
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, July 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 two presentations given by our Treasurer, Dan Wall - W1ZFG. The first will be an update of the club's current membership and financial status. The second will be the results of this year's tremendously successful Field Day operating event.

President's Message

No President's message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date: 6-19-2015

Time Started: 7:35 pm

Time Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Attendance

W1ZFG	KB1TBL	KC1CQO	KC1ECT	KB1WEZ	N1EZY
N1HQX	KA1NDE	KC1CWN	KA1KRP	W1PMD	NIJGR
KB1KZC	AB1NH	KB1VPY			

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

President's Report:

The President reported that the Club is doing well. The MS Windsor Bike Ride event went very well, but we could have used more hams radio operators – especially for the SAG wagons. Since the MS people run several events throughout the year, we have requested a schedule of any events that they will need help with – in addition to those we already attend.

Motion to Accept:	KC1CWN	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the May meeting were emailed by Dan (W1ZFG) to all members as part of the *Time Out*, and additional copies were available for those in attendance. A sign-up sheet was passed around for Field day.

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

Treasurer's Report:

The Club is doing well financially. Membership dues are coming in – Dan (W1ZFG) reminded all to pay by July 1. The Club once again has received an anonymous quarterly donation of \$28 through Travelers. A full financial report will be presented at next month's meeting along with the Field Day wrap-up.

Motion to Accept	KB1TBL	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Admin VP Report:

The Admin VP was absent – no report.

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

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Tech VP Report:

The 146.88 machine currently has a long squelch tail that will be adjusted as needed. The solar panels at the 147.15 site are working great – providing 65 amps to the batteries.

Motion to Accept	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

VE Report:

There was one candidate for the General license who passed.

Web Master Report:

There was no Web Master report.

Old Business:

The ConnJam was an awesome event. Over 3,000 Boy Scouts attended and some of the kids got on the air. The members discussed Field Day including once again using the portable tower for our antennas, the Paradise home site, using a G5RV antenna, food, accommodations, a prize for the most contacts, weather, radios, and supplies.

New Business:

The Historical Committee will be in touch with one of the Club's original members, Steve Tripp, to gain some valuable history of ICRC. There was a request for ideas for future presentations or activities.

Motion to Adjourn:	KB1TBL	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

There was no presentation made this month due to the final preparations for Field Day.



Field Day

This year's Field Day operating event was a spectacular success! We almost doubled our score from last year! We set a new record for the club score - highest ever! (Be sure to attend this month's meeting to get all the details.) This was quite an accomplishment considering the propagation conditions. The only bands that were really active were 40 meters and 20 meters. There was also some good activity on 80 meters as well. The 15 and 10 meter bands were not very good, but some digital contacts were made there. A slight opening on the 6 meter band also allowed some contacts to be made there.

The weather was not so great. It was cloudy and a little too cold for late June. We were able to get the portable tower and the other wire antennas set up before the rain started. It rained all evening and into the night, but it stopped by morning. Since all the operating positions were inside the barn, the rain didn't bother us that much.

Special thanks go out to Al and Linda for doing a great job on the meals again this year. There was always plenty of delicious food available for all the meals and in between too. Also thanks to those who assisted with the grill.

Special thanks also go out to Scott and Matt who set up the computer network so that the logging programs at each operating position could talk to each other. Not one dupe!

Also special thanks go out to Steve and Nick who did most of the heavy lifting in setting up and taking down the tower, beam, and wire antennas. (It's nice to have young people in the club!)

Field Day – cont'd

Participating in this year's Field Day operating event were (in no particular order):

Jim - AB1NH, Paul - W1PMD, Tom - KB1WEZ, Ron - KC1CWN, Al - N1JWF, Linda, Sue - KC1CLK, Chris - KA1NDE, Matt - KC1CQO, Scott - N1EZY, John – KC1ECT, Dave - KB1TBL, Steve - KB1RRR, Sue - KB1VPY, Peter - KB1KZC, Nick - KB1SNL, Rick - N1JGR, and Dan - W1ZFG.

Here are some pictures courtesy of Tom – KB1WEZ.



Where it all began.



Assembling the tri-band beam.



Assembling the 6 meter beam.



Up they go!



The 15M/10M/6M/VHF and Digital Stations



The 80 meter Station!



Operation in full swing!



The night shift.



The 20 meter station.



The crew!

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!

Annual ICRC Dues

The three month grace period will be coming to an end on July 1st. Anyone who has not paid their dues by then will be removed from the membership list.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

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

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