
Time Out

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The Radio Club with More "Radio" & Less "Club"

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, August 16th 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 new ICRC sponsored VE team starting at 6:00 P.M, also in the First Floor Meeting Room.

After a *short* business meeting, there will also be a presentation by Dan Wall – W1ZFG on a Introduction to Packet Radio. If you are interested in finding out what packet radio is all about and what you need for equipment, don't miss it!

President's Message

Hi all,

This message goes out to all members and those interested in the radio club I.C.R.C. Well our good ship has managed to make it to its home port. Our club has been able to maneuver the rough seas and storms of the past few months. We have been able to replace the weak timbers and shabby sails of the ship and move forward with positive actions on behalf of the club.

To those that have not been in touch, though I can't imagine how, the Insurance City Repeater Club will still be meeting at the American Red Cross building in Farmington, and back in our original room on the first floor, room "C".

The meeting time is seven-thirty to nine pm, or maybe not that late. We would like to keep the business side short so we can enjoy a presentation on packet radio.

We have the room from six pm to accommodate the I.C.R.C.'s sponsored VE Team that will be holding its session at that time. The team is now headed by our own James R. Livermore AB1NH.

President's Message – cont'd

Our club web site is being headed by a not so new Bill Reyor, KB1KNV, he is the original webmaster and it's designer. One new feature is an up to date list of members. If you find your name to be absent, please let our treasurer know so we can check our records and update them. If you have anything you would like to add to the site, I believe there is a link to Bill and the site.

Your club has a very strong Board of Directors, and the club was never in jeopardy and never lost sight of its goals. With that said, I invite all members and anyone interested in our club to join us on the sixteenth and enjoy yourself.

73,

Peter F. Paradis KB1KZC

Interim President

Last Month's Meeting

Editors Note: At the July meeting, the then-President, George – N1RMF and then-Admin VP, Mike – N1QLN stated that since the Treasurer had failed to provide them with a list of club members, they had no way to determine if a quorum was present and therefore no club business could be conducted and that the meeting was invalid. They then proceeded to walk out of the meeting, along with Board Member Walt – K1WMS.

After checking with the bylaws, it was found that there was no requirement that the Treasurer provide a list of the membership to the President or Admin. VP – only that he maintains the list, which was present on his laptop which was with him at the meeting.

Of the 32 paid members listed, 16 were present at the meeting, which more than satisfied the requirements for a quorum. The remaining officers and board members decided to conduct an un-official meeting, pending approval by the Board of Directors at their next meeting. At the subsequent Board of Directors meeting held on 7/26/13, the board unanimously voted to declare the meeting as official. The minutes of the meeting follows below.

ICRC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date:	7/19/13
Time Started:	8:06 PM
Time Ended:	9:00 PM

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall – W1ZFG

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Attendees (Callsign):

N1JGR	KB1TBL	W1ZFG	K1NKS	WY1O
N1PRH	N3BEB	KB1VPY	KB1WEZ	KB1YNE
N1JWF	KA1NDE	KB1IXQ	AB1NH	KB1KZC
KB1RRR	KB1SNL			

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

There were no results to report, as the club is still in the process of building a new VE team to replace the previous team, which withdrew itself from ICRC support.

Presidents Report:

No report given – President left the meeting.

Secretary report:

Meeting minutes were emailed to all members.

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

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer reported that he had personally contacted more than half of the people on the membership list about renewing their membership.

There is currently \$275 in the battery fund.

A breakdown of current budget items is being worked on.

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

Admin. VP Report:

No report given – Admin. VP left the meeting.

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

Tech. VP Report:

The batteries at the .15 site in Burlington are on their last legs and will need to be replaced soon. We would need a total of 4 batteries to support the load. We could buy two now and buy the other two when funds become available.

A discussion about the .88 site was held and possible locations were discussed.

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

Webmaster Report:

None given – President/Webmaster left the meeting.

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

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Chris – KB1YNE reported that in his position of leader of the Bristol CERT team, he has been asked to handle radio communications for a half-marathon to be held in Bristol on August 18, 2013. Anyone interested in assisting with radio communications should contact Chris at: ham.kb1yne@gmail.com

Chris also reported that the tests conducted on the .88 repeater in July showed that the repeater could successfully be used for the event.

Sue – KB1VPY requested help from the club members to provide radio communications for an MS Bike Ride to be held in the Hartford area. More details to follow.

Motion to Adjourn:	Jack	K1NKS
Seconded by:	Steve	KB1RRR
Aye: 16	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

A presentation was made by Dan – W1ZFG about the results of the club's Field Day activities in June. The club scored a respectable 949 points, but was limited by a lack of bonus points due to lack of prior planning. In the words of Red Sox fans everywhere: "Just wait until next year!"

Board of Directors Meeting

An emergency Board of Directors meeting was held on July 26th. This was necessitated by the resignation of the President on July 24th and the resignation and the resignation of the Admin. VP on July 25th.

The remaining Board members enacted the following:

- The Board appointed Jim – AB1NH and Bill – KB1KNV to fill the two vacant board positions.
- The Board voted to turn over the duties of Webmaster to Bill – KB1KNV.
- The Board voted to declare that the General membership meeting held on July 19th was valid.
- The Board voted to appoint Peter – KB1KZC as liaison between the ICRC and the Red Cross.
- The Board voted to sponsor a new VE Team, with Jim – AB1NH as Team Liaison to the ARRL/VEC.
- The Board voted to appoint Peter – KB1KZC as Interim President until the November election.
- The Board voted to appoint Al – N1JWF as Interim Admin. VP until the November election.
- The Board voted to change the trustee of the club callsign to Steve – KB1RRR.
- The Board voted to have the Secretary, Dan – W1ZFG as the second signer on the club checking account.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

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

Greetings! Sure hope you all kept cool during that long heat wave. Perhaps some of you went on vacation to a much cooler place.

I am sad to report that Clem K1EM became a silent key recently. Clem was an active member of the Bristol Radio Club and well known to many in central CT. Clem served as Police Chief of Plymouth for 30 years. He led a life of service having been a volunteer in the Terryville fire department and member of the American Legion Post 20 and Bristol Elks Lodge. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Members of the Bristol Radio Club toured the Vintage Radio and Communications Museum in Windsor. Some members of CT local NTS nets also visited the museum.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

And speaking of the Vintage Museum, we now have an ARRL affiliated club—The ARC of the Vintage Radio Communications Museum of CT! I will be attending their celebration in September which will be a breakfast meeting followed by a tour of the museum. I'm hearing it's a fascinating place to visit; I'm very much looking forward to attending!

I had the pleasure of meeting ops including some DX ops at the 10-10 International Convention at the Sheraton Bradley hotel mid month. Al N1API was on the planning committee and did a great deal of work coordinating the event. Mark K1PU was also there to help out with station setup and other communications needs. I heard a talk on digital modes which was really excellent. It's too bad more did not attend because it was really a nice visit. The group really appreciated ARRL presence; they even sent me a certificate of appreciation. Thanks 10-10 ops!

Sometimes we have the opportunity to specially recognize individuals. DEC Oscar, KO1F reports that Red Holmes N1XLY received recognition from Southbury for his work as EC there; he is stepping down from that post. Last night, he received recognition from the Town of Southbury. A citation was presented by Barry Rickert (Southbury Director of Emergency Management) on behalf of Ed Edleson (First Selectman of Southbury). This was in addition to the ARRL Public Service Commendation certificate signed by SEC Wayne N1CLV. Congrats Red! Thank you Oscar for including this event in your Region 5 meeting. Oscar has been serving as DEC in Region 5 while Dave K1DAV was occupied with professional responsibilities. Dave is returning to the DEC post August 1. Welcome back Dave and a big thank you to Oscar for taking the lead for these last several months. You and Dave are doing great work! You'll be hearing more about a special project that has been completed in Region 5 ARES in another letter.

All ARES and NTS volunteers are working hard to keep up their skills. Leaders continue to coordinate communications for events to serve the public, enhance training, and give good practice. These programs are never on vacation because weather events and other emergencies can occur at any time. You are all to be commended because you are taking the time to serve the public.

Fall is coming soon. Our focus for the rest of this year into the next will be to assist ARRL with the national convention July 17-20. Harold WJ1B has told me about activities ARRL would like to see occur at the Convention and our help will be needed to make their plans a reality. You'll be hearing more about the details soon in these pages, on the ARRL web site and through your clubs. This is really a special opportunity on this 100th anniversary of ARRL so mark your calendars and look forward to lots of fun and wonderful memories.

Attention ops in the New London/Stonington area. Tom WA2RYV is looking for shelter operators for Red Cross. If you are trained and can help, please contact wa2ryv@arrl.net. Tom is conducting an elmering session at the Red Cross in September.

Tom and DEC Douglas are each announcing tech classes in September. Tom is running a class in Groton at the Groton Senior Center and Douglas WA1SFH and Ed WA1LEI are conducting one at Foran High School in Milford starting September 19. If you know people interested, have them contact wa2ryv@arrl.net, wa1sfh@arrl.net.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Members of SCRAMS and Region 4 ARES will be doing comms at the Niantic Bay Triathlon in early August.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Here's a list of upcoming exams—maybe you can take advantage of some free time to upgrade.

Unless otherwise noted, walk-ins are allowed. This list is meant to give you a quick reference for date, place and time so you can make your plans. Full details about each session are at <http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>.

August 4 Milford—CARA Clubhouse Eels Hill 10:00 a.m. no walkins; contact walyqe@aol.com

August 8 Trumbull Location <http://441700.org/CRTC/crtc.htm>; 7:00 p.m.

August 13 Thomaston; Thomaston Town Hall 7:00 PM

August 17 Farmington; Farmington Red Cross 6:00 PM

August 20 Portland; Portland Senior Center 7:00 PM

August 21 Milford; CARA Clubhouse; 7:00 PM pre-register contact walyqe@aol.com

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