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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, October 16th 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 of the next upcoming club building project. During the December meeting, we will be building PowerPole distribution boxes. There will also be a discussion of the plans for next year's Field Day operation.

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

No message this month.

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

**Date:** 9-18-2015

**Time Started:** 7:30 pm

**Time Adjourned:** 7:58 pm

### **Attendance**

W1ZFG	KB1TBL	KC1BLZ	KC1ECT	KB1WEZ	N1JGR
N1JWF	KA1NDE	KC1CWN	KB1YYG	KC1CLK	KB1RRR
KB1KZC	AB1NH	KB1VPY	Linda		

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

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

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

Pete (KB1KZC) reported that the Club is having fun playing radio – it is a great time to be a member of ICRC. Our new net, well run by Jon (KC1ECT), is on the air every Sunday night at 7:30. Field Day 2016 will be held on the weekend of June 25 and 26. Steve (KB1RRR) is the chairman for that event and is currently recruiting volunteers. The Klondike Derby will be the next Club event – Rick will provide details.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	KB1TBL	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

### **Secretary Report:**

The minutes from the August meeting were emailed by Dan (W1ZFG) to all members as part of the *Time Out*, and additional copies were available for those in attendance. We urge all members to volunteer for Field Day committees – the earlier we plan, the better the event. This year's Field Day was awesome despite the rainy weather.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

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

Not much change - the Club is doing well financially. Money in the bank and we are paying the bills.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KC1ECT	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1VPY	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

### **Admin VP/Web Master Report:**

(In the absence of Chris [KB1YNE], Pete provided the report). We currently have 7 volunteers committed for the Bristol Mum Parade. The volunteers should meet in the parking lot behind the Community Health Center medical supply building on Race Street between 10:30 & 11:00 am. The parade starts at 1:30, and it will take time to line up the divisions

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KC1CLK	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

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<b><i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i></b>
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**Tech VP Report:**

The repeaters are working well. Information on the 2016 Klondike Derby will be provided under new business.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1YYG	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**VE Report:**

There were a total of 4 candidates: three for Technician Class, 2 of the candidates passed the test (one with a perfect score), and 1 candidate for Extra Class, who passed and only got one question wrong. One of the new technicians tried for the General license but did not get a passing score.

**Web Master Report:**

(See Admin VP Report above.)

**Old Business:**

We had a great Field Day and Dan gave two excellent presentations on the event following the July and August meetings. Our next in-house event will be the Power Pole project which will be held following the December 18<sup>th</sup> (short) meeting along with a Christmas Party. The Club will provide the parts (for a nominal fee), and soldering irons for a fun build, and we will have coffee, juice, and snacks (cookies, brownies, etc.).

**New Business:**

The Boy Scout's Klondike Derby will be held on the weekend of February 6 and 7, 2016 at the Camp Barber facility, located at 333 Loon Meadow Drive in Norfolk, CT. Dress warm and bring radios and sleeping bags (if staying overnight). Rick (N1JGR) will provide a gear list and additional details prior to the event. We will be having our annual elections during the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

<b>Motion to Adjourn:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

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## ***Monthly Presentation***

A discussion on the ICRC acquisition of another club was held following the meeting.

## ***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 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!

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## ***Mum Festival Parade***

On Sunday, September 27th, members of the ICRC supplied radio communications to Mum Festival Committee members for the organization of the annual Mum Festival Parade in Bristol. This is the first year that the ICRC was asked as a club to provide radio communications for this event. In previous years, communications were handled by the Chippens Repeater Assn./Bristol Radio Club. In the last few years, the ICRC had been allowing the CRA/BRC to use the .88 machine, due to issues accessing the CRA machine from the downtown location. Several ICRC members who are also members of the CRA/BRC have been participating in this event for many years, so we are no strangers to this event.

The Mum Festival Committee was very pleased with the assistance the club provided and the club has been invited back for next year's event.

Even though the event was extremely successful from the viewpoint of the served agency (which is always how it is supposed to be), there were a few things that the club could have done better. Due to a lack of experience on the part of some of the newer members of the Mum Festival Committee, there was some confusion as to the time that the club was scheduled to arrive. Also, something happened that has never happened in the history of the ICRC - we actually had MORE people show up than were needed! (We should have that problem for every event!) Unfortunately, a few volunteers had to be turned away because we had already filled all the available positions. To prevent this from happening again, next year we will meet directly with the Mum Festival Committee to determine the exact number of positions they require, so that all who wish to participate in the event will be able to.

Participating this year for the ICRC were: Net Control: Dan - W1ZFG, Chairman Shadow: Steve - KB1 RRR, Division 1: Jim - AB1NH, Division 2: Ron - KB1CWN, Division 3: Bill - N1CHU, Division 4: Rick - N1JGR, Reviewing Stand: Peter - KB1KZC & Chris - KA1NDE, and Medical Cart: Sue - KC1CLK

## ***Elections for Board of Directors/Officers***

The Nominating Committee has come up with the slate of proposed Board Members and Officers, which will be presented at the October meeting. 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

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***Elections for Board of Directors/Officers - cont'd***

Executive Board:

President: Pete – KB1KZC  
Admin. V.P. Jim - AB1NH  
Tech. V.P. Rick – N1JGR  
Secretary Tom – KB1WEZ  
Treasurer Dan – W1ZFG

Dan Wall – W1ZFG  
Chairman – Nominating Committee  
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