
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 18th 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:	10/21/11
Time Started:	7:30 PM
Time Ended:	8:44 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson – N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	N1JGR	KB1SNL	K1WMS	AB1NH
WY1O	W1ZFG	KB1VNT	WA2PNB	N1JWF
N1QLN	KA1KRP	KB1TBL		

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	N1QLN
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Treasurer Report:

Motion to table treasurer report until next month.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	W1ZFG
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

All machines are up and running, including Walt's repeater link.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1QLN
Abstain:	

Presidents Report:

Nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Admin. VP Report:

Nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Webmaster Report:

Nothing to report

Motion to Accept:	NIW GK
Seconded by:	KB1TBL
Abstain:	

Old Business:

Elmer's Net was awesome on Monday. On avg, 2 new hams checking in each week. The next session will be discussing operating modes with our Admin. VP of the ICRC. There are more lessons posted on the website.

1st meeting of Quartet club ride is next month, date to be determined. It may be combined with another ride at the same time, so the motorcycle count may go up from 150 bikes to 1000.

New Business:

Discussion of slate for next month

Solar panel project:

Panels completed on roof and controller and monitor panel, breakers installed. In process of getting replacement batteries. This Sunday, low voltage disconnect and OR gate will be installed, along with wiring solar and PS together.

There was some discussion of future uses at the site.

Discussion of the APRS boxes that Rick brought in. Next month, bring the boxes in, so we can test them for the Klondike.

Motion to nominate our technical VP, N1JGR, as life membership

Motion by Dan Wall, Mike 2nd, unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1QLN
Seconded by:	W1ZFG
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.

If any member wishes to challenge any of the nominees, they may nominate another person and the selection between the two candidates will be determined by secret ballot.

Board of Directors:

Perry Green, WY1O
George Carbonell, N1RMF
Al Gerke, N1JWF
Chuck Motes, K1DFS
Walt Styslo, K1WMS

Nick Castrogiovanni, KB1SNL
Rick Castrogiovanni, N1JGR
Rick Johnson, N1WGK
Pete Paradis, KB1KZC
Dan Wall, W1ZFG

Executive Board:

President: Perry, WY1O
Tech. VP: Rick, N1JGR
Treasurer: Chuck, K1DFS

Admin VP: George, N1RMF
Secretary: Dan, W1ZFG

Dan Wall – W1ZFG
Chairman – Nominating Committee
Walldan54@att.net

Honorary Life membership

At our last meeting, the membership unanimously voted to award Honorary Life Membership to our Tech VP – Rick Castrogiovanni – N1JGR in recognition of his tireless efforts to maintain and improve our repeater systems. Rick has been instrumental in setting up our linked repeater system and battery back-up system over the years. Congratulations Rick!

Solar Project Update

There have been several recent events that have taken place at the Solar Project at the .15 site in Burlington. On Sunday, October 23, Rick – N1JGR wired in the diode OR gate and the Low Voltage Disconnect to the system batteries. The batteries are now being charged by the solar panels during daylight hours and by the power supply at night. Also assisting were Nick – KB1SNL and Dan – W1ZFG. On Saturday, November 5, two newer batteries were brought up to the site by Chuck – K1DFS and his son Andy. This will increase the capacity of the system, once they are wired in. Also, two of the depleted batteries were removed and transported back to a vendor for possible refurbishment. Each battery weighs in excess of 500 lbs, so thanks to Chuck, Andy, and Dan – W1ZFG for helping with this difficult task.

A Blast From The Past

The picture below is the Avon High School "Radio Club" in 1965. All members were CB'ers - waiting to get their ham tickets - ergo the ham equipment in the background.

Two of these members became hams, while two didn't,

The two hams also became members of the ICRC.

Who were they? (names supplied later)

From left to right:

KMA-5269, KKB-1980, KMA-3505 and KKB-1980 Unit 4



The second and third ones were the ones who became hams.

The second one is Dave Faucher – WA1UQC/SK who went on to become the trustee and tech VP of the ICRC.

The third one is Perry Green, WY1O.

Changes to Packet Station in Burlington

Due to the recent relocation to North Carolina by our packet trustee Chuck – N1KGY, the position has been taken over by Dan – W1ZFG. As a result, the following callsign changes were made to the packet station:

- The callsign of the node was changed from N1KGY-7 to W1ZFG-7
- The callsign of the mailbox was changed from N1KGY-1 to W1ZFG-1
- The alias was changed from ICRC07 to ICRC03.

The packet node is located on 145.03 MHz and is available for use 24/7. Anyone interested in packet may use it to connect to other nodes as necessary.

Open Tracker Boxes for Klondike

Anyone who has their Open Tracker box ready to be checked out can bring it to this months meeting. There will be equipment there to verify proper operation. Remember, February is right around the corner, so don't wait too long to get your boxes ready.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

There was no Section News available at time of publication.

For the latest information, visit our website at <http://www.icrcweb.org>