
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, March 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 presentation by our President, Peter - KB1KZC on the proper procedures to communicate with a Net Control station during a Special Event. With the new season of Special Events that our club supports coming up, this will be a good chance for new folks to learn how to participate in these fun events. It will also be a good refresher for even veteran participants. (This presentation was postponed from last month due to a computer problem.)

President's Message

No message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date: 2-19-2016

Time Started: 7:30 pm

Time Adjourned: 8:20 pm

Attendance

KB1KZC	W1ZFG	N1JGR	KB1TBL	KA1NDE	N1EZY
AB1NH	KC1CQO	KC1ECT	KB1SNL	KB1RRR	N1URO
KC1CWN	KC1FDW				

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Minutes taken by: Dan Wall - WIZFG

President's Report:

Pete, Dan, and Arnie met with the lawyer to work on the merger of the CRA/BRC with the ICRC. The lawyer is in the process of generating the required paperwork.

There was a good turnout for the Klondike Derby.

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

Secretary Report:

No report - the Secretary was on vacation.

Motion to Accept		
Seconded by:		
Aye: 0	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Treasurer's Report:

Financially the Club is in good shape, and all bills are being paid. Donations for the battery fund would be greatly appreciated. We received the treasury from the CRA/BRC and it has been deposited to the club account.

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

Admin VP Report:

Our newly elected Admin VP, Jim (AB1NH), did not have a 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:

All repeaters are working. The noise problem has returned to the .88 machine, probably due to the return of the warm and wet weather. A meeting of the Tech Committee was held where a status update of all the machines was discussed. The committee is also looking into the issue of linking the Fusion repeaters and the de-sense problem at the .685 machine.

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

VE Report:

There was 1 candidate for upgrade to Extra Class who failed the test. There was also a candidate who passed his Technician test, but failed the General test. The newly licensed ham signed up for the free one year membership.

Web Master Report:

No report - webmaster not present.

Old Business:

The Klondike Derby was held last weekend. The weather on Saturday during the day was not bad, but it got down to -12 with a -35 wind chill factor on Saturday night. It was a good idea to cancel the overnight camping and Sunday morning activities. There were 20 patrols participating on Saturday - 18 scout patrols and 2 Webelos patrols. The scouts did great, despite the weather. Even the one emergency situation that occurred was handled well by everyone.

Thanks to all who participated. The communications went well also, despite the lack of our usual portable tower. The running of only the Day Course helped make the communications easier.

A suggestion was made to check into the possibility of using the Terryville Fairgrounds for our Field Day site. Members of the Location Sub-Committee will investigate and report back.

The setup of the Bike Race in April and the Boat Race in May will be discussed at the April meeting.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

New Business:

There is no information of the MS Bike Ride on June 5th yet. We will be contacting the MS people soon for information.

A proposal was made to install the 3rd Fusion System repeater at the .685 site and then to purchase a 4th machine to replace the 440 machine, using the newly-acquired funds from the CRA/BRC club. The remaining funds would be put to the Battery Fund for .15. The members present agreed to the proposal. The matter will be taken up by the Board of Directors at their next meeting on March 4th.

The question was asked of the membership present as to what kind of presentations/activities they would like to have at future meetings. Some of the suggestions were: The Cold War in CT talk, propagation, and mobile radio installation.

Motion to Adjourn:	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KB1RRR	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

The scheduled presentation on proper Net Control practices was postponed due to computer problem. The presentation will be made next month at the March membership meeting.

Shamrock Run and Walk

Bristol Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has requested the use of the 146.685 repeater to assist with traffic/crowd control at the 14th annual Shamrock Run and Walk event taking place at Chippens Hill Middle School in Bristol on March 19th during the morning hours. This event has raised over \$125k for shelters in the Bristol area over the years. Event details: <http://bristolct.net/roadraces/ShamrockRun.aspx>

ICRC/BRC 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/BRC activities, Elmer advice and information, amateur equipment swap-meet, and general rag chewing. If you have any questions about ICRC/BRC activities, equipment you want to buy or sell, or anything about amateur radio in general, check in to the weekly net.

National Parks on the Air



Following 2014's extremely successful Centennial QSO Party and W1AW Portable operations, the ARRL has announced its latest operating event. During 2016, the National Park Service will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To commemorate this event, the ARRL is sponsoring a year-long operating event. All amateurs are encouraged to contact various stations who will be operating from nation parks, national historic sites and monuments. Not only can you work these stations from your home station, anyone can go out and "activate" any of these sites themselves and become the station that everyone wants to contact. A complete list of sites is available on the website. There are several hundred locations listed, even some in the New England area. The event began on 1/1/2016 and will end on 12/31/2016. Already there have been numerous stations activating various sites around the country. The pile-ups have been sometimes quite large, showing how many people are interested in this latest operating event.

There are even several locations in the state of Connecticut. The Board of Directors will be looking into the possibility of having the club activate some of those sites a little later in the year (after it warms up). If you are interested in participating, let us know at an upcoming meeting.

For complete details, check out: www.arrl.org/NPOTA.

ICRC/BRC Sponsored VE Team

On the 3rd Friday of each month beginning at 6pm, the Insurance City Repeater Club/Bristol Radio 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/BRC. Since the ICRC/BRC 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/BRC. 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/BRC and include "ARRL Dues" in the comment line. It's that easy!

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

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