
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, April 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 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 Rick – N1JGR on the upcoming Boateaters Race on the Farmington River on Saturday, May 10th. Eric Jones from the Boateaters group will also be our guest to give us information about the event. Also, Rick will be going over the final information for the Fat Tire Classic mountain bike race at Winding Trails in Farmington on Sunday, April 27th. The club has provided communications for this event for many years.

President's Message

<i>Last Month's Meeting</i>

ICRC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date:	3/21/14
Time Started:	7:31 PM
Time Ended:	8:25 PM

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall – W1ZFG

Attendees (Callsign):

KB1KZC	K1NKS	W1ZFG	N1JGR	KB1RRR
N1PRH	KB1TBL	KB1VPY	KB1WEZ	KB1RRS
KA1NDE	K1KCT	N1EZY	N1AUD	KB1SNL
N1JWF	AB1NH	KC1AYY	N1SBK	

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:

Four candidates were tested. Two passed their Technician Class test, one upgraded from Technician to General, and one upgraded from General to Extra.

Presidents Report:

The 5K race in Bristol that CERT was asked to help with was discussed.

Motion to Accept:	Tom	KB1WEZ
Seconded by:	Steve	KB1RRR
Aye: 19	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary report:

The Secretary's report was tabled to the next meeting, due to the absence of the Secretary.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Treasurer Report:

As of April 1st, dues are once again due.

Anyone who is going to join the ARRL or renew an existing membership should do so thru the club. We get a commission on each new membership or renewal. See Dan for the form.

Motion to Accept:	Peter H.	N1PRH
Seconded by:	Tom	KB1WEZ
Aye: 19	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Admin. VP Report:

The Technician license class that was going to be held in April will be postponed to a later date. There was not enough time to publicize it. The question pool for the Tech license will be changed on June 1st. Test material from the ARRL will be available at the end of April. Information about our class will be available in early May.

Motion to Accept:	Chris A.	KA1NDE
Seconded by:	Ernie	KC1AYY
Aye: 19	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Tech. VP Report:

All repeaters are up and running well. There is some on-going interference to the .88 machine. It appears that it is coming in thru the 440 link. It may be caused by a mixing product from a nearby data transmitter.

There is also some interference on the .15 machine. Audio dropouts are being caused by splatter from the non-commercial equipment used by an un-coordinated repeater on a nearby frequency.

The .15 machine is now off the power supply and back on the solar panels/battery bank.

Motion to Accept:	Steve	KB1RRR
Seconded by:	Chris A.	KA1NDE
Aye: 19	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Webmaster Report:

There was no webmaster report, due to the absence of the webmaster.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Old Business:

The Bristol CERT Team will be providing communications for an event to be held at the Chippens Hill Middle School. Anyone interested in participating should be there at 8:00 AM.

New Business:

Training for the Fat Tire Classic Bike race on April 27th and the Boaters Boat Race on May 10th will be given at the April Meeting.

Additional events that the ICRC will be supporting were listed as follows:

- MS Bike Race in Windsor in June
- Field Day in June
- ARRL Centennial in July
- MS Bike Ride in Hartford in September
- Calhoun Cancer Ride in Farmington in October

The discussion on additional T-shirts with pockets was tabled to a later date.

Motion to Adjourn:	Tom	KB1WEZ
Seconded by:	Chris	KA1NDE
Aye: 19	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

A presentation was made by Rick – N1JGR about Repeater Etiquette, or how to properly conduct yourself on the repeater system.

Annual Dues Time

Once again, it is that time of year to begin sending in your dues payment for the coming year – April 1st to March 31st. Dues are necessary to support the operation of our three repeaters in Bristol and Burlington. Individual emails with renewal forms attached will be sent out to each member in the next few days. Mail the form, along with your check made payable to ICRC, to the address shown on the form. Or bring them to the next meeting.

Dan Wall – Treasurer, ICRC

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!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

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