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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, May 15th 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 preparations for the next two upcoming club events: the Bike MS ride in Windsor on June 7th and Field Day on June 27th and 28th. See articles on each event later in this issue.

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

No President's message this month. The President is on vacation.

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

**Date:** 4-17-2015

**Time Started:** 7:30 pm

**Time Adjourned:** 9:05 pm

### **Attendance**

W1ZFG	KB1TBL	KC1CQO	KC1DAV	KB1WEZ	N1EZY
KC1CWN	KA1NDE	KB1KZC	KB1SNL	W1PMD	KB1YYG
N1JGR	AB1NH	KB1VPY	KC1CLK		

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

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

### **President's Report:**

The President gave a short club summary – all in good order – and then introduced Eric who gave a short presentation on the May 9 Boat Eaters Farmington River boat race. Eric gave a summary of the various signals used by the boaters for “I’m OK” (tapping the top of the head), “In the water” (single whistle blast), and “emergency” (three whistle blasts) and a little about the various water craft and the racers bibs (white with blue numbers). The final “sweep” boat will have an all-white inside-out bib. The race starts at noon and should take about one hour to complete. Eric provided waiver forms, which are required to be signed by all volunteers, and decals.

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

### **Secretary Report:**

The minutes from the March meeting were emailed by Dan (W1ZFG) to all members as part of the *Time Out*. Sign-up sheets were passed around for the Fat Tire Classic bike race and Boat Eaters race.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1VPY	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1TBL	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Membership dues are due – Dan (W1ZFG) will send out reminders. All finances in good order.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1TBL	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

### **Admin VP Report:**

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

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

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

**Tech VP Report:**

All repeaters are running normally and are within specs. The noise is still slightly on the 146.88 Fusion repeater, affecting weak signals. The tech committee is working on the issue. The club just acquired a third Yaesu digital repeater which will replace the 440 machine.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1YYG	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**VE Report:**

There were 2 candidates: one for Technician license who passed, and a second candidate who formerly held a General license which lapsed. Since the second candidate had an original copy of his General license and passed a Technician test, that allowed his General license to be restored.

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

**Web Master Report:**

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

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

**Old Business:**

The Fat Tire Classic bike race was discussed – when to arrive, where to meet, set up, etc.

Information about the May 16 ConnJam was briefly discussed – additional information was included in the Time Out.

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

### **New Business:**

The Field Day location has not been set, but we may try for Winding Trails in Farmington this year. Scott (N1EZY) will once again do the computer log linking, since it worked so well last year.

The Calhoun Run event will be held at the end on May and this year will be in West Hartford. Give Pete (KB1KZC) a call if you want to participate. (This is not a club event this year.)

The President presented a brief discussion about our Board Member, and Web Master Bill Reyor (KB1KNV). Although Bill does not make many meetings or events, his services as webmaster and the IT services he provides are invaluable. Therefore, a motion was made to make Bill a complementary member, followed by a unanimous yes vote from the members present.

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

## ***Monthly Presentation***

There was a presentation made by Rick - N1JGR about the two upcoming club events - the Fat Tire Classic Mountain Bike race at Winding Trails and the Boateaters canoe/kayak race on the Farmington River.

## ***Fat Tire Mountain Bike Race***

On Sunday, April 26th, members of the ICRC once again provided radio communications for the annual Fat Tire Mountain Bike race at Winding Trails in Farmington. The weather cooperated and there were no accidents or injuries that needed to be dealt with. There was one unwelcome guest - a large black bear wandered thru the course. Race officials estimated it to be around 300 lbs! But he left without incident.

Special thanks go out to members of the Tech Committee for transporting and setting up the portable tower and cross-band radio equipment used for the event.

Participating from the ICRC this year were: Jim - AB1NH, Sue - KC1CLK, Jeff - KC1DRZ, Rick - N1JGR (and Shannon), Chris - KA1NDE, Barb - KB1RRS, Colin - KB1YYG, Dan - W1ZFG, Nick - KB1SNL, Tom - KB1WEZ, Ron - KC1CWN, Peter - KB1KZC, and Steve - KB1RRR.

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



## ***Boaters River Race***

On Saturday, May 9th, members of the ICRC again provided radio communications for the annual Boaters Canoe and Kayak race held on the Farmington River between Burlington and Farmington. This was the 5th year in a row that the club has assisted with this event. Despite a cloudy start, the weather turned out to be sunny and warm. All the racers made it safely through the course, without the need for any intervention from us.

Participating from the ICRC this year were: Rick - N1JGR, Tom - KB1WEZ, Steve - KB1RRR, Nick - KB1SNL, Jim - AB1NH, Al - N1JWF, Jon - N8FAZ, Ron - KC1CWN, and Dan - W1ZFG.

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



## ***Bike MS: Praxair Ride***

The ICRC will once again be providing radio communications for the Bike MS: Praxair Ride to be held on Sunday, June 7th at the Griffin Center Business Park, 5 Waterside Crossing, Windsor, CT. The 100 mile race goes off at 7:00AM, so we would need to be there by 6:00 AM to get people assigned and deployed to their locations. We will need 15 - 20 hams to support this worthwhile event. More details will be presented at this month's meeting.

## ***Field Day***

Plans are still being made for this year's Field Day exercise to be held on Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th. The location has yet to be determined, as we are waiting to hear from the folks at Winding Trails about a possible site there. We still need more people to volunteer for the various committees, such as Radio, Bonus Points, and most importantly - Food! If you don't have a lot of experience operating HF radio equipment in a contest/emergency drill atmosphere, this is an excellent opportunity to gain some. Plus there will be the usual good people and good food to enjoy. More information will be available at this month's meeting.

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## ***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!

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

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