
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, March 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, there will be a demonstration of our new System Fusion digital repeater system with live radios. Also, there will be a discussion of upcoming events on the club schedule, including the Shamrock Run on Saturday, March 21st.

President's Message

No President's message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date: 2-20-2015

Time Started: 7:33 pm

Time Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Attendance

KB1YNE	NIJGR	AB1NH	W1ZFG	KB1SNL	KB1KZC
KC1DAV	KC1CWN	KA1NDE	KB1RRS	KB1TBL	W1PMD
KB1YYG					

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Minutes taken by: Chris Perrault - KB1YNE

President's Report:

Letter from the president included in the Timeout, about the Klondike. We had enough operators to cover all stations. This was the 25th year the ICRC has helped at this event.

Motion to Accept:	KB1TBL	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary Report:

No report - Secretary on vacation.

Motion to Accept		
Seconded by:		
Aye: 0	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Treasurer's Report:

Club in good financial order. Received a donation, which was made through a company that matched the donation.

Motion to Accept	KB1RRS	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Admin VP Report:

2 replies to email request for history, with historical facts. No takers to join the historical committee. Took possession of 6 binders worth of meeting minutes, letters, etc, going back to the 1980's.

Checked with Bristol Emergency Management Director about possible public land uses for Field Day, considering Field Day should be conducted under emergency type conditions, the hope is the city is accommodating. Norton Park in Plainville is another possibility if the Location Committee decides to look for a public vs. private ICRC Field Day location.

Motion to Accept	KB1TBL	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Tech VP Report:

All repeaters working. Working towards getting the 146.88 on the digital setup within a couple of weeks.

Motion to Accept	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

VE Report:

There were 2 candidates at this test session. One candidate took the Technician test, but failed. The other candidate took the General test and passed, but failed the Extra test.

Motion to Accept		
Seconded by:		
Aye: 0	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Web Master Report:

45 Facebook likes, exceeds the number of members. Half the Facebook likes aren't even club members. Posted Klondike pictures and information on Facebook, was awaiting attendee information before doing the same on the website. Posted a news item written by W1ZFG about the ICRC deploying a digital repeater at the Burlington site, on the website.

Motion to Accept		
Seconded by:		
Aye: 0	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Old Business:

Klondike was a success. around 20 day troops and 9 overnight troops. Managed to cover all stations/villages the troops had to visit. Ribs for dinner on Saturday night, yum! 4 APRS units were in play. 2 worked 100% of the time and 2 found "lost" troops. -- question arose: should we do another club project to build more of those out of ammo boxes. Total estimated cost per box would be around \$120 using a 30 caliber ammo box.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

New Business:

Bristol Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - ICRC helped them at last year's Shamrock Run event at Chippens Hill School in Bristol. 20 locations were covered by 31 volunteers last year. Those interested in helping again this year are welcome to do so.

Possible Aug 15th Bristol CERT communications assistance request. Summer Festival being held in Rockwell Park in Bristol. Expected attendee count of 10,000 people. Good promotion for the hobby and the club. Chris/KB1YNE to check on more details and feasibility of trailer/tower being set up at the park for hands on demoing to the public and communications assistance for the event.

Fusion Repeaters - 2 donated to the club. \$536/ea includes shipping. A motion to spend \$536 of club funds to replace the 442.850 repeater was made. Question asked about how much spare funds existed after monetary obligation for the year were met. Treasurer checked records and let us know the figures. All agreed that plenty of funds were available to make this purchase and the club would still have funds left over and this without even counting upcoming April member dues being due. Motion made by KB1KZC, seconded by KC1CWN, passed unanimously by all present.

Motion to Adjourn:	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KB1TBL	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

There was a presentation made by Pete - KB1KZC and Rick - N1JGR about the latest club project - a DC power distribution box using the popular Anderson PowerPoles. While the members present were interested in doing the project, it was decided to postpone it until after Field Day, when there is more room in the schedule.

Second New Repeater On The Air

As mentioned in the email that went out to all members, the second of our two new Yaesu System Fusion Digital repeaters was put on the air at the 146.88 site in Bristol. Both of our 2M repeaters now have the ability to communicate in the C4FM Digital mode, while still allowing use by traditional analog radios. The system senses which mode is being received and automatically switches over to the desired mode. We are the first club in the state of CT to put this system on the air. The funds needed to purchase these repeaters (over \$1000) were provided by donations from several members of the Tech Committee.

ICRC Sponsored VE Team

On the 3rd Friday of each month beginning at 6pm, the Insurance City Repeater 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
Good luck!

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. Since the ICRC 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. 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 and include "ARRL Dues" in the comment line. It's that easy!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

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