
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, September 18th 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 discussion about the upcoming acquisition of a local repeater club by the ICRC. The Board of Directors of the ICRC has been negotiating the terms of the acquisition with Board members of the other club for several weeks.

President's Message

Hi All, well we got through our busy season, summer has seemed to come slowly, but gone by so quickly. These are exciting times in the I.C.R.C., we have been in a program with Yaesu, thanks to N1JGR and his tech committee, so we have been able to upgrade our repeater system to allow analog or digital modes. Utilizing the Yaesu DX-1 Fusion system, our club allows those with analog radios to still use our repeaters, and allows those that have the C4FM Digital, Yaesu's system, to explore this mode.

One of our club members has come forward to start a new net on our system. It is the I.C.R.C. Sunday Night Net, at seven-thirty. Jon, KC1ECT, has put together a program for club members and those hams listening, to find out what's going on in our club. He would like to see members, and others, offer equipment they may want to offer to others. He also will let us know of upcoming events, and gives all check-ins a chance to let everyone know how things are going.

The C.E.R.T. net run by Chris, KB1YNE, is running every Thursday at seven-thirty, the group shares information on C.E.R.T. programs and events, all are welcome to check in, even if you're not a member.

N1JGR and his tech committee are working on linking our repeaters again so that we may get our coverage back, and the digital system is proving to be a challenge to them.

Our Field Day was a great success and it looks like next years will be even better. The 2016 Field Day is already being planned thanks to Steve, KB1RRR, who volunteered to head the event, and has already been able to fill some of the committee heads.

President's Message - cont'd

Last but not least is the pending acquisition of a local club that will bring another area of coverage to the I.C.R.C.'s repeater system. We will be adding another repeater system with all the bells and whistles, to our family of repeaters and their membership and history.

We will be setting up the upcoming year of events, so all will be aware of our event schedule and be able to mark their calendars for the events to take place and let the club know of events that members would like to participate in.

Our club sponsored VE Program is working well. VE Team Leader Jim, AB1NH, is doing a great job with candidates at each session and a good staff of VE volunteers.

So we hope to see our members at our next membership meeting this Friday the eighteenth at seven-thirty. Let's not forget to check-in on our nets and please use our system to chat. For event and club information, log onto our web site. It has pics of club events and lots of info!

Thank-you,

Peter/KB1KZC

President - I.C.R.C.

Last Month's Meeting

Date: 8-21-2015

Time Started: 7:30 pm

Time Adjourned: 8:43 pm

Attendance

W1ZFG	KB1TBL	KC1BLZ	KC1ECT	KB1WEZ	N1JGR
N1JWF	KA1NDE	KC1CWN	N1EZY	KC1CLK	KB1YNE
KB1KZC	AB1NH	KB1VPY	Linda		

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

President's Report:

Pete (KB1KZC) reported that the Club is in good shape, and that the VE sessions are going well each month – which Jim will tell more about later in the meeting. There will be some new business to discuss as well as an enhanced Field Day presentation after the meeting by Dan (W1ZFG) – back by popular demand.

Motion to Accept:	N1EZY	
Seconded by:	KC1ECT	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the July meeting were emailed by Dan (W1ZFG) to all members as part of the *Time Out*, and additional copies were available for those in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Not much change - the Club is doing well financially. Money in the bank and dues paid.

Motion to Accept	KC1CLK	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Admin VP/Web Master Report:

No issues to report as Admin VP. The web site is working well and we now have 53 Facebook "likes".

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

Tech VP Report:

The repeaters are generally in good shape and the digital function is working well. The 440 digital repeater is still in the box and will be installed and set up when Rick (N1JGR) can find time. New software is out for the repeaters (1.00b), and Rick will be updating the repeaters, as well as looking into analog linking of the repeaters. The noise problem on the 88 machine has been controlled by the squelch setting, resulting in a long squelch tail.

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

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

VE Report:

There were 3 candidates for Technician Class testing this month – 2 of the candidates passed the test.

Web Master Report:

(See Admin VP Report above.)

Old Business:

The 9/27/15 Bristol Mum parade was discussed, including meeting time (11:00 am), location (behind North Main medical supply building) and general duties. Ideally 9 to 10 hams would be needed to cover the 4 parade divisions (some possibly walking the route), reviewing stand, and net control. See or email Chris (KB1YNE) to sign up.

New Business:

Jon (KC1ECT) is starting up a new net, beginning this week (8/23), which will run on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm on the 147.15 machine. Jon passed around a net format sheet that outlined the mission of the net: provide information about ICRC activities, Elmer advice and information, amateur equipment swap-meet, and general rag chewing. Jon passed around a signup sheet asking for interested hams and possible net control operator alternates. After a BRC discussion, the members took a short break in preparation for the monthly presentation.

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

Monthly Presentation

By popular demand, there was an encore presentations given by our Treasurer, Dan Wall - W1ZFG about our tremendously successful Field Day operation in June. This enhanced presentation contained pictures taken by Dan, Tom, and John.

ICRC Net

On 8/23, a new net was started by John - KC1ECT on the 147.15 Burlington machine. The net meets on Sunday nights at 7:30 PM. The purpose of this net is to provide information about ICRC activities, Elmer advice and information, amateur equipment swap-meet, and general rag chewing. If you have any questions about ICRC activities, equipment you want to buy or sell, or anything about amateur radio in general, check in to the weekly net.

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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