
Time Out

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December - 2013

The Radio Club with More "Radio" & Less "Club"

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, December 20th 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 the proposed wind power system for the .15 repeater in Burlington, given by Pete – KB1KZC.

President's Message

No message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

ICRC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Date:	11/15/13
Time Started:	7:30 PM
Time Ended:	8:30 PM

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall – W1ZFG

Attendees (Callsign):

N1JWF	KB1KZC	N1JGR	W1ZFG	K1HEJ
KB1TBL	KB1KNV	KB1VPY	AB1NH	N1EZY
K1NKS	N1PRH	KB1RRR	KB1YNE	WY1O
N1AUD	KA1NDE	KB1SNL	KB1WEZ	N1SBK
KB1YYG	KB1YYG's Dad			

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. 1 new Technician Class license was issued. 1 upgrade to General Class was issued.

Presidents Report:

The new VE Team is working out well. A Board of Director's meeting was held last night – a good meal was had by all. Our group is getting larger. Everything is going well – all radio, no politics.

Motion to Accept:	Larry	K1HEJ
Seconded by:	Sue	KB1VPY
Aye: 20	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary report:

Meeting minutes were emailed to all members.

Motion to Accept:	Perry	WY1O
Seconded by:	Chris	KA1NDE
Aye: 20	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Treasurer Report:

We have money and are financially solvent. There were no bills to pay this month.

The recently re-discovered generator will be added to the club inventory list. Pete is starting to work on it.

A very generous donation of \$50 was received from Jack – K1NKS for the Battery Fund. This brings up the total to \$400.

Motion to Accept:	Larry	K1HEJ
Seconded by:	Nick	KB1SNL
Aye: 20	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Admin. VP Report:

T-shirts: It was decided by members present that there would be a 3" logo on the front and an 11" logo on the back. Also, the club web address would be added to the logo on the back.

Currently the order stands as: 26 black w/white letters, 4 safety green, and 15 hoodies.

A breakdown will be emailed to current buyers and another email will be sent to remaining club members to see if any members not present at the meeting would also like to buy anything.

The cost of buying the shirts would be initially paid for out of the treasury, but would be reimbursed by each person buying a shirt.

Our current Admin VP, Al – N1JWF announced that he would be resigning his position at the end of his term and not seeking re-election. His resignation was accepted with regrets and many thanks.

Motion to Accept:	Sue	KB1VPY
Seconded by:	Chris	KA1NDE
Aye: 22	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Tech. VP Report:

All repeaters are up and running well.

The following changes to the repeater id messages will be made. The Greeting message will be changed to "Welcome to the K1CRC linked repeater system". The Polite message will be the voice greeting. The Impolite message will be in Morse code.

There was some splatter from the .41 machine in the PVRA system, but it was quickly repaired and is no longer appearing on our machines.

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Motion to Accept:	Chris	KB1YNE
Seconded by:	Steve	KB1RRR
Aye: 21	Nay: 0	Abstain: 1

Webmaster Report:

The old website has been replaced. Chris – KB1YNE will be updating our Twitter and Facebook pages.

Motion to Accept:	Tom	KB1WEZ
Seconded by:	Sue	KB1VPY
Aye: 22	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Old Business:

- Our meeting place at the Farmington Red Cross has been confirmed for all of next year.
- We will try to get the Red Cross to get the 440 repeater back on the air on 448.575 pl 123
- The packet system is running as WA1ARC on 145.090.
- The Klondike Derby will be held on February 8th and 9th, 2014 at June Norcross. We will need 15 hams to cover this event. Set-up of the course will take place on February 1st at 10:00. Arrive at 8:30 if you want to stop for breakfast first. Contact Rick – N1JGR for more information.

New Business:

- The club agreed to allow Chris – KB1YNE to run a CERT net on the .88 machine at 8:00 PM on Thursday nights.
- The club discussed the possibility of making portable antennas as a club project. Designs considered were rollup j-poles out of twin lead and a ¼ wave ground plane built on an SO-239 connector.
- A motion was made by Bill – KB1KNV that the Secretary cast one vote for the proposed slate of Board of Directors. Motion was seconded by Chris – KA1NDE. Motion passed. The proposed slate was elected.

- A motion was made by Larry – K1HEJ that the Secretary cast one vote for the proposed slate of Executive Board members. Motion was seconded by Jim – AB1NH. Motion passed. The proposed slate was elected.
- A motion was made by Larry – K1HEJ that the liaison to the ARC be reviewed on an annual basis. Pete – KB1KZC would retain the position this year. Motion was seconded by Pete – KB1KZC. Motion passed, 22-0.
- The motion to review the VE Team liaison on an annual basis was tabled to the next Board of Director’s meeting.
- A discussion on selling T-shirts to raise money for the club was tabled to the next Board of Director’s meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:	Sue	KB1VPY
Seconded by:	Larry	K1HEJ
Aye: 22	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

There was no presentation this month due to the fact that we did not know how long the election process would take.

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 following were elected at the November meeting.

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 Chris – KB1YNE
Treasurer 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; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1WPM; SEC N1CLV: ASECs N1FNE, K1BRF, AF1HS, K1VSC, W1GTT; SGL K1MK; STM K1STM TC W1SMS.

It's holiday time again! Can you believe it? A very Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. Hanukkah is also celebrated by many of you on Thursday! Happy Hanukkah! We all have so much to be thankful for—don't we? And while you're on holiday, enjoy Amateur radio!

The BEARS of Manchester will be busy Thanksgiving day as they have for the last 21 years doing communications for the well-known Manchester Road Race. Fifty two operators lead by Paul N1TUP will participate in this very large event. Coordination of busses is just one aspect of the communications support. I hear that in 21 years, there was only one "no-show"! That's impressive! Thank you all! Look for an article in a future issue of this news describing this event.

My note to you the other day about Last Man Standing got to many inboxes too late. I don't know if this link is still up but if you missed it, try the "Watch ABC" website -- <http://watchabc.go.com>. Thanks Wayne.

A huge thank you to every single op who participated in this year's Simulated Emergency Test. SEC Wayne, N1CLV reported that the activity this year was "intense" and there were lots of really good things happening throughout the State. Managing voice and data modes on several frequencies kept many of us hopping!

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We used HF more this year than in other years. Conditions made it necessary for us to shift to 40 meters and you all followed directions perfectly. Bill KW1B now in NC logged into the 40 meter net! A leadership net was successful on both HF and VHF. Hospitals were involved; the new W1SP RMS network was tested; NTS nets and digital systems were tested as well. I personally sent out lots of “thru” traffic and received a high percentage of confirmations back. There were indeed lots of successes. Please, please, please get your reports to your DEC today if you haven't; DECs, please be sure your reports are immediately sent to N1CLV for further compiling. Thanks *everyone!

Here's an announcement from SEC Wayne N1CLV. “Because of increased time commitments at work, David Hyatt K1DAV has stepped down as District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for CT ARES Region 5. David held the DEC5 position since shortly after 9/11/01, a very active period of over 12 years!!

During his tenure as DEC, Region 5 established itself as one of the most responsive and forward-looking of the CT ARES Regions. Even though TOPOFF 3 was held on the other side of the state, Region 5 ARES members were very active participants in this national level terrorist exercise. Because we had to staff ten Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV) that had fiberglass bodies, Dave fabricated sheet metal plates that were affixed to the ERVs using gaffer's tape to serve as attachment points and ground planes for our VHF magnetic mount antennas! 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 will certainly miss David as DEC5, but we appreciate his continued dedicated support of CT ARES!

Thanks, too, to Dave K1DJW who stepped in during SET as acting DEC.

I am pleased to report that we have found a replacement who is both qualified and willing to serve as the Region 5 DEC -- Mike Walters W8ZY from New Milford. First licensed in 1977, Mike has held an Amateur Extra Class license since 1994. He is an active member of the Northville Amateur Radio Association and is a committed teacher of ham radio license classes. Mike participated in our 2013 SET alongside Acting DEC5, Dave K1DJW. Mike served in the U. S. Army for five years doing communications overseas. In his day job, he works for Microsoft in Danbury. He brings a strong management and logistical support background to his new role as DEC. Please welcome Mike Walters W8ZY as the new Region 5 DEC and support him as he steps up to this important responsibility!”

Congratulations to Sander W1SOP on his appointment as emergency coordinator for Ridgefield. Sander is already working with town leadership and is looking forward to starting a tech class.

Instructor Ed Rhodes (WA1LEI) is pleased to announce a new 1 Day class to be held February 22: Introduction to Emergency Communications (ARRL EC-001). The class will be held at St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002 starting at 8:00 a.m. sharp! The \$60 cost includes Room Fee, Course Book, Breakfast, Lunch, and Test Fee. The course is open to the entire Section but there are just 35 seats so register early.

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The ARRL course requires students to have first completed two FEMA courses: ICS100 (IS100B) Introduction to the Incident Command System <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS100b.asp> and IS-700 National Incident Management System <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS700a.asp>. They are free courses you can take online at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>.

Since this is a ONE DAY COURSE, there is HOMEWORK that must be completed PRIOR to attending the Class on 2/22/14 and submitted upon arrival. Registration opens December 1 and closes January 15. To register, email wallei@yahoo.com.

Condolences to the family of Paul Harrington KB1BKH and the Middlesex Amateur Radio Society. Paul recently became a silent key. An article in The Cromwell News indicates that he had a distinguished military career as a World War II Army Air Corps veteran who completed 51 missions in North Africa and Europe. In addition, he was the recipient of The Distinguished Flying Cross as well as two air Corp Medals. Mr. Harrington served with the State police for many years and was the chief elected official in Cromwell for 12 years. In fact, a portion of Route 3 from the Cromwell-Rocky Hill town line south to Evergreen Road has been designated as “Paul Roger Harrington Memorial Highway.” You can read about this at <http://www.rarereminder.com/story.php?id=200660&town=cromwell>.

Here's a report from Gary WE1M. The outpouring of support for the Vicki Soto 5K Memorial Run held in Stratford, CT (Vicki Soto's home town) was so great that race organizers realized that additional volunteers would be needed; the original estimate of 900 runners quickly swelled to 1200. By the Friday before the race, organizers had raised the limit to 2000 runners to accommodate the many people wanting to honor the memory of the brave young teacher who lost her life trying to protect her first graders in the Sandy Hook tragedy last December.

A call went out to surrounding towns for mutual aid to assist the race organizers to handle the growing number of runners, their families and spectators. The Greater Bridgeport Amateur Radio Club, on short notice, was able to provide five licensed ham radio operators to attend a 6 am briefing for volunteers at the Start/Finish line across from the old Army Engine plant on Main Street. The GBARC volunteers were assigned to the parking detail to assist in directing the large volume of vehicles arriving for the race. The ops helped to coordinate the traffic flow in the huge lot, kept the race command center advised of the lot status and obtained answers to questions from the arriving runners. The GBARC volunteers were glad to support this very worthy cause and assist the Town of Stratford to hold a successful event. After the last car was safely parked, the volunteers were released to watch the race and participate in the post-race celebration.

Members of The Southington Amateur Radio Association had lots of fun participating as a club in the ARRL Sweepstakes. There was a good amount of activity on their reflector planning their participation—lots of enthusiasm and reported great operating!

The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Joel Hallas, W1ZR. Here's their report. Last night's presentation by Joel Hallas [W1ZR] from QST Magazine was very interesting, informative and well received. Joel's presentation discussed in detail several multi-band antenna designs which were achieved through coupling resonators of a higher frequency to a lower frequency and eliminating the use of multiple feed lines, tuners, switches, etc. Joel provided his experience along with details of analysis on his and other people's designs using the coupling concept.

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He also provided several examples of antennas he has built and run, along with dimensions and other key information.”

In October, TC Steve Simons W1SMS and EC Sander W1SOP gave a presentation on the history and status of the CARA repeater system.

At a recent meeting of the Southern Berkshire ARC, Stan, W2VID showed those present his new headset and microphone assembly. He had his “Leatherman tool kit” with him which included a wire stripper for 12 to 20 gauge wire. I mention that here hoping this is helpful to some readers. Rich WA1OTZ plans to give a talk on Logbook of the World at a future meeting.

Members of NARL enjoyed a “how to” video compiled by DEC George AB1GL which was a collection of short and relevant instructional presentations.

Here’s a note from former Section Manager Pete Kemp KZ1Z now in Florida: “Hams love to tinker and to research various elements of our hobby. Here is a huge collection of ham-related PDFs (DIY antennas, receivers, amps, meters, SWR, etc.). Check out <<http://transistori.net/~oh6gzt/putkizone.com/~gzt/pdf/>><http://transistori.net/~oh6gzt/putkizone.com/~gzt/pdf/>”

Want to learn more about different operating modes and amateur radio activities? Check out Jonathan’s web site: <http://kb1kix.net>.

Now, my warm wishes to all of you for a wonderful holiday this weekend. The cabinet and I are personally thankful for your friendship, sharing of knowledge, work and service to Amateur radio and to the public.

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