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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, December 16<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.

**\*\*\* SPECIAL ACTIVITY/DEMONSTRATION MEETING \*\*\***

At this month's meeting we will have an explanation/demonstration of the latest in digital communication modes using a commonly available sound card and PC presented by Chuck – K1DFS. (For those of you who were expecting the 802.11 demonstration, it was postponed to next month's meeting due to technical problems with the equipment.)

## ***Last Month's Meeting***

## **ICRC Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date:</b>	18 November 2005
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:38PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	

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

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

N1WGK	K1HEJ	KB1JYX	KB1JYY	K1DFS
N1IKM	KA1KRP	N1JWF	N1FNE	N1JGR
KB1KNV	WA1PAT	N1KGY		

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**Last Month's Meeting – cont'd****Secretary report:**

E-Mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	KB1JYX
Abstain:	

unanimous

**Treasurer Report:**

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**BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:**

Previous Balance:		826.65
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-159.00
Deposits and Other Credits	1 Item	250.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0 Items	0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		917.65

**YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:**

Cleared Balance:		917.65
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-25.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Balance as of 11/18/2005:		892.65
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:		892.65

Motion to Accept:	KB1JYX
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

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

### **Tech. VP report...**

Burlington site...went up East pole, removed 6M antenna, which was substantially damaged. Got the 5/8 set up...but found a rather strong interaction between that antenna and the existing antenna. We need to get better separation from the 2 antennas. Also, repointed the packet beam to Putnam, NY, K2PUT.

Climbs for next year will include finishing up at Burlington and go to the Bristol site. There was quite a bit of discussion on the various antenna work that needs to be done...you should be here to check it out.

There is a leak on the roof in Burlington and it has to be dealt with before the snow flies

There is still interference on 15 machine...still discussing what it may be. We are discussing if there are any filters, etc., but that's not really an option.

George will talk with Tom about the pipe that is hitting our 440 antenna...it was agreed by the everyone present.

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1IKM
Abstain:	

unanimous

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

First weekend in Feb., at the girls scout camp, will be this year's KLONDIKE. We can really use everyone there. If interested, please contact Rick N1JGR...the venison stew is great! ☺ We need at least 15 hams for just Saturday!!! On Sunday, we need around 9...this would be GREAT!

#### Elections:

Move to accept the nominations as read aloud at the meeting

N1KGY moves

K1DFS seconds

N1JGR abstains

Unanimous

KB1JYY motions for the secretary to make one vote

N1IKM seconds

Unanimous

N1WGK casts one vote for the entire group.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1KGY
Abstain:	

unanimous

## **Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary**

Section Leadership: ASMs: K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, K1BRF; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator N1FNE; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical N1KHB.

Let me first wish all of you a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday. We indeed have many things to be thankful for in our personal lives and within the CT Section. The Top Off exercise was an event that took a huge amount of volunteer resources and effort. Many of you have joined me in saying to our immediate past SEC Chuck, AB1CR and Hank KALWTS who was at that time Area 4 DEC, "It was a class act!" And indeed it was. We had volunteers going to help out in the Katrina aftermath: Ted, W1FAR, Dave, K1DAV, Dave, K1DJW, Chris KB1FUO, Bob N1OCM, and Oscar KB1LQV. We undertook another huge effort led by SGL Mike K1MK which attempted to get PRB-1 legislation enacted in CT. The fact that we were not successful has nothing to do with the amount of work, and support many of you gave to this project. Our clubs are continuing to grow and promote good Amateur Radio activity. We have new leaders willing to undertake new initiatives. My point is that this Section is not stagnant--it continues to flourish because of a cabinet which is thoroughly dedicated, clubs which work toward enriching their memberships and volunteers like all of you who are interested in this Section and who continue to grow in the hobby. It is indeed a privilege to sit in this position as your leader. Thank you all. On a personal note, this holiday is a favorite of mine; I will join many out there cooking some traditional family favorites--it's fun!

Calling All Yale students, staff and faculty--current or retired--and alumni who are Amateur Radio operators! Martin AA6E reports the following: We are looking for Yale current and retired staff, faculty, and students at all levels, along with any ham alumni. (Or wannabes!) We are meeting "virtually" by Internet, including EchoLink and e-mail. We have an up-to-date website at [www.yale.edu/wlyu](http://www.yale.edu/wlyu). We also have a "roving call sign" program, modeled on the FISTS club KN0WCW. Club members can "borrow" the W1YU call sign for a month and become rare DX! Contact [martin.ewing@gmail.com](mailto:martin.ewing@gmail.com)  
<http://blog.aa6e.net>.

The CT Amateur Radio League of Youth (CARLY) has changed its net: CARLY KIDS NET UPDATE The CARLY net has moved to the W1EDH repeater on 147.090 P1 110.9 at 7:00 PM EST. The majority of the club lives in East Hampton and was unable to participate in the net due to geographic constraints.--Lee K1LEF.

The months of October and November drew some interesting club speakers. EC Allen, NN1H spoke about ARES at the Greater Norwalk ARC at their November meeting; Joe AAB1DO spoke to CARA members about software defined radios; ICRC heard a talk about 802.11 technology as it applies to Amateur radio given by Chuck, N1KGY and Bill, KB1KNV. (Postponed until January meeting - Ed.)

Steve Ford, WB8IMY, QST Editor and author of The HF Digital Handbook spoke to CARA members operating digital modes on HF. For those who are not as confident with CW, RTTY and PSK31, offer good DX opportunities. GNARC had as one of their guests Tore, SM7MPM from South Sweden. The village is called Falsterbo. It is about 12 miles east of Copenhagen, Denmark across the Baltic. Don't forget the toy drive! Hams across the country are helping hurricane kids this holiday season. The ARRL has partnered with The Salvation Army to come to the aid of children in the coastal areas of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana this season by conducting a nationwide toy drive. Toys already have begun to arrive at the drive's Memphis, Tennessee, collection center. Gather unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 1 to 14 and send them with your QSL card to: ARRL Toy Drive/The Salvation Army, 1775 Moriah Woods Blvd--Suite 12, Memphis, TN 38117-7125. The Salvation Army volunteers will distribute the toys collected at the ARRL warehouse throughout areas of the US Gulf Coast where the need is greatest.

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

The following comes from Ron K1RKD, President of NARL: Officials of four key Newington departments will participate in a panel discussion entitled "What If?" regarding Newington's ability to respond to disaster and security matters on Monday November 28 at 7 PM at the Paradise Restaurant, 10 East St. corner of South St in New Britain.

Newington citizens are encouraged to come and voice their concerns on bird flu, terrorism, storm damage, power outages, communication failures, etc. The panel members are Fire Chief Chris Schroeder (who is also Director of Newington's Department of Emergency Management), Ken Friedenber, Director of Human Services, Lt. Stephen Clark, Commander of Support Services for Newington Police, and Public Health Coordinator Robert Cosgrove. Mr. Cosgrove will be moderator. Each member will give a brief overview of response planning. Cosgrove will be moderator of the evening.

This event is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Newington. Admission is free and no RSVP is required... The restaurant's regular price menu will be available.

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

The following were elected at the November meeting:

### Executive Board

President:	Larry	K1HEJ
Admin. VP:	Dan	WA1PAT
Tech. VP:	Rick	N1JGR
Secretary:	Rick	N1WGK
Treasurer:	Chuck	K1DFS

### Board of Directors

Rodgers, Brian	N1URO	Castrogiovanni, Rick	N1JGR
Motes, Chuck	K1DFS	Johnson, Rick	N1WGK
Paradis, Pete	KB1KZC	Gerke, Al	N1JWF
Ayers, Chuck	N1KGY	West, John	N1IWT
Buck, Larry	K1HEJ	West, Anne	K1STM
Johnson, Roy	N1IKM	Carbonell, George	KB1JYX
Wall, Dan	WA1PAT	Lisitano, Alan	KB1JYY
Reyor, Bill	KB1KNV		

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