
Time Out

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January - 2015

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, January 16th 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 presentation by Rick - N1JGR about the Klondike Derby. Anyone wishing to have their APRS Tracker boxes checked out, there will be equipment available to have this done.

President's Message

No President's message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date: 12-19-2014

Time Started: 7:37 pm

Time Adjourned: 8:40 pm

Attendance

W1ZFG	KB1TBL	KC1CQO	KC1BLZ	KB1WEZ	N1EZY
KC1CWN	KA1NDE	KB1KZC	KB1SNL	N1JWF	KB1RRS
N1JGR	AB1NH	KB1VPY	Jan	Linda	Emily

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman – KB1WEZ

President's Report:

The President's letter is in the December *Time Out*. It was a good year for the Club – we played radio, worked community events, had good food, and made new friends. Not only were we asked back for repeat events, we were also asked for input to improve the events. Throughout the past year we had a good turnout of radio operators, and it looks like a busy year coming up.

Motion to Accept:	N1EZY	
Seconded by:	KB1TBL	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the November meeting were emailed by Dan (W1ZFG) to all members as part of the *Time Out*.

Motion to Accept	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KB1RRS	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that the bills are getting paid and the finances are in good shape. There is approximately \$1,900 in the treasury, which includes \$600 for the battery fund.

Motion to Accept	KB1VPY	
Seconded by:	KB1CQO	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Admin VP Report:

There was no report - the Admin VP was not present.

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

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Tech VP Report:

All repeaters are running normally and are within specs. The noise is back on the 146.88 repeater and will probably be with us until the weather changes – it is difficult to narrow down the cause. The wind turbine is working well (a video of the turbine blades spinning was shown to the members) and our data manager reports that the turbine is generating more power than we are using. We are currently not taking power from CL&P for the repeater, and hope to continue in that mode. We may possibly raise the turbine higher to get more wind, and our work party in the spring will trim some branches or trees to provide better wind for the turbine and more sunlight for the solar panels.

Motion to Accept	KB1RRS	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

VE Report:

There were 5 candidates for Technician license and 4 of the 5 passed. Two of the new Techs tried for their General license but neither passed.

Motion to Accept	KB1TBL	
Seconded by:	KB1SNLKC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Web Master Report:

There was no report - the Web Master was not present.

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

Old Business:

The upcoming February 7 and 8, 2015 Klondike was again discussed. The initial course layout will be Saturday January 31, with the event setup on Friday February 6. Rick (N1JGR) is looking for 16 hams to participate in the event and will have a sign-up for volunteers during the January meeting. It is a fun time and a good event for the Boy Scouts who race in the snow with sleds (similar to the Iditarod) on a 100-acre site to reach 10 "towns". There is both a one-day event and an overnight event. Ham should bring HT's, spare batteries, warm clothes, and a lunch.

Hams who will be participating in the APRS aspect of the Klondike should bring their APRS boxes to the January meeting so that they can be tested. Dan (W1ZFG) will provide a computer for the testing.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

New Business:

Rebecca from MS called and said that the Hartford Boat House Bike Race will be cancelled for 2015 due to a low participation of bike riders. However the Windsor MS Bike Ride will be held on Sunday June 7 and the 25-mile and 50-mile courses will be changed to offer a variety from previous year's layouts. The routes have not been finalized yet, but reportedly will include a ride through a park. We will do a test of radios at all of the rest stops a couple of weeks prior to the event to see if HTs will be able to hit our repeater.

The 2015 Boateaters race is scheduled for May 19, which is the Saturday before Mothers Day.

The 2015 Calhoun Run may be moved from the fall to April or Early May.

The Fat Tire Classic will be held in April and the organizers will get back to us about participation.

The Field Day location has not been set.

The President proposed two new committees:

- 1.) History Committee – Since the Club is over 40 years old, this committee would do research and obtain historical information on the Club – especially the earlier days. Older members could be interviewed and records researched to obtain information on past activities, events, and general news that could be compiled into a historical record for the Club. The Admin VP most likely will be the Chairman and we are looking for volunteers.

- 2.) By-Laws Committee – Since the by-laws have not been looked at recently, this committee would review the current by-laws for possible corrections or updating, and would provide suggestions for changes to the Board. The Board would then take comments from the membership and vote on the suggested changes. Dan will Chair the committee and we are looking for volunteers.

The Treasurer proposed that the Club acknowledge new member who submit applications, with a letter that would include information on the club etc. Dan (W1ZFG) volunteered to draft a letter to be reviewed at next month's meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:	KC1CQO	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

There was no presentation scheduled this month. The meeting was followed by a social gathering of the members and guests present that included hot and cold beverages and a variety of cookies. A good time was had by all.

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!

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!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

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