
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 16th at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave. (Rte. 4), Farmington, CT. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

***** SPECIAL NOTICE *****

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING! There is one open position on the Board of Directors that needs to be filled. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for this position. The position will be decided by a secret ballot vote of those present at the meeting. Please try to attend this meeting so that the vote will reflect the will of the majority of the membership.

Last Month's Meeting

ICRC Meeting Minutes

Date:	10/19/12
Time Started:	7:30 PM
Time Ended:	9:30 PM

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall – W1ZFG

Attendees (Callsign):

N1RMF	KA1RLA	KB1TFU	N1WGK	KA1NDE
N1JWF	KB1SNL	N1JGR	W1ZFG	KB1KZC
KB1YRA	K1WMS	KB1IXQ	KB1WEZ	WY1O
K1HEJ	KB1UYE			

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

VE Session: Every month before the regular meeting, a VE session is held for people to get their first license, or to upgrade an existing license. The results of last month's VE session were as follows:

2 upgrades to General Class, 1 upgrade to Extra Class

Presidents Report:

Welcome to all.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	KB1TFU
Seconded by:	K1HEJ
Abstain:	

unanimous

Treasurer Report:

No report given, due to absence of treasurer.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP Report:

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

There appears to be a lot of "kerchunking" on the repeaters lately. Not only is this illegal, it wastes a lot of system resources. No need to check to see if the repeaters are up, they usually are.

The battery monitoring system at the .15 repeater is up and running. There still are a few technical issues that are in the process of being looked at, but we are getting a good idea of how much energy the solar panels produce and how much energy the repeater draws during use.

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	K1HEJ
Abstain:	

Admin. VP Report:

We are looking for suggestions for presentations to be done at regular membership meetings. Anyone with any ideas, please get them to George.

Motion to Accept:	
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Webmaster Report:

The website is up and running. The latest membership list and Elmer's Net info has been updated.

Motion to Accept:	KB1TBU
Seconded by:	KB1IXQ
Abstain:	

Committee Reports:

Elmer's Net: The Elmer's Net has been running now for three weeks. Participation has been good, with approx. 12 to 15 check-ins each week. Out of those check-ins, one third to one half have been recently licensed. I also have received two e-mails from non-hams who are monitoring via scanners. Those two non-hams are studying for their licenses. I will forward the e-mails to the committee. The two people say they are learning a lot from the Elmer's Net. Hope to hear more ICRC members checking in. Thanks.

Respectfully submitted
Mike – N1QLN
Elmer's Net Committee Chairman

Motion to Accept:	KB1TFU
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

Constitution Revision Committee: No activity at this time.

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	KB1WEZ
Abstain:	

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Nominating Committee: See separate section following minutes.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	KB1TFU
Abstain:	

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

- Klondike Derby: Its time to start thinking about supporting the Klondike Derby. It will be held on February 15 – 17, 2013 at the June Norcross Boy scout camp. We will need 15 hams to staff this event.
- Fox Hunting: There was a short discussion as to whether we should start doing fox hunts again. The club did them in the past and they were very enjoyable.

Motion to Adjourn:	Printed agenda needs no motion to adjourn.
Seconded by:	
Abstain:	

Guest Speaker

At last month's meeting, we had a guest speaker. Steve Dube – KA1RLA presented an interesting and informative talk on the possibility of all electronic devices being rendered useless by an Electromagnetic Pulse, caused by the detonation of a nuclear device in the upper atmosphere. Similar results could also be caused by excessive electromagnetic activity on our own sun. It was quite thought-provoking to consider the possibility of being without all our modern day devices such as computers, cell phones, TVs and radios. Steve also presented some options as to what the amateur radio community could do in the event of such a disaster.

Election of Officers/Board Members

The slate for the Officers and Board members was presented at the October meeting. 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 or themselves and the selection between the two candidates will be determined by secret ballot of those present.

Board of Directors:

Perry Green, WY1O
George Carbonell, N1RMF
Al Gerke, N1JWF
Mike Sanders, N1QLN
Walt Styslo, K1WMS

Nick Castrogiovanni, KB1SNL
Rick Castrogiovanni, N1JGR
Pete Paradis, KB1KZC
Dan Wall, W1ZFG
Open Position

Executive Board:

President: Perry, WY1O
Tech. VP: Rick, N1JGR
Treasurer: Pete, KB1KZC

Admin VP: George, N1RMF
Secretary: Dan, W1ZFG

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

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership: K1EIC SM: ASMs Emeritus W1FXQ, KD1YV, K1HEJ;
OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1WPM; SEC N1CLV: ASECs N1FNE, K1BRF, AF1HS, K1VSC, W1GTT;
SGL K1MK; STM K1STM; TC N1KHB.

Lots of you attended the Nutmeg State Convention this year! Did you find your friends? Did you meet those you talk with on the air? Wow, the show was packed! It was sure fun to see you. The forums were well attended too. A huge thank you to Dan N1ZZ and Fred K1VR for giving their presentations which were really appreciated. Thanks, too, to our Division Director Tom K1KI for attending and participating with me at the ARRL Forum.

The Hamfest each year is sponsored by the Meriden Amateur Radio Club. This year's committee chairs were: president John N1GNV, Bill W1KKF, Rich W1TRY, Dan W1DMM, Chris WA1VXH Haggie KB1HCC and Jim N1ZN. If you talk to these people on the air or otherwise contact them, please remember to thank them for their hard work. Organizing the event as you know was even tougher this year because of the need to change venues. It was a great show—thanks!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Now the Tri-City ARC will have their annual auction this coming Saturday 10:00 a.m. at The Gales Ferry Volunteer Fire Department, 1772 Rt 12 located across from the Dow Chemical Plant. Doors open at 8:00. Hope to see you there.

Paul NITUP, president of the Ct Spectrum Management Association is announcing the next meeting to be held on Sunday, October 28 10:00 a.m. at the Manchester EOC 321Olcott St., Manchester. Directions: Find your way to I-384 in Manchester - From I-84 or I-291, signs will direct you to I-384. Take exit 1 (Spencer Street) from I-384 and at the end of the exit turn east toward Manchester. Down the hill turn left at the traffic light (BP gas station on the corner) - This is Olcott Street – take the first driveway on the left – sign says “Public Works” – driveway is about ¼ mile long. On weekends you may park by the front door, enter through the front door, walk or ride to the second floor. You will see the EOC straight back past the restrooms.

In a previous letter, I asked for your input about goals for the Section for the next year. At our cabinet meeting this month, we came out with goals that together as a Section team we can achieve if we all work together as a committed team!

During 2013, we'd like to have 200 more licensed operators in Connecticut. If you or your group is running a class, bravo! If others wish to run classes, there is a wealth of material available from ARRL. And don't forget, ops are looking to upgrade so there's that opportunity to teach as well. PIC Dana KA1WPM and his staff will help you publicize your class so let us know what your plans are. He will check the Web site often. I will list classes and exam sessions on these pages as well and point you to further information.

Our second goal is to have a qualified ham who has completed the “core 4” FEMA courses IS-100, 200, 700 and 800 in every EOC as a principle liaison between ARES and the served agency in the next two years. This is consistent with FEMA requirements that we understand will be mandated for leaders working in an EOC. Several of you have already completed the “core 4” courses. Please be sure you update your training record on the ARES database because we want to recognize those of you who are “core 4” certified. Thank you for your time as always.

Hearty congratulations to Allen Pitts, W1AGP, on his retirement from ARRL as Manager of Media and Public Relations. Just go to <http://www.arrl.org/pio> and enjoy just some of Allen's creativity. Don't miss the nice article in this past ARRL Letter <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter%3Fissue%3Dcurrent> about Allen's work. Allen is still doing some projects at ARRL which I'm sure we'll hear about in the months to come. Allen, we'll look for you on the air. Thank you for your continuing service to Amateur radio—thank you for your outstanding and creative work to benefit all of us.

Congrats to Christina KB1QFW on her appointment as EC Sky Warn New London County. In order to have this appointment, the applicant has to be approved both by the Section leadership and the NWS. Welcome aboard!

The Insurance City Repeater Club had as their speaker Steve KA1RLA who spoke on the topic Electronic Armageddon. Steve spoke about the implications of an EMP (electromagnetic pulse) attack and the ways that Amateur Radio could guard against all of us losing the ability to communicate with one another.

SM Betsey K1EIC spoke at the Valley Amateur Radio Association about her experiences at the SM workshop and generally updated the club on Section activities.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association enjoyed a presentation Introduction to Digital Modes with FLDIGI presented by CARA Digital/Packet Committee Chairman Sander Pool, W1SOP. Check out <http://carpephoton.com/files/IntroductionToDigitalModes-W1SOP.pdf>. If you have questions, you can contact Sander at w1sop@arrl.net. Many club members have run tests on NBEMS (Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System) between their homes and the Bethel EOC and Stamford EOC. Great work all—digital ops, check it out!

President Roger KB1NYY reported on several contacts he and other club members made with the 2012 London Olympics Special Events Station, 2 Oscar 12 London (2O12L). A rather interesting call sign with its use of “O” for zero but it was, after all, a “Special Event Station”.

The Stamford and Greater Norwalk clubs participated in communications for the Systick Fibrosis Cycle for Life. EC Jon WB2RYV reports that the event organizers were real pleased with the performance of the Amateur Radio operators. References to their work and to the clubs by name have been included in their literature on the event. Congrats!

PIC Dana KA1WPM wants you to know that there are several exam sessions in CT. Listed below are the dates and locations. If you are interested in that session, go to <http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session> for the complete listing in CT. Now folks, I hope this tabular arrangement comes out right once I mail this to you. :----)

10/26 Manchester EOC	10/27 Bloomfield Police Dept
11/08 Trumbull http://441700.org/CRTC/crtc.htm	
11/10 ARRL Hq	11/13 Thomaston Senior Ctr
11/14 Milford Eels Hill no walk-ins	11/16 Farmington RC
11/17 Stamford Gov Ctr 4th floor Cafeteria	11/20 Portland Senior Ctr
11/24 Bloomfield Police Dept	

Did you know that we have a Section calendar on ct.arrl.org? Clubs and others are encouraged to post events there. Have one rep get a password from Webmaster and ASM Jim KD1YV kd1yv@arrl.net.

I am very sad to report the following silent keys: Don Steel W1NFG and Wayne Shaffer W3QAN. I have known both for many years. Both were active in QCWA, Wayne was a past president in CT I believe. Don was also active in Navy MARS and on the RV net. He and his wife Jane often traveled throughout the country and operated mobile. We will miss them both. Condolences to their families and friends. See you next month.

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