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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, November 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.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION! - GUEST SPEAKER!**

At this month's meeting, we will have a special presentation on the history of broadcasting in Connecticut created by local radio historian John Ramsey. The presentation will be given by one of his associates, Brandon Kampe. For more info on John's work, check out his website at: <http://www.hartfordradiohistory.com/>

After the presentation, we will have a short business meeting, followed by our annual election of Board of Directors and Officers. If you like the direction that the club has been taking, then come to the meeting and vote for the proposed slate. If not, now is your chance to vote in people who you think could do better.

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

No message this month.

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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>10-16-2015</b>
<b>Time Started:</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Time Adjourned:</b>	<b>8:02 pm</b>

***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

Attendance					
KB1VPY	KC1CWN	AB1NH	KC1ECT	KB1WEZ	N1EZY
K1VPY	KB1YNE	KC1CLK	KB1DRZ	Bill	Toby

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

**President's Report:**

Pete (KB1KZC) was not in attendance (he was at Near Fest), however he reported by phone earlier that they would purchase some Power Poles at Near Fest for the upcoming club build project and would obtain circuit boards to fit the boxes we already have.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	N/A	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N/A	
<b>Aye:</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>

**Secretary Report:**

The minutes from the September 2015 meeting were emailed by Dan (W1ZFG) to all members as part of the *Time Out*, and additional copies were available for those in attendance. We urge all members to be present for the elections during the November meeting. An email was sent out by Dan (W1ZFG) on September 19 to all members notifying them of the elections.

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

No report (the Treasurer was also at Near Fest).

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	N/A	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N/A	
<b>Aye:</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

**Admin VP/Web Master Report:**

Chris KB1YNE reported that he would be stepping down from the Admin VP position and also from the Board. However, he will remain a member and work on the website.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KC1ECT	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**Tech VP Report:**

No report (the Tech VP was also at Near Fest).

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	N/A	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N/A	
<b>Aye:</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>

**VE Report:**

There was 1 candidate for Technician Class who passed and declined to try for the General license. The newly licensed ham may elect for the free one year membership.

**Web Master Report:**

(See Admin VP Report above.)

**Old Business:**

Our next in-house event will be the Power Pole project which will be held following the December 18<sup>th</sup> (short) meeting along with a Christmas Party. The Club will provide the parts (for a nominal fee), and soldering irons for a fun build, and we will have coffee, juice, and snacks (cookies, brownies, etc.). Most of the parts have been obtained and we will assemble “kits” for the project.

A Board meeting was held with board members of the Bristol Radio Club (BRC) to discuss our acquisition of their club. We went over the list of proposals from both clubs and came to an agreement on all points. The BRC will hold a special Board meeting on October 16 to vote on bylaw changes (previously distributed to their membership) that are necessary to make this happen.

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

**New Business:**

Sue (KC1CLK) invited all in attendance to a Net Controller breakfast to be held at the Oasis Restaurant on Pine Street in Bristol on Saturday October 31 at 10 am. (Also, Rick [N1JGR] was nominated to be Santa Claus at the ICRC Christmas Party).

<b>Motion to Adjourn:</b>	KB1VPY	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Aye:</b> All	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

***Monthly Presentation***

A discussion on the upcoming club PowerPole project was held following the meeting.

***Elections for Board of Directors/Officers***

The Nominating Committee has come up with the slate of proposed Board Members and Officers. The elections will be held at the November meeting, where the proposed slate will be voted on. Any member may challenge any of the positions by nominating another person and the selection between the two candidates shall be determined by secret ballot.

**Board of Directors:**

Pete – KB1KZC	Jim – AB1NH
Dave – KB1TBL	Bill – KB1KNV
Dan – W1ZFG	Tom – KB1WEZ
Rick – N1JGR	Scott - N1EZY
Nick – KB1SNL	Steve – KB1RRR

**Executive Board:**

President:	Pete – KB1KZC
Admin. V.P.	Jim - AB1NH
Tech. V.P.	Rick – N1JGR
Secretary	Tom – KB1WEZ
Treasurer	Dan – W1ZFG

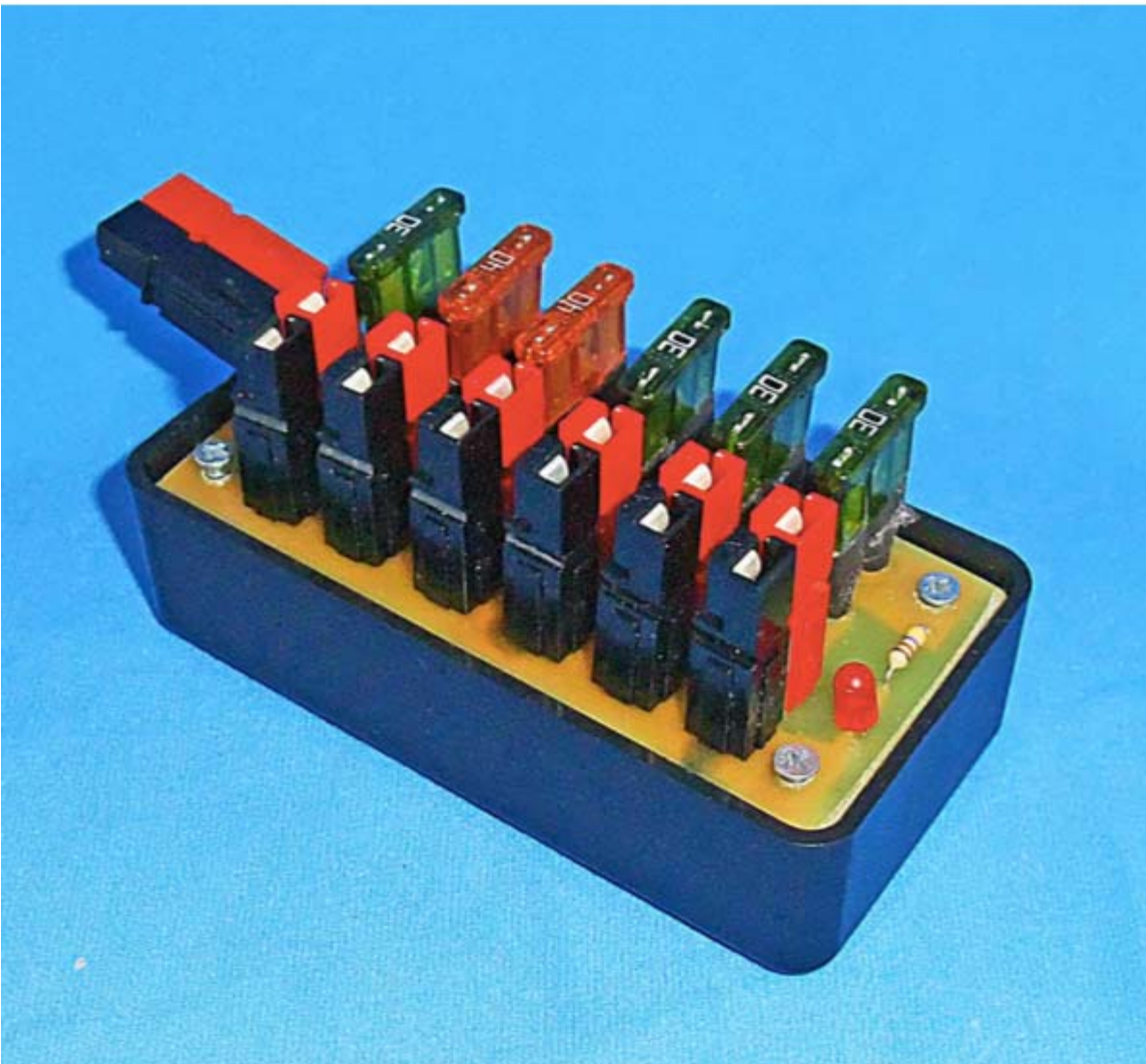
Dan Wall – W1ZFG  
Chairman – Nominating Committee  
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## ***ICRC Club Project***

At the December meeting, along with our Christmas social, we will be building our latest club project - a DC power distribution box. This device is similar to other commercially made units, such as the West Mountain Radio RigRunner series. Kits consisting of the printed circuit board, project box, and all the parts will be available for purchase at the meeting. We are still compiling the prices of the individual parts to come up with a kit price, but it will be substantially less than the commercially made units. If you are interested in building one of these useful units, please drop me an email at: [walldan54@att.net](mailto:walldan54@att.net) so we can get a better idea of how many kits to bring. Grab your soldering iron and your hand tools and bring them to the December meeting!



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## ***We Made the Papers!***

In the Friday, October 23, 2015 edition of The Bristol Observer, a "Letter to the Editor" was published. The letter was written by members of the Bristol Mum Festival Parade Committee. Part of the letter is as follows: "A note of thanks to the Bristol Police and Fire departments for all that they do to make this parade a safe event for all to enjoy. To the Bristol Parks and Recreation Department for their hard work **and especially to the Bristol ICRC Radio Club for assisting us with communications and parade lineup.**"

The letter was signed by: Jack Ferraro - Parade General Chairperson, Sue Berard - Parade Communications Chairperson, and Dianna Tack - Parade Operations Chairperson, Bristol Mum Parade Facilitators.

## ***National Parks On The Air***

Following last year'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 will be sponsoring a year-long operating event. All amateurs will be 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 will begin on 1/1/2016 and end on 12/31/2016. For complete details, check out: [www.arrl.org/NPOTA](http://www.arrl.org/NPOTA).

## ***ICRC 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 activities, Elmer advice and information, amateur equipment swap-meet, and general rag chewing. If you have any questions about ICRC 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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## ***ICRC Sponsored VE Team***

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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***

For the latest Connecticut Section News, please go to the CT Section Web Page at: <http://ct.arrl.org/>

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