
Time Out

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April - 2015

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, April 17th 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 an informational and training session for the next two upcoming club events in our schedule. The Fat Tire Classic mountain bike race at Winding Trails in Farmington on Sunday, April 26th and the Boateaters River Race on the Farmington River on Saturday, May 9th.

This will be the last club meeting before these events, so if you are planning on participating in these great events, you should plan on attending this month's meeting for the latest information. The club has done these events for many years and they are always a good time.

President's Message

No President's message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date: 3-20-2015

Time Started:

Time Adjourned:

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Attendance					

Last month's meeting was cancelled due to bad weather, so there is no report.

Monthly Presentation

There was a no presentation last month due to the cancellation of the meeting due to bad weather.

Annual Dues Time

Once again, it is that time of year to begin sending in your dues payment for the coming year – April 1st to March 31st. Dues are necessary to support the operation of our three repeaters in Bristol and Burlington. Individual emails with renewal forms attached will be sent out to each member shortly. Mail the form, along with your check made payable to ICRC, to the address shown on the form. Or bring your check to the next meeting, forms will be available there.

Dan Wall – Treasurer, ICRC

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!

2015 ConnJam

We have been asked to publish information about this upcoming event in our newsletter. The club has not yet decided if this going to be a club event, but if you are interested in participating in this worthwhile event, contact Doug directly at the email address at the bottom of the notice.



THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.



Douglas Sharafanowich - WA1SFH

Section Youth Coordinator - Connecticut

Wednesday, April 08, 2015

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**** Please Distribute to all Club Members****

ConnJam 2015 (May 16)

High Plains Community Center - Orange Fairgrounds
525 Orange Center Road, Orange CT

Hello! Not Going to Dayton 2015?

READ THIS!

What if there were a way that you could help bring Amateur Radio to hundreds (if not thousands) of Boy Scouts in one day, and "spark" their imagination to become licensed Amateur Radio Operators?

You'd want to be part of that effort, wouldn't you?

- **Of course you would!**

ConnJam 2015 is a great opportunity to **showcase** Amateur Radio and can give a positive experience to a wide range of folks involved in Scouting:

- Boy Scouts: Cubs Scouts to Venture Scouts
- Adult Scout Leaders
- Scout Parents
- Boy Scout Councils

Amateur Radio CLUB members get to have a fun day playing Ham Radio and get information about their clubs out to a captive audience of potential new members (Scouts and Parents).

- By the way, this event draws up to 3,000 campers and visitors over the weekend.

Our **Amateur Radio Activities Plan** for this event includes

7 Activities:

Radiogram Message Center

- A disguised "Health & Welfare" Station for a disaster in a town of 3,000 people.
- Classic Packet Radio Data Communications (VHF) with some Voice.

Amateur Radio Information Booth

- With "Mr. Radio Answer Man", Walter Cronkite's Video, and Handouts of ****CLUB Promo Flyers**** and ARRL Brochures.

Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) / "Foxhunting"

- Cub Scouts: "Rescue Ethan" (the New Cub Scout Mascot)
- Older Scouts: Team Competitions

CW Table

- "Hands-On" CW Instruction/Practice Sessions

Get On The Air (GOTA) Stations

- HF stations & VHF/UHF stations

"Hands-On" Data Communication Stations

- Peer to Peer Data Communications using WinLink RMS Express

APRS Tracking Station

- Where's Waldo? (APRS trackers on Council Commissioners).

PREPARATION COUNT-DOWN:

Using **May 1st** as a **DEADLINE**, we now have less than 22 DAYS to get everything organized. Then, we get another 14 days to wrap up loose ends before the event begins.

To make all this happen, WE NEED...

- **Your Help** (Radios/Equipment/Supplies/Materials/Signage/Club Promo Flyers)
- **Your Participation** (Radio Activity Centers)

DON'T DELAY!

To **Join our ConnJam 2015 Team** and/or get more information, please contact:
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Thank you.

73,

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