
Time Out

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December - 2015

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, December 18th 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, we will be building PowerPole distribution boxes.

There will also be a Christmas party. Bring your favorite holiday treats to share. Beverages will be provided.

President's Message

Hi All,

Happy Holidays to all. The up-coming meeting will hopefully have a quick business side so we may get onto the important things, like a small get together with some refreshments, and our club project. This would be a good time for our friends from the CRA/BRC to join us and meet some of our members. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm and the VEC group starts at 6pm. The ARC building in Farmington on Farmington Ave., Friday December 18th. is the place and date. There will be liquid refreshments and please feel free to bring cookies or anything that can help with munchie food.

On the club merger side, the club call signs have been exchanged so the only things that need to be done is the CRA/BRC 501(c) needs to be dissolved, the filing with the State to be completed, and the treasuries to be combined. I hope to see some new faces at the meeting.

Our club project kits should be ready for this meeting. If you plan on building one, please bring your soldering equipment. There will be extras if you don't have one, so this would give you an idea of the equipment you may need to complete the project.

President's Message - cont'd

This time of year is always a busy one, with the shopping, company parties, and having to get the house ready for the Holidays we can only wonder where to find the time to do it all. So take a couple of hours and come on down to the I.C.R.C./BRC 's December meeting, meet the club's officers, have some refreshments, get an idea of what the club has going on down the road. Our radio events start in February, get involved with our project, plenty of kits available, and just have a good, relaxing time.
See you all on Friday!

Thanks,
Peter - KB1KZC
President - I.C.R.C/BRC

Last Month's Meeting

Date: 11-20-2015

Time Started: 8:45 pm (The meeting was preceded by a special presentation by Brandon Kampe on the history of radio in Connecticut.)

Time Adjourned: 9:05 pm

Attendance

KB1VPY	KC1CWN	AB1NH	KC1ECT	NICTH	KB1RRR
KB1WEZ	N1EZY	KB1SNL	N1JGR	KA1NDE	W1ZFG
KB1YYG	KB1TBL	KC1DRZ	Toby		

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

President's Report:

Pete (KB1KZC) was not in attendance.

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

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the October 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. Tonight we will have elections.

Motion to Accept	KC1CWN	
Seconded by:	KB1SNL	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Treasurer's Report:

Financially the Club is in good shape, and all bills are being paid.

Motion to Accept	KB1VPY	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Admin VP/Web Master Report:

Chris (KB1YNE), who is stepping down, was not in attendance.

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

Tech VP Report:

All repeaters are working.

Motion to Accept	KB1VPY	
Seconded by:	KC1ECT	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

VE Report:

There was 1 candidate for General Class who passed (with a perfect score) and declined to try for the Extra 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 18th (short) meeting along with a Christmas Party. The Club will provide the parts (for a fee of approximately \$20), and soldering irons for a fun build, and we will have coffee, juice, and snacks (cookies, brownies, etc.).

The February 2016 Klondike Derby may possibly be moved from Norfolk back to the Ashford June Norcross property due to the lack of facilities at Norfolk. The dates for the Klondike should remain the same.

The 2016 Field Day campsite has been reserved for the Club at the Farmington Winding Trails facility. More information on Field Day will be given out during upcoming meetings.

The ICRC acquisition of BRC is proceeding. The paperwork has been signed that transfers the Trustee of the K1CRC call sign from Steve (KB1RRR) to Nick (KB1SNL), and transfers the Trustee of the W1DHT call sign from Peter Chamalian (of CRA/BRC) to Steve. We are now in possession of the CRA/BRC equipment.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Motion to Adjourn:	KB1VPY	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

The meeting was followed by the annual election. The slate of Officers and Directors presented for election was as follows:

FIRST SLATE – FOR DIRECTORS

Nick Castrogiovanni – KB1SNL

Rick Castrogiovanni – N1JGR

Tom Chapman – KB1WEZ

Dave Laliberte – KB1TBL

Jim Livermore – AB1NH

Pete Paradis – KB1KZC

Steve Paradis – KB1RRR

Scott Roncarti – N1EZY

Jon Fassen – KC1ECT

Dan Wall – W1ZFG

SECOND SLATE – FOR OFFICERS

President: Pete Paradis – KB1KZC

Administrative VP: Jim Livermore – AB1NH

Tech VP: Rick Castrogiovanni – N1JGR

Secretary: Tom Chapman – KB1WEZ

Treasurer: Dan Wall - W1ZFG

As there were no nominations from those present for any opposing officers or directors, the Secretary (Tom – KB1WEZ) cast one vote for the First Slate of Directors as presented, and then cast one vote for the Second Slate of Officers as presented.

Monthly Presentation

Before last month's meeting, those present were treated to a very interesting and entertaining presentation by local historian Brandon Kampe about the early history of commercial broadcasting in Connecticut.

Brandon presented photographs and audio clips of classic radio broadcasts from Connecticut's past. It was interesting to hear about who sponsored the local stations and how their call letters were derived.

Club Building Project - PowerPole Distribution Box

The parts have all been assembled. At the December meeting, we will be building PowerPole distribution boxes. We have enough parts to make up 20 kits. Kits will only cost around \$20, thanks to some generous donations from club members. (Commercially made units of this type are around \$70 - \$80.) So bring your soldering irons (40-50 watts) and your hand tools for a club kit building party!

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.

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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