
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, October 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 various aspects of the Klondike Derby, coming up in February. This is a very worthy cause and our club has supported it for many years. This is a major event for the Boy Scouts of America and Rick will give us everything you need to know to help us support this event which is fun for kids of all ages.

President's Message

No message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

ICRC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Date:	9/20/13
Time Started:	7:31 PM
Time Ended:	8:30 PM

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall – W1ZFG

Attendees (Callsign):

W1ZFG	N1JGR	AB1NH	KB1VPY	KB1SNL
KB1WEZ	KB1YNE	KA1NDE	K1NKS	Tim
KB1KZC	KB1RRR	N1EZY	KC1AIW	

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 2 candidates tested, and 2 new Technician Class licenses were issued.

Presidents Report:

Nothing to report this month, except that the club is up and running and has been very active with public service events over the last few months.

Motion to Accept:	Tom	KB1WEZ
Seconded by:	Steve	KB1RRR
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary report:

Meeting minutes were emailed to all members.

Motion to Accept:	Sue	KB1VPY
Seconded by:	Jim	AB1NH
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Treasurer Report:

It has been a slow month – only one new member paid dues. There is currently \$350 in the battery fund.

There are two bills to pay this month – F&T Communications (.88 site rent) and CL&P (.15 site electricity).

The bills average about \$133.50 per month, but the club is financially stable.

Motion to Accept:	Sue	KB1VPY
Seconded by:	Jack	K1NKS
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Admin. VP Report:

Due to the absence of the Interim Admin. VP, the report was made by the Interim President – Pete – KB1KZC.

The prices for the club shirts are as follows: T-Shirt = \$10, Hoodie, pull-over, thru pocket, in grey = \$20.

The first choice for the color of the T-Shirt was the Lime Green, like the previous shirts.

The second choice for the T-shirt was decided to be black with white lettering, with a crest on the front.

There were requests made to check on the availability of zippers on the hoodie, instead of pull-over, and the possibility of getting vests for club events.

The club also decided to buy T-shirts for the members of the club sponsored VE Team.

Motion to Accept:	Nick	KB1SNL
Seconded by:	Sue	KB1VPY
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Tech. VP Report:

All repeaters are up and running well. A request was made to change the Morse code ID on the machines back to Voice ID. This will be accomplished as soon as possible.

There were some concerns about voltage readings from the solar panel array, but the concerns were explained.

There was also some discussion about the hum on the .15 machine,

Motion to Accept:	Tom	KB1WEZ
Seconded by:	Steve	KB1RRR
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Webmaster Report:

The website is up and running.

Motion to Accept:	Jack	K1NKS
Seconded by:	Sue	KB1VPY
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Old Business:

Thanks to all those who participated in the MS Bike Ride. There were 10 club members, 3 CERT members, and 1 NARL member who participated. We have been invited back again for next year.

New Business:

The club has been approached to allow a CERT net to be held on our repeaters. It was decided to allow them to use the system on Thursdays at 8:00 PM. The net will begin in a few weeks.

More info to follow at next club meeting.

The Klondike Derby will be held on February 8th and 9th, 2014. Rick – N1JGR will make a presentation about it at the October meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:	Tom	KB1WEZ
Seconded by:	Chris	KA1NDE
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

A presentation was made by Rick – N1JGR about various aspects of the APRS system and its possible applications, including the Klondike Derby.

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!

Elections for Board of Directors/Officers

The Nominating Committee has come up with the slate of proposed Board Members and Officers, which will be presented at the October meeting. 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
Jack – K1NKS	Bill – KB1KNV
Dan – W1ZFG	Tom – KB1WEZ
Rick – N1JGR	Chris – KB1YNE
Nick – KB1SNL	Steve – KB1RRR

Executive Board:

President:	Pete – KB1KZC
Admin. V.P.	Jack – K1NKS
Tech. V.P.	Rick – N1JGR
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Dan – W1ZFG

If anyone is interested in running for the position of Secretary, please contact Dan – W1ZFG.

Dan Wall – W1ZFG
Chairman – Nominating Committee
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Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

Section Leadership: K1EIC SM: ASMs W1FXQ Emeritus, KD1YV, K1HEJ;
OOO K1DFS; PIC KA1WPM; SEC N1CLV: ASECs N1FNE, K1BRF, AF1HS, K1VSC, W1GTT;
SGL K1MK; STM K1STM TC W1SMS.

Please join me in welcoming Steve Simons W1SMS as our newly-appointed technical coordinator. For those of you new to the field organization, the TC appointment is a cabinet-level appointment. The leaders you see on the top of each of my letters are all members of my cabinet.

Steve grew up in Northeast Philadelphia (Fox Chase section) and was first licensed in 1974 as WN3WAS and soon upgraded to WA3WAS.

His interests started in experimentation and equipment/antenna construction. Joining the Mt. Airy VHF RC in 1977 enabled him to expand his station designing and building efforts into VHF contesting. Relocating to Silicon Valley to pursue a career in industrial RF power resulted in a call change to KF6AJ.

Danbury, Connecticut has been his home since 1984 with a larger piece of property to build the station. Holding an Advanced license, his efforts in VHF DX and contesting continue with new interests in the HF spectrum and membership in the Frankford Radio Club. He is also active in two local clubs: Candlewood ARC and Greater Norwalk ARC.

Currently under construction is a 130' Rohn 55 rotating tower system (to replace the tower damaged in storm Sandy). Planned rotary antenna population will include HF through microwave frequencies. Additionally, he plans to install various (HF) wire and vertical antennas. On the rig end, he runs a pair of 756 Pro II + SDR. Welcome aboard Steve!

Have you marked your calendars yet? It's getting close—October 13 is our State Convention affectionately called Nutfest! Yes, the Meriden ARC is again sponsoring The 21st Nutmeg Hamfest at the Sheraton Four-Points Hotel, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT. You won't want to miss it—it's the biggest hamfest in the tri-state area! Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Go to <http://www.nutmeghamfest.com> to register for indoor table space and find out all the info. Presentations include QST Editor Steve Ford, WB8IMY speaking about getting started in the digital modes; and well-known radio host and NASA Ambassador Andy Poniros discussing the challenges involved in the successful Mars Rover mission. Meet your Division director and vice director at the ARRL Forum which I will conduct. Come tell us about your activities, get your questions answered, meet new people, see old friends, buy or sell gear, eat some great food and just have fun! It's all explained on that web site.

On Friday and Saturday of that weekend, October 11 and 12 is NEARFEST, known as "the Woodstock of Amateur Radio" at the Deerfield Fair Grounds Woodstock, NH. For further information, go to <http://near-fest.com>; contact w1rc@near-fest.com.

Here's another calendar item. CSMA Meeting - Sunday, October 6, 2013 Manchester EOC, 321 Olcott Street Manchester, 10 a.m.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Sometimes we volunteers need to make changes. Because of increased time commitments at work, David Hyatt K1DAV has reluctantly submitted his resignation as District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for CT ARES Region 5. David has held the DEC5 position shortly after 9/11/01, a very active period of over 12 years. During his tenure as DEC, Region 5 has established itself as one of the most responsive and forward-looking of the CT ARES Regions. Under his leadership, Region 5 ARES members planned and hosted a very comprehensive Spring Training event in March 2009 that served as a unique statewide training opportunity. Region 5 recently obtained grant funding to purchase ICOM-7000 all-mode transceivers to provide the region's municipal Emergency Operations Centers with first-class amateur radio capability. We sincerely appreciate K1DAV's continued dedicated support of CT ARES! A huge thank you Dave.

Director Frenaye and I had a wonderful time with the Amateur Radio club of the Vintage Radio Communications Museum celebrating their charter of affiliation with the ARRL at a breakfast meeting. We found plenty of enthusiastic ops ready to take on building and education projects relating to the museum. Perhaps it can be a side trip for the Convention in July!

SEC Wayne N1CLV reports that the 5th Annual Hole in the Wall Gang "Camp Challenge Ride" was held on Saturday, 7 September 2013. Since its inception Amateur Radio operators have assisted with safety and support for this immensely successful charity bike ride that benefits children with life-threatening diseases (cancer, leukemia, etc). When final donations are received, the event is expected to have raised over \$300K for the kids! Nine ARES members, mostly from Region 4 with a little help from Region 2, staffed the Net Control Station and seven Audi SUVs that served as SAG (support and gear) vehicles for the nearly 300 riders. Riders chose one of three routes -- 15 miles, 30 miles, and a metric century (100 km = 62.5 miles) -- that departed from Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford and wound their way through the surrounding countryside. The weather was spectacular (we've had lots of rain in the past) and everyone had a wonderful day supporting a great cause!

Here's a note from the desk of DEC Douglas WA1SFH region 2. Several members of Region 2 supported the Wallingford YMCA road race. I would like to thank and recognize the following ARES Team members for their participation in making this a success: Gary (KB1AWI), Ellen (WA1WOA), Chris (WA1VXH), Rich (WA1TRY), Sid (N1MVM), Ron (WZ1V), Paul (K1SEZ), Jim (N1ZN), and Don (KE1AY). The YMCA's Director of Operations recognized the vital importance of the communications service ARES provided to this event. During the Awards ceremony he made a point to publicly recognize our PSE Team and the work we did - as both "Timers" along the courses and also for providing a vital safety net for the event.

Members of ARES region 1 were well received assisting at a couple of public service events: the Bikes4Bikes Charity event in Westport coordinated by DEC Toy K1WYQ and the cystic fibrosis ride coordinated by EC John WB2RYV. Both organizations really appreciated the communications support. Thanks all!

In other news, well known author and active op Paul Danzer N1II will speak at the next meeting of The Valley Amateur Radio Association, October 22 7:30 p.m. at the Shelton Community Center on Church Street, topic to be announced.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary – cont'd

Dr. Ellen Leonard, KB1PCU, Senior Attending Pediatrician at the Hospital of Central Connecticut will speak at the next NARL meeting. She will talk about her personal enrichment in becoming an amateur radio enthusiast and of her whirlwind weekend honeymoon that was crowned with an afternoon of operating the ARRL's international amateur radio station W1AW in Newington .

The Stamford ARA will have as their speaker Michael J Vincelli, CHS-IV, CHPP Westport Weston Health District, Director of Emergency Response, Greenwich Department of Health, Emergency Response Coordinator, Certified Homeland Security Professional at their next meeting on Thursday, October 3. Email ctsara@mailman.qth.net for further info.

The Section extends sympathy to the family of Wayne Green, W2NSD of Peterboro, NH who was described in The Monadnock Ledger as "An iconic figure in the Peterborough publishing industry". He created 73 Magazine and the well-known computer publication Byte which was distributed nationally for several years. Wayne was in his nineties.

Just this past week Art Deming, KJ1M became a silent key. He was very active in the Torrington area. Here are some reflections from DEC Steve K1SJW. "Art was very active in amateur radio communications supporting SKYWARN in Litchfield County. He regularly checked into the weekly weather training nets as well as checking into SKYWARN nets during severe weather. In fact Art was a former County Coordinator for Litchfield County SKYWARN. Art was also the Civil Preparedness Director for the City of Torrington during the 1990's and was responsible for the 147.240 repeater in Torrington that is still used by Civil Preparedness. My first memory of Art was in the mid 70's when I became an Auxiliary Police Officer in Torrington. One of the public service activities that the hams volunteering for Civil Preparedness in Torrington did was to operate a Halloween Safety Patrol during that evening. Hams with 2 meter mobiles in their cars would take Auxiliary Police Officers out on patrol with them to augment the regular police force on that night. They set up a base station at the Torrington Police Department and would patrol the neighborhoods to help ensure the safety of the children trick or treating and discourage vandalism. I had the pleasure of riding with Art in his car during this activity." Thank you Steve and others who also wrote me.

Nominations are open for the 2013 ARRL International Humanitarian Award

<<http://www.arrl.org/international-humanitarian-award>>.

The award is conferred upon an amateur or amateurs who demonstrate devotion to human welfare, peace and international understanding through Amateur Radio. The League established the annual prize to recognize Amateur Radio operators who have used ham radio to provide extraordinary service to others in times of crisis or disaster. Nominations should include a summary of the nominee's actions that qualify the individual (or individuals) for this award, plus verifying statements from at least two people having first-hand knowledge of the events warranting the nomination. These statements may be from an official of a group (for example, the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, a local or state emergency management official) that benefited from the nominee's particular Amateur Radio contribution. Nominations should include the names and addresses of all references. Nominations are due to ARRL by December 31.

See you next week at the hamfest!

ARRL Connecticut Section

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