
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

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

Date:	11/16/07
Time Started:	7:44 PM
Time Ended:	8:30 PM

Minutes taken by: Rick Johnson, N1WGK

Attendees (Callsign):

N1WGK	KA1NDE	K1DFS	K1HEJ	W1ZFG
W1LOZ	N1JWF	K1WMS	N1RMF	

RE-ELECTION

Motion to close nominations by K1DFS, seconded by W1LOZ. All in favor, unanimous

Motion to have secretary cast one ballot by W1LOZ, seconded by K1DFS. All in favor, unanimous

Secretary casts 1 vote for election of Board of Directors

Motion to close nominations by K1DFS, seconded by N1RMF. All in favor, unanimous

Motion to have secretary cast one ballot by N1RMF, seconded by K1DFS. All in favor, unanimous

Secretary casts 1 vote for election of Officers. Elections are completed for another year

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Secretary report:

E-mailed report to committee for perusal.

Motion to Accept:	K1DFS
Seconded by:	N1RMF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Treasurer Report:

BALANCE 9/30/2007	1,013.16
TOTAL 10/1/2007 - 12/31/2007	-184.76
BALANCE 12/31/2007	828.40

TOTAL INFLOWS	250.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-434.76
NET TOTAL	-184.76

Motion to Accept:	N1RMF
Seconded by:	N1WGK
Abstain:	

unanimous

Tech. VP report...

Amplifier pushes 100W at 9W in. There's a problem at the site, though. The circulator is toast. There's also a problem with the lead can on the transmit side (dead short). Because the duplexers aren't working correctly, the repeater is desensed. We need to replace the circulator, costs around \$500.

A motion was made to request a \$50 donation from each member for the purpose of replacing the circulator and a couple of poly-phasers by W1LOZ, seconded by N1WGK, All in favor, unanimous

440 repeater in George's basement and he's looking at it.

At this point, we need to make the 88 repeater standalone again, for now.

15 repeater and 07 are both still functioning and the battery bank is working fine. Chuck would also like to thank the club for cleaning up the blockhouse

Motion to Accept:	N1WGK
Seconded by:	N1JWF
Abstain:	

unanimous

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Old Business:

Another \$250 check from Winding Trails, thank you very much!

The next race will be in the spring and they stopped running the Smashing Pumpkins race in the fall.

New Business:

KLONDIKE! First full weekend in February is the KLONDIKE...it's AWESOME...come up on Friday and stay overnight...you will get a venison meal! Maybe you can be like George and get the bullet! It's the entire weekend and it's a lot of fun. More information to follow.

Additional Bike Races. The group dealing with the bike races would probably be interested in having us do the communications for another race or two. We will find out more information from AI, N1JWF.

Discussion regarding NIMS and training.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1JWF
Seconded by:	N1WGK
Abstain:	

Unanimous

Instructors Needed

The ARRL Is Looking for a Few Good Instructors

Teachers who have participated in ARRL's popular summer professional development workshops, the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology, continue to spread the word about this exceptional experience and the unique value that Amateur Radio and the wireless technology curricula bring to their classrooms. The Teachers Institute is one outreach component of ARRL's Education & Technology Program, which has received strong donor support to bring Amateur Radio and the exploration of radio science to schools and classrooms. Building on our success, the League is making plans to expand the Teachers Institute next year, and needs instructors to lead the Institute sessions.

Contingent on funding, the ARRL plans to offer six four-day sessions in 2008 to provide opportunities for 72 teachers, and is looking for additional qualified instructors to support this expansion of the program. The Teachers Institute Instructor position is a part-time contract position that will require lead instruction at a Teachers Institute workshop during the Spring/Summer of 2008 as a paid associate instructor, under the direction of the Teachers Institute Program Manager. Successful performance may lead to a follow-on contract to provide continuing teacher support throughout the year, as well as instruction at future Teachers Institutes.

Instructors Needed – cont'd

Qualifications for Teachers Institute Instructor

If you have an Amateur Extra class license as well as a current teaching credential or equivalent college/university teaching experience, the ARRL would like to hear from you. Applicants should also have experience using ham radio in a school curriculum and an extensive familiarity with electronics and wireless technology. Qualified applicants should also be able to connect with teachers working in a variety of classroom environments and with a variety of age groups.

If you are interested in applying for this exciting opportunity, please visit the information page <http://www.arrl.org/es/ti-instructor.html> to learn more about the positions and application instructions.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

How could it possibly be Thanksgiving week already? October was so warm that it feels like we should be just starting Fall! On the other hand, the multitude of leaves on the ground sure remind us that the colder weather is here and resets the stage! I am privileged to sit here and wish you, on behalf of the entire leadership, a very happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday. We have a wonderfully responsive Section with very active clubs with dedicated officers, a cabinet that continues to encourage creativity, our Amateur radio frequencies which we never should take for granted thanks to the hard work of the ARRL staff Board, and benefactors, a variety of digital and repeater systems and most important, a membership enthused about our service that makes this Section the dynamic entity that it is. Thank you!

For the last fifteen years, members of the BEARS of Manchester along with other volunteers spend part of their, Thanksgiving Day supporting the Manchester Road Race. President Paul, N1TUP and Dick, K1SW serve on the race coordination committee which, in itself is a significant undertaking. You see, the race uses about 500 volunteers and is attended by about 10,000 people. A program is distributed to all attendees and in this year's program, there is an absolutely wonderful article about the Club and Amateur radio! About forty Amateur radio operators will be on hand this year. There are several before-race activities such as a volunteer breakfast and a press conference. Look for an article in the local papers this weekend. This is a popular race in the State--I know some from this area who routinely attend. Congrats to you all and thanks for taking the time during a major holiday--have fun!

The Meriden club celebrated their 60th birthday as a club at their October meeting. Several older members were in attendance; Frank, W1FD, a charter member, made the first contact in their special operating event. Next year, the club will celebrate 60 years as an ARRL affiliated club so we'll have yet another party! Congrats to all.

Can you believe it? Donnie, N1HAX has a new call! Now you'll know who it is when you hear W1FYG, a call his grandfather Frank W1FD once had. Congrats Donnie!

Members of the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association enjoyed a talk by Joel Hallas, W1ZR at a recent meeting--lots of enthusiasm for the technical information--thanks Joel for giving your time. The Club also operated ARRL Sweepstakes as a group!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

The Greater Norwalk ARC enjoyed a video on an expedition to Antarctica at their last meeting. Members participated in a Family Emergency Preparedness Fair held at Norwalk Community College. They had a station set up in the parking lot with help from Dan/N1ZZ, Gus/W1GUS, Tim/W1GIG and Ziggy/N1ICL. Several European contacts were made on site as part of a demo using voice and CW. Indoors they had a booth with Marty/ KA1WBN and president Toy K1WYQ on hand to answer questions. Betty/KC1PUP and the dog were also on site! Speakers at the Fair were Tom Ridge from Homeland Security, The National Director from the Red Cross and the weatherman from channel 7 New York news.

DEC NN1H served as NCS for the communications effort for the Diabetes Walk-a-thon in Fairfield at which several GNARC members participated. ARES ops were busy, especially in the Eastern part of the State during the storm resulting from the remnants of Hurricane Noel. Region 4 was activated at Level 2, while the rest of the Section was under a Level 1 activation. Many thanks to DEC Wayne, N1CLV who took charge as acting SEC while our SEC Brian K1BRF attended to work commitments. Many thanks to all ops who were ready in case an activation resulted. Special thanks to Sky Warn DEC Steve K1SJW for coordinating the activation of several nets during that time. We were pleased to be commended by Emergency Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD for our efforts.

The League is looking for a few good instructors. They are making plans to expand the Teachers Institute next year, and needs instructors to lead the Institute sessions. If you are an educator and interested in this exciting opportunity, please read <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/11/12/100/?nc=1> .

Congrats to the following ops who have upgraded recently:

General: Dan N1NKK, John, KB1OJM, Sylvia, KA1HTH, Oscar, N1JQY, Soon Nam, KB1PIN, Chan -- Soo, KB1PIM, Hyun-soo, KB1PHh, Jim KB1PGB, Richard, KB1PAJ, Richard, WA1IRF, Larry, KB1KIZ, James, KB1GGP, Robert, N1FBB, Ken, KB1MAM, Gary, N1JSH, Richard, KB1NQQ, Anthony, KB1MUD.

Extra: Jason, KB1OPC, Bert, KB1EMJ, Bruce, KB1PGJ, Bob, KB1MNE, Walter, WB1ANE, Cheol-min, KB1PHG, Richard, KB1MXS, Ulf, KB1PON, George, KB1JDY, Claudia, KB1OYZ.

The following stations received Public Service Honor Roll status for October: KB1NMO 140; NX1Q 100 points; KA1RMV 90; KA1GWE 90; K1HEJ 64. NTS and ARES ops are all eligible for PSHR. Contact STM K1HEJ for further information on this recognition.

ARRL Connecticut Section

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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 W1ZFG
Tech. VP: Rick N1JGR
Secretary: Rick N1WGK
Treasurer: Chuck K1DFS

Board of Directors

Andrews, Les	KA1KRP	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	N1RMF
Wall, Dan	W1ZFG	Lisitano, Alan	W1LOZ
Reyor, Bill	KB1KNV		

Dan Wall – W1ZFG

Chairman – Nominating Committee

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