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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, August 15<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 be a planning session for the upcoming MS Bike Ride on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The ICRC will be providing radio communications for this event again this year.

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

No message this month.

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

**Date:** 7-18-2014

**Time Started:** 7:32 pm

**Time Adjourned:** 8:20 pm

### **Attendance**

KB1VPY	W1ZFG	N1JWF	Linda (guest)		
KA1NDE	KB1KZC	KB1YYG	Shawn (guest)		
AB1NH	KB1YNE	KB1WEZ			
KB1SNL	N1JGR				
KB1JBL	N1EZY				

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## ***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman – KB1WEZ

### President's Report:

All is well with the Club. The ARRL 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention is going on in Hartford and it is a great event with lots to experience. There will be a presentation by Dan after the meeting to discuss our successful Field Day results. The Club has a firm number of 35 members, with a core group of approximately 20 members.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1VPY	
<b>Aye:</b> All	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

### Secretary Report:

The minutes from the June 2014 meeting are available on our website and were emailed by Dan to all members in the June *Time Out*. The *Time Out* included several excellent color photographs of Field Day, taken by Dan. (Additional copies of the *Time Out* were passed out at the meeting).

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	N1EZY	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Aye:</b> All	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

### Treasurer's Report:

The current membership includes: 14 Full members, 7 Complimentary members, 6 Life members, 5 Family members, and 3 Honorary – for a total of 35. The total in the Club bank account is \$2,408.36. The Club's expenses are approximately \$92/month or approximately \$1,100/year.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1VPY	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1SNL	
<b>Aye:</b> All	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

## ***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

### Admin VP Report:

Nothing to report.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	N/A	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N/A	
<b>Aye:</b> N/A	<b>Nay:</b> N/A	<b>Abstain:</b> N/A

### Tech VP Report:

The noise is gone from the repeaters. As suspected, the noise was an atmospheric issue, so therefore it may recur in the fall or winter. All repeaters are currently operating to spec. An idea for the .15 machine is to go totally solar powered during the summer, until around October, by requesting “vacation mode” from the power company – during which we will not be charged. Trimming of the trees near the .15 machine to maximize solar exposure was discussed by organizing a possible work party. The Tech VP reported that the solar exposure was most affected by the trees in the winter, since the summer sun has a longer duration and higher attitude. Replacing the .15 batteries with 4-volt cells was discussed.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1SNL	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N1JWF	
<b>Aye:</b> All	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

### VE Report:

Three candidates sat for exams and all passed, resulting in 1 new Technician, and two upgrades to General (one with a perfect score). All three candidates filled out ICRC information forms.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KA1VPY	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N1EZY	
<b>Aye:</b> All	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

## ***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

### Web Master Report:

We now have 31 “likes” on Facebook. Both our Facebook page and website have been updated with our Field Day information and photos. The current membership list on our website has been adjusted to reflect the dues payment deadline. All past newsletters have been added to the website.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KA1VPY	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N1EZY	
<b>Aye:</b> All	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

### Old Business:

There was no Old Business other than Field Day, which will be covered by a presentation after the meeting.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KA1VPY	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1SNL	
<b>Aye:</b> 12	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 1

### New Business:

The MS Hartford Bike Ride is September 13 at the Hartford Boathouse, as it was last year. The checkpoints are the same; however some radio testing may be necessary due to foliage growth and possible new construction. This year the Club will man the finish line with FRS/GMRS radios (possibly non-ham volunteers) to record bib numbers. The finish line will be configured with traffic cones to funnel the riders through our bib-recording checkpoint/finish line. Club volunteers included: KB1SNL, AB1NH, KB1YNE, KA1NDE, W1ZFG (net control), KB1KZC, N1JGR (net control), KB1WEZ, KB1RRR, KB1TBL (probably), and KB1YYG (possibly).

The Calhoun Ride is October 5<sup>th</sup>. The volunteers will be coordinated by George (AB1GL) with ICRC members helping out.

The members present voted unanimously to the following VE/Membership motion:

“Any new licensed ham, whether the license was obtained at an ICRC VE test session or elsewhere, or any ham to obtain an upgraded license at an ICRC VE session – and not be a current or previous ICRC member – is eligible for a 1-year free ICRC membership provided they join within 6 months of the date of license testing”.

## ***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KA1VPY	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>
<b>Motion to Adjourn:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N1JWF	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

## ***Monthly Presentation***

A short presentation was made by Dan – W1ZFG detailing the results of our Field Day activities in June.

## ***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!

## *Field Day*

Here are a few more pictures from our Field Day event taken by Tom – KB1WEZ.



Steve - "If it doesn't fit, I'll make it fit!"



"Thar she blows!"

**Field Day – cont'd**



The Dynamic Digital Duo – Dan & Rick



Sue - "Oh my! Look at all the stuff in this barn!"



Nick & Jim – "Are we having fun yet?"



Chris & Barb making contacts

## ***Field Day – cont'd***



Dan – “Anyone seen a satellite around here?”



Tom making breakfast

## ***Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary***

For the latest Connecticut Section News, please go to the CT Section Web Page at: <http://ct.arrl.org/>

*For the latest information, visit our website at <http://www.icrcweb.org>*