoyed watching me be surprised (and I suspect quiet) for once! After all, I didn't realize Rod had anything in his hand! It sure was lots of fun-- Thanks gang!

Director Tom Frenaye K1KI presented the Technical Merit Award to Ed Hare, W1RFI for his tireless work on all the problems associated with BPL and in recognition for so much work Ed does on his own time on behalf of Amateur radio. See news story at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/08/12/10258/>. I can tell you firsthand that Ed was right there to help when BPL came to Shelton, my home town. Congratulations and thanks for all you do. Ed was a speaker at our State Convention!

Do you want a great speaker for your club? Paul K1SEZ gave a fantastic presentation at the Meriden ARC of DX Lab Suites, <http://www.dxlabsuite.com> software that will literally run your station created by Dave Bernstein, AA6YQ, the winner of this year's Technical Innovation Award. Paul is willing to come to your club so contact him if interested at [k1sez@arrl.net](mailto:k1sez@arrl.net). I'm told his slide show is wonderful!

The Bristol Radio Club provided communications for the annual Bristol Mum Festival Parade. The Club has had a proud history of providing this important public service and enjoys it. Their October speaker was Rich, WB1J, who presented a photographic journey around the world.

NARL is getting ready for some indoor winter activities. Jonathan, KB1KIX is organizing a build-a-thon in a couple of weeks in which members will build APRS trackers. More related activities are scheduled for winter.

Attention DXers! Don't forget that the Ct DX Association meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at ARRL Hq. They do not meet during the months of June, July or August. Why not attend and see what's going on!

Congrats to Tyrique Harts, N1TJH, grandson of Penny N1NAG--the famous voice on the phone at Hq, on receiving his ARRL First Contact Award. It was presented by Al N1JWF at a recent NARL meeting who was his first contact!

Congrats also to EC Frank KB1IFX who completed levels II and III of the ARRL emcomm courses.

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