
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, January 17th 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 be a presentation about

President's Message

No message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

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:

The NEW ICRC sponsored VE Team is now up and running! We had 1 candidates tested. 1 new Technician Class license was issued.

ICRC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Date	12/20/2013
Time Started	7:33pm
Time Ended	8:55pm

Attendance

KB1YNE	N1JGR	W1ZFG	KB1KZC	K1NKS
KB1WEZ	KA1NDE	N1JWF	KB1RRR	KB1TBL
KB1SNL	WY10	KB1YYG	N1EZY	AB1NH
KB1VPY	2 GUESTS			

President's Report:

Happy holidays..Boat race and Fat Tire coming up, Klondike Derby coming up...

Motion to Accept:	kb1wez	
Seconded by:	kb1rrr	
Aye: 15	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary Report:

w1zfg Dan turns it over to kb1yne Chris now doing this. kb1yne has nothing to report.

Motion to Accept:	n1jwf	
Seconded by:	kb1rrr	
Aye:15	Nay:0	Abstain: 0

Treasurer Report:

\$2102.28 in our bank acct...after paying cl&p bill & tshirt check has been cut

Another 25 donated for battery fund 425 in the battery fund, would like 2500 for batteries

Motion to Accept:	kb1rrr	
Seconded by:	n1ezy	
Aye:15	Nay:0	Abstain:0

Admin VP Report:

meeting up for transition after the meeting n1jwf to k1nks

Motion to Accept:	n1jwf	
Seconded by:	ka1nde	
Aye:15	Nay:0	Abstain:0

Tech VP Report

all repeaters operating according to spec

Motion to Accept:	kb1wez	
Seconded by:	n1jwf	
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 3

Old business:

Red Cross 440 Repeater? - Status unchanged. W1ARC is the new trustee and works for the ARC.

Packet Node is down at the Red Cross...will talk to Chris Baker of the ARC.

Klondike Derby? – Still on for Feb 7th 2pm, Feb 8th 7am, Feb 9th - Rt 44 Ashford.

Jan 6th there is a round table event for the Klondike Derby for those interested.

CERT Net - 6th weeks and running

Portable antennas? works out to about \$15 for materials for each antenna

T-Shirts? - should be at the next meeting, \$15 for t-shirts and \$30 for hoody sweatshirts

New Business:

Petition turned in regarding the removal of a member. 39 current members with 16 present at the meeting. The letter that was sent to Walter was read at the meeting, as well as article IX of the club bylaws that covers this event. A discussion ensued with some in favor and some against this move. A vote by the board was taken with 6 of the 9 present board members voting in favor of Walter's removal.

Motion to Adjourn:	kb1rrr	
Seconded by:	kb1waz	
Aye:15	Nay:0	Abstain:0

<i>Monthly Presentation</i>

A presentation was made by Pete- KB1KZC about the upcoming wind power project that will be installed at the .15 repeater site in Burlington. Due to the large number of branches blocking the solar panels when the sun is low in the sky, an additional power source is needed to keep the batteries up to charge.

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

Section Leaders: K1EIC SM; ASM: W1FXQ emeritus, KD1YV, K1HEJ; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1WPM; SEC N1CLV; ASECs: N1FNE, W1GTT, K1VSC, K1BRF, AF1HS; STM K1STM; TC W1SMS.

'Tis the season! Christmas is just around the corner and the clubs throughout the Section have been focused on their holiday get-togethers. On behalf of the Section cabinet, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas/Hanukkah season and a very Happy New Year with lots of good ham radio fun! It is the ARRL centennial year so 2014 promises to be special!

Condolences to the Southington ARA on the loss of their friend and active member Jim Thisdale N1JMM who became a silent key on December 10. Fran W1FJM writes: "It is with a heavy heart that I send you the sad news that Jim Thisdale, N1JMM, passed away suddenly last night.

As I learned over the past few years Jim was a great problem solver, a wealth of information and was always willing to help his fellow man. He certainly help me a lot. This is a great loss to the world and he will surely be missed. RIP Jim!"

Chet KA1ILH writes in remembrance: "I have known Jim since our old BBS days and of course ham radio teaching at Hall HS in West Hartford. I have listened to his voice over the years always filled with information and fun. Jim met with Southington ARA long ago and presented to our club as well. Always a delight to work with and talk with."

Our condolences and prayers for his family and friends.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

ADEC Harlan, W1QH, EC John, KB1LYP and EC Sander, W1SOP plan to run classes in Ridgefield, Danbury and Newtown in January and February to prepare approximately 40 candidates for the VE session in March. The group is already starting to gather instructors and coordinate the courses which will run concurrently. Sounds like a very fine project.

There is a full report and summary of Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) at <http://www.k2bsa.net/jota/> that you may wish to check out.

CT hams were standing by during the snow storm on Saturday the 14th. SEC Wayne N1CLV put ARES on a level 2 alert which means that operators were preparing to deploy if needed. Many Sky Warn nets were run throughout the Section. Members of the BEARS of Manchester ran a net to continually assess the availability of team members. The town of Manchester used information from the Hartford/Tolland County Sky Warn net to help plan their response. Thank you all for your time and continuing commitment to emergency communications.

The Division cabinet meeting is coming up on the first weekend in January. Your SM and several CT club presidents plan to attend. Director Frenaye invites Section Managers and club presidents to this meeting twice per year which he holds just before the Board meeting to get input from the Division about relevant topics.

The Nutmeg Chapter of QCWA will have their next luncheon on Saturday, February 8 at Tommy's Restaurant, 845 Saybrook Road Middletown. The event starts at 11:30. Contact k1mq@arrl.net for further information and for reservations.

Congrats to the following ops who made PSHR in December: NM1K 120, KB1RGQ 120, K1HEJ 110, KB1NMO 100, K1MLG 96, KB1UAU 90, KB1YNE 70. It's great to see recently licensed ops make PSHR. Congratulations and thanks to all. The National Traffic System is an excellent resource—those nets meet every day of the year. Net control stations and net managers work hard to keep the nets available. Many new operators have joined the nets. Contact STM Anne K1STM if you are interested in learning more about the National Traffic System.

In case you haven't seen this, here's the text of ARRL special bulletin ARLx013: "The FCC has authorized the Maxim Memorial Station W1AW to also use the call sign W100AW during 2014, the ARRL's centennial year. Contacts made from the Maxim Memorial Station in Newington, from regional Centennial conventions, and during the IARU HF Championship will use W100AW, with portable designators as appropriate. The "W1AW WAS" operations throughout 2014 from each of the 50 states will use W1AW, not W100AW.

Bulletins and code practice transmissions during 2014 also will still use W1AW. Contacts with W100AW will be worth 100 points in the ARRL Centennial QSO Party. To help kick off the ARRL Centennial, special W100AW activity will begin at 0500 UTC on January 1, 2014 (midnight in Newington), and will include participation in ARRL's Straight Key Night; one CW station will use Hiram Percy Maxim's straight key. Activity will continue throughout New Year's Day."

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Here is some good news from DEC Mike W8ZY. "It was a Milestone Day for NARA Saturday 21 December 2013. A Brand New UHF repeater & a 4 port Linked Repeater Router control system was installed on Fenn Hill (900 ft. elevation) into the town of Washington's Multi-dispatch Repeater Tower control bunker by 8 Northville Amateur Radio Association (NARA) members. The NA1RA UHF Repeater for the Washington area, 441.850 +PL77, is via 20/40W Kenwood commercial repeater system; a Motorola 25W VHF commercial radio is operational for linking to the NEAR FUTURE re-install of a newly built 2m 146.730 -PL77 Repeater system on Geiger Hill in New Milford, and a Motorola 25W UHF commercial radio is operational for remote DTMF controllable linking with KB1AEV in Torrington on 442.600 +PL77. A forth linked radio control port is available for system expansion. Two brand new Arrow Yagi Antennas for the Link radios were installed for the VHF & UHF radio links. We reconnected to the pre-existing diamond/comet 3 section 18-20 ft UHF stick on top of 100' pole adjacent to the 4 bay Folded dipole VHF Washington repeater array.

NARA President N1CME Charles Pomeroy, presided over the project installation. NA1RA System engineering, assembly, programming, and test was coordinated by Bill, KB1VNO; E1 Installation support by Jim, KB1ABC; Cable terminations and antenna installations by Joe, W1GC Mike, W8ZY and Chris, N1CPL.

Congratulations to everyone at NARA. This has been work that ops in the Western part of the Section have needed for some time now. It is exciting that the project is nearing completion! Well done.

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