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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, August 19th 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 discussion by the membership as to what presentations/activities are wanted for future club meetings.

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

There is no President's Message this month.

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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>7-15-2016</b>
<b>Time Started:</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Time Adjourned:</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>

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

<b>Attendance</b>					
KB1KZC	N1URO	N1JGR	W1PMD	KA1NDE	W1ZFG
AB1NH	N1CTH	KC1ECT	KB1SNL	KB1WEZ	KB1VPY
KC1CWN	KC1CLK	KB1RRR	K1SCI	N1JWF	KB1RRS
K1JMC	KB1RVU	Linda			

**Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ**

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

Everything associated with the Club is working well. We had a great Field Day, perfect weather, and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. Dan will have a presentation after the meeting. Rick has worked on the repeaters and will tell more during his Tech VP report. See Pete's President's Message in the time out for more info.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KC1CLK	
<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). Agree that Field day weather was perfect and a lot of fun. A volunteer sign-up sheet for our next event, the September 2016 Bristol Mum Parade, will be available at the August ICRC meeting.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N1JWF	
<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. Dan will have a Field Day presentation after the meeting.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KC1CLK	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1RRS	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

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

### **Admin VP Report:**

Jim (AB1NH) is still trying to get members interested in teaching license classes and again asked for those interested in instructing. Also agree that Field Day was great.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KC1CLK	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Aye: 0</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

### **Tech VP Report:**

Great Field Day – perfect weather. Rick increased the tail on the .15 machine to 1 second (1,000 mS). The .88 machine currently has no tail. He changed out the old .685 repeater with a new DX1R Yaesu Fusion digital machine, a 50 amp power supply, and a 100 W amp. The duplexer is ok. Dan tested the new repeater with Rick on both analog and digital and then they heard a South Windsor station come in on digital! Rick is going to use spare parts (including several 7330 controllers) to build a portable emergency repeater that we can use for our radio events.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1RRR	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

### **VE Report:**

There were no candidates for licensing.

### **Web Master Report:**

The webmaster was not present.

### **Old Business:**

Field Day will be discussed by Dan following the meeting. It is an overnight event so camping tents are a good idea for those volunteers staying. Parts have been ordered for the .15 site wind turbine and the buildings and tower need to be painted. We will be having a work party to do the work – bring wire brushes to scrape the loose paint of the buildings.

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

### **New Business:**

The next club build project may be baluns. The Bristol Mum Parade is September 25; Pete will discuss the event with the parade organizers in August.

<b>Motion to Adjourn:</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N1JWF	
<b>Aye:</b> All	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

## ***Monthly Presentation***

Following the meeting, an update of the club's financial status and an excellent Field Day presentation was made by Dan - W1ZFG.

## ***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.

## ***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!

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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!

## ***National Parks on the Air***



Following 2014's extremely successful Centennial QSO Party and W1AW Portable operations, the ARRL has announced its latest operating event. During 2016, the National Park Service will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To commemorate this event, the ARRL is sponsoring a year-long operating event. All amateurs are encouraged to contact various stations who will be operating from nation parks, national historic sites and monuments. Not only can you work these stations from your home station, anyone can go out and "activate" any of these sites themselves and become the station that everyone wants to contact. A complete list of sites is available on the website. There are several hundred locations listed, even some in the New England area. The event began on 1/1/2016 and will end on 12/31/2016. Already there have been numerous stations activating various sites around the country. The pile-ups have been sometimes quite large, showing how many people are interested in this latest operating event.

There are even several locations in the state of Connecticut. The Board of Directors will be looking into the possibility of having the club activate some of those sites a little later in the year (after it warms up). If you are interested in participating, let us know at an upcoming meeting.

For complete details, check out: [www.arrl.org/NPOTA](http://www.arrl.org/NPOTA).

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***Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary***

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