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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, January 20th at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave. (Rte. 4), Farmington, CT in the First Floor Meeting Room. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

There will also be a VE Test Session held by the ICRC sponsored VE team starting at 6:00 P.M, also in the First Floor Meeting Room.

After a *short* business meeting, Rick - NIJGR will give a presentation about everything you need to know about supporting our first public service event of the year - the Klondike Derby. This worthwhile effort supports the Boy Scouts of America in their annual winter event.

## ***President's Message***

There is no President's Message this month.

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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>12-16-2016</b>
<b>Time Started:</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Time Adjourned:</b>	<b>8:14 pm</b>

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

<b>Attendance</b>					
KB1KZC	KB1YYG	NIJGR	K1JMC	KA1NDE	W1ZFG
AB1NH	KB1TBL	KC1ECT	KB1SNL	KB1WEZ	KB1VPY
KC1CWN					

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

### **President's Report:**

The Club is in good shape. ARRL is holding an all-day meeting on January 7, 2017 at a Springfield Hotel during which they will discuss various topics such as regulations. Let Pete (KB1KZC) know if you would like to attend with him. The cost is \$15 for the lunch.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	K1JMC	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

### **Secretary Report:**

The minutes from last month's meeting are in the *Time Out*, which each month is emailed to all members by Dan (W1ZFG). A volunteer sign-up sheet for the February 2017 Klondike event is on the front table.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1VPY	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Financially the Club is in good shape, and all bills are being paid. No increases (dues) or decreases (bills) this past month. Dan (W1ZFG) contacted Winding Trails with regards to a club donation for the Fat Tire Classic – no response yet. Jon (KC1ECT) reminded the members to renew ARRL memberships through the Club since we receive \$2 for each renewal.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1TBL	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

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<b><i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i></b>
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**Admin VP Report:**

Jim (AB1NH) had nothing to report.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	K1JMC	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**Tech VP Report:**

The 147.15 had power issues so Rick and Pete went to the site and replaced a bad duplexer cable and re-set a GFI that had popped. The solar panels are still working well. We have many spare parts in the 147.15 building. Rick (N1JGR) needs to replace the tail on the .15 machine. The members present discussed the battery issue at the .15 site, including replacement, heating the batteries within an enclosure, replacement costs, and voltages.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1TBL	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**VE Report:**

There were two candidates this month: one for Technician licensing, and one for General. The technician candidate passed (with only one question wrong) and the General candidate passed (with a perfect score!). Both tried for the next license level up (General and Extra, respectively) but neither passed.

**Web Master Report:**

The webmaster was not present. Pete will contact Scott (N1EZY) about taking over the duties, including correcting John Chan's call (K1JMC).

**Old Business:**

Rick discussed the upcoming (2/11 and 2/12/17) Klondike Derby. Be there at 6:30 am on Saturday so that you can be placed at your station ("towns") on time for the start of the event.

**New Business:**

Rick will contact Douglas Sharafanowich (WA1SFH) of CT ARES to see if he can come to the February or March Club meeting to do a presentation on getting young people involved with amateur radio. It is an outreach program called "Share the Magic" of amateur radio. The members discussed the upcoming 2017 volunteer radio events, including the Winding Trails Fat Tire Classic dirt bike race, the Boateaters Farmington River canoe/kayak race (Saturday May 13), and the June MS Windsor Bike Ride.

<b>Motion to Adjourn:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1YYG	
<b>Aye: 12</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 2</b>

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## ***Monthly Presentation***

There was no presentation last month due to the annual Christmas party. The meeting was followed by hot and cold beverages and various Christmas deserts (including member homemade goodies).



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## ***ARRL New England Division Cabinet Meeting***

On Saturday, January 7th, the ARRL New England Division Cabinet Meeting was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield, Massachusetts. The meeting was hosted by New England Division Director Tom Frenaye - K1KI and Vice Director Mike Raisbeck - K1TWF. Attending the meeting were representatives from many of the radio clubs throughout the New England Division - about 30 in number. The purpose of the meeting was for the division leadership to get input from the various radio clubs in the division to bring to the ARRL Board of Directors meeting to be held next week. There were several lively discussions about such topics as license classes and getting more young people interested in amateur radio.

Representing the ICRC were Peter - KB1KZC, ICRC President and Dan - W1ZFG, ICRC Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned in early afternoon, due to the sudden blizzard that swept the area. (We were able to avoid the 25 car pile-up on I-91S in Cromwell!)

## ***ICRC/BRC Sponsored VE Team***

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month beginning at 6pm, the Insurance City Repeater Club/Bristol Radio Club sponsors amateur radio exam sessions at the American Red Cross in Farmington, CT. Walk-in examinees are welcomed. There is no need to pre-register. Examination fee is \$15 cash or check made payable to **ARRL VEC**. Please visit this link for information on what you need to bring to the exam session: <http://www.arrl.org/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session>. More information is available by emailing our VE Liaison (Jim, AB1NH) at [AB1NH@mindspring.com](mailto:AB1NH@mindspring.com) Good luck!

## ***ICRC/BRC Net***

On 8/23, a new net was started by John - KC1ECT on the 147.15 Burlington machine. The net meets on Sunday nights at 7:30 PM. The purpose of this net is to provide information about ICRC/BRC activities, Elmer advice and information, amateur equipment swap-meet, and general rag chewing. If you have any questions about ICRC/BRC activities, equipment you want to buy or sell, or anything about amateur radio in general, check in to the weekly net.

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## ***A.R.R.L Club Commission Program***

Are you an ARRL member whose membership is about to expire? Are you a former ARRL member whose membership has lapsed for more than two years? Are you interested in joining the ARRL for the first time? If you can answer yes to any of those three questions, then you are in a position to help the ICRC/BRC. Since the ICRC/BRC is an ARRL Affiliated Club, the ARRL will pay us a commission for every member who joins or renews their ARRL membership thru the ICRC/BRC. Here is how it works: If you are a brand new member or your membership has lapsed for 2 years or more, the club will get to keep \$15 of your ARRL dues. If are renewing a current membership or if your membership has lapsed for less than 2 years, the club will get to keep \$2 of your ARRL dues. It will not cost you a penny more to participate in this program. It's a great way to get the club some extra money for doing something that you were probably going to do anyway. Just see Dan or Pete for a membership application or download one from the ARRL website, club section. Make checks payable to the ICRC/BRC and include "ARRL Dues" in the comment line. It's that easy!

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

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