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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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 also be a presentation by Scott – N1EZY on the logging software that the club will be using for Field Day this June. The club had previously purchased a copy of the N3FJP Field Day logging program. We have used it successfully at previous Field Day events, but only as a stand-alone on each machine. This year, thanks to Scott's efforts and expertise, we will be using it in a networked system. Anyone who plans on using their laptops to log contacts at any of the stations should bring them to this meeting so that the software can be loaded and tested before the big day.

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

No message this month – the President was on vacation (again).

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

# ICRC General Membership Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	4/18/14
<b>Time Started:</b>	7:30 PM
<b>Time Ended:</b>	8:10 PM

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

**Minutes taken by:** Dan Wall – W1ZFG

**Attendees (Callsign):**

W1ZFG	K1NKS	N1JGR	AB1NH	KC1AYY
KB1RRR	KB1VPY	KB1TBL	KB1SNL	KB1WEZ
KB1RVU	KB1RRS	KA1NDE	WY1O	N1EZY
N1PRH	N1JWF	Linda		

**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:

Three candidates were tested. One passed their Technician Class test, one failed their Extra Class test, and one passed their Extra Class test,

**Presidents Report:**

There was no Presidents report – president on vacation.

Motion to Accept:		
Seconded by:		
Aye: 0	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

**Secretary report:**

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

**Treasurer Report:**

As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, dues are once again due.

Motion to Accept:	Sue	KB1VPY
Seconded by:	Chris	KA1NDE
Aye: 17	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

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<b><i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i></b>
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**Admin. VP Report:**

There will be a meeting of the Food Committee following the meeting.

Motion to Accept:	Tom	KB1WEZ
Seconded by:	Jim	AB1NH
Aye: 17	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

**Tech. VP Report:**

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. The Tech Committee is looking into the problem.

Motion to Accept:	Steve	KB1RRR
Seconded by:	Ernie	KC1AYY
Aye: 17	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

**Webmaster Report:**

There was no webmaster report, due to the absence of the webmaster. Jack – K1NKS volunteered to look into adding a Google calendar to the site.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Dave – KB1TBL asked if the Southington CERT group could use our repeater system for a net on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. There were no objections.

The membership indicated that there would be interest in having a presentation on the Logbook of The World program offered by the ARRL. This will be scheduled for a later date.

Motion to Adjourn:	Tom	KB1WEZ
Seconded by:	Nick	KB1SNL
Aye: 17	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

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## ***Monthly Presentation***

A presentation was made by Rick – N1JGR about the upcoming Fat Tire Classic mountain bike race and the Boateaters canoe/kayak race. The ICRC has supported these events for many years.

## ***Annual Dues Time***

Once again, it is that time of year to begin sending in your dues payment for the coming year – April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Dues are necessary to support the operation of our three repeaters in Bristol and Burlington. Individual emails with renewal forms attached were sent out to each member. 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 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!

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## ***Fat Tire Classic Mountain Bike Race***

On Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, members of the ICRC once again provided radio communications and marshalling duties for the Fat Tire Classic mountain bike race, which was held at Winding Trails in Farmington. Participants were positioned at various checkpoints throughout the course, designated by the race sponsors. Their job was to record the numbers of the racers as they passed and to prevent anyone from cutting the course short at key areas. Also, they were there to report any medical emergencies that may occur, but fortunately there were no accidents this year. The weather was cloudy and cool, but the rain held off for the whole day. The sponsoring agency was once again pleased by our support and participation in this event. The ICRC has been providing this service to them for more than 10 years. Thanks to all who participated.

Participating from the ICRC this year were: Front Row: Dave – KB1TBL, Barb – KB1RRS, Chris – KA1NDE, and Steve – KB1RRR. Back Row: Steven – Al's grandson, Al – N1JWF, Jim – AB1NH, Tom – KB1WEZ, Dan – W1ZFG, Nick – KB1SNL, and Shannon – Rick's daughter. Missing from photo (behind the camera): Rick – N1JGR.





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## ***Boaters Canoe/Kayak Race***

On Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, members of the ICRC also provided radio communications and safety monitoring for the Boaters Canoe/Kayak race. The race was held on the Farmington River between Collinsville and Farmington. In previous years, we had moved the repeater from Burlington down to center of the course to allow easier access. But last year and again this year, we left the repeater in place and set up three Yaesu FT-8900 mobile radios at the start, middle and finish of the course. These radios were configured in the cross-band repeat mode. This allowed people with low powered HT's to access the .15 repeater from any location on the course thru one of the cross-band repeater radios. It worked out very well. The race sponsors again expressed their gratitude and appreciation for our club's efforts. Despite the predictions of rain showers in the morning, it stayed nice all day. A good time was had by all!

The Boaters race was a great success. There were 34 participants in the water racing. The hams that showed up did a phenomenal job. In the picture from left to right;

Perry - WY1O, Jim - AB1NH, Pete - N1PRH, Tom - KB1WEZ, Dan - W1ZFG and Steve - KB1RRR.

Behind the camera is Rick - N1JGR. And I'd like to thank for their help; Nick - KB1SNL and Jack - K1NKS who were not available at the time this picture was taken.



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## ***Goshen Hamfest***

On Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Southern Berkshire A.R.C. will be holding its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Hamfest at the Goshen Fairgrounds from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information, visit [www.w1baa.org](http://www.w1baa.org).

## ***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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