
Time Out

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November - 2014

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, November 21st 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, annual elections for Board of Directors and Officers will be held.

President's Message

No message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date: 10-17-2014
Time Started: 7:32 pm
Time Adjourned: 8:35 pm

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Attendance					
AB1NH	KB1KZC	KB1SNL	KB1RRR	KA1NDE	KB1TBC
KB1RVU	N1EZY	W1ZFG	N1JGR	N1JWF	KB1VPY
KC1CLK	KB1RRS	KB1WEZ	Matt	Linda	

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman – KB1WEZ

President's Report:

The President included a detailed report in this month's "Time Out". The Calhoun Bike Ride event was a success with good participation from club hams. We were able to man all planned checkpoints, and had enough radio operators for an alternative checkpoint. We employed a new repeater setup using two 2-meter radios, thanks to Rick – N1JGR. The next event will be the Klondike Derby in February 2015, which will be discussed in more detail during New Business.

Motion to Accept:	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	N1EZY	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the September meeting were emailed by Dan (W1ZFG) to all members as part of the "Time Out". The minutes from last meeting included discussions of the Hartford MS Bike Ride, the financial report, repeater status (normal), website, and upcoming events, and the meeting was followed by a presentation on the Calhoun event.

Motion to Accept	KB1VPY	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Treasurer's Report:

The club has sufficient funds, and the bills are getting paid. Finances are in good shape.

Motion to Accept	KB1RRR	
Seconded by:	N1EZY	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Admin VP Report:

Nothing to report. Chris (KB1YNE) not present.

Motion to Accept	N/A	
Seconded by:	N/A	
Aye: 0	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Tech VP Report:

All repeaters are running normally and are within specs. We are still on solar power at the .15 site until at least November. There are new batteries on the market that are more temperature tolerant and the Tech Committee will look into them.

Motion to Accept	KB1VPY	
Seconded by:	N1JWF	
Aye: 14	Nay: 0	Abstain: 1

VE Report:

There were three candidates: 2 for Technician license, and 1 for General and all three candidates passed. One of the new Techs tried for General Class, but did not make it.

Motion to Accept	KB1VPY	
Seconded by:	KB1SNL	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Web Master Report:

We have 34 likes on our Facebook page. The website is up to date. Photos for the Calhoun Ride were posted on Facebook, but not yet on the website..

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

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Old Business:

The success of the Calhoun Ride and the use of the new repeater setup were again discussed. Good turnout, good radio coverage, and good radio operation techniques (including relaying of messages).

Coordination and recording of bikers for the MS Hartford Bike Ride was discussed with emphasis on having hams at the start/finish line which will minimize the need for the organizers to call riders at home. It will be recommended that the riders only get their “goodie bags” when they turn in their bibs and can be recorded as off the course.

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

New Business:

Club elections are during the November meeting, and a nominating slate is presented in the October “Time Out”.

The 2015 Klondike Derby was discussed, which will be held at June Norcross on Route 44 in Ashford, CT on February 7 and 8. We discussed the setup (the previous weekend for the layout, and Friday 2/6 for the radios), the Scout’s one-day and overnight races, skill sets and stations, the use of radios and APRS on the sleds, and the need for warm clothing and a noon meal for hams. For Saturday, be there at 7 am to be able to get to your checkpoints. We need 15 radio operator5s for the event, which finishes at noon on Sunday.

There will be a brush-cutting work party at the .15 site in Burlington on Sunday, November 16. Meet at the Burlington Dunkin Donuts at the intersection of Route 4 and Route 69 at 9 am. Bring tools (pruners, cutters, saws, rakes etc.), gloves, and warm clothing. We also plan to set up the wind turbine that day.

NEAR-Fest was discussed, and next year (May 1st) the entry tickets are free.

Dave (KB1TBL) says he possibly can get some aluminum mast sections that the club members can purchase for antenna setup. More information to follow.

Motion to Accept	KB1RRR	
Seconded by:	KB1SNL	
Aye: 10	Nay: 0	Abstain: N1EZY
Motion to Adjourn:	KB1RRR	
Seconded by:	N1JWF	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

A presentation was made by Dan - W1ZFG on the ARRL's electronic contact verification system - Logbook of The World. If anyone has any further questions or would like to get involved with it, contact Dan directly at any meeting or email him at: dwall@arrl.org

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!

Elections for Board of Directors/Officers

The Nominating Committee has finalized the slate of proposed Board Members and Officers. 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
Dave - KB1TBL	Bill – KB1KNV
Dan – W1ZFG	Tom – KB1WEZ
Rick – N1JGR	Chris – KB1YNE
Nick – KB1SNL	Steve – KB1RRR

Executive Board:

President:	Pete – KB1KZC
Admin. V.P.	Chris - KB1YNE
Tech. V.P.	Rick – N1JGR
Secretary	Tom - KB1WEZ
Treasurer	Dan – W1ZFG

Dan Wall – W1ZFG
Chairman – Nominating Committee
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Work Party at the Burlington Repeater Site

On Sunday, November 16th, eleven hearty souls braved the cold weather to do some much needed maintenance at the .15 repeater site in Burlington. Some of the brush near the building was removed and some of the overhanging limbs were trimmed. Removal of additional limbs that are blocking the solar panels is planned for another work party in the spring, which will require the rental of a lift. Additional work on the antenna poles is also planned at the same time.

The main reason for the work party was to install a wind turbine. This will supplement the charging of the battery bank during the winter months when the efficiency of the solar panels drops off.

Braving the elements were: Rick – N1JGR, Dan – W1ZFG, Chris P. – KB1YNE (a.k.a. -"Sparky"), Jim – AB1NH, Steve – KB1RRR, Tom – KB1WEZ, Dave – KB1TBL, Nick – KB1SNL, Chris A. – KA1NDE, Colin - KB1YYG, and Peter – KB1KZC.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

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