
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, February 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, we will have a guest speaker, Douglas Sharafanowich (WA1SFH). Douglas is a volunteer ARRL Section Youth Coordinator (SYC) here in Connecticut. He will be giving a presentation on "Sharing the Magic of Amateur Radio" to help us set up a Youth Outreach Program to attract younger members to the club.

President's Message

There is no President's Message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date:	1-20-2017
Time Started:	7:30 pm
Time Adjourned:	8:30 pm

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Attendance					
KB1KZC	KB1YYG	N1JGR	K1JMC	KA1NDE	W1ZFG
AB1NH	KB1TBL	KC1ECT	KB1SNL	KB1WEZ	KB1VPY
KC1CWN	KB1RRR	N1EZY	N1LGB	WA1SFH	

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

President's Report:

The Club is in good shape. Pete received an email from the Bristol Mum Parade people who want to give us a donation for our radio help last September and want us to help in other areas (parking lot). On January 7, 2017 Pete and Dan (W1ZFG) went to the ARRL cabinet meeting in Springfield where they met other hams and discussed ideas.

Motion to Accept:	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KB1YYG	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary Report:

The minutes from last month's meeting are in the *Time Out*, which each month is emailed to all members by Dan (W1ZFG). A volunteer sign-up sheet for the February 2017 Klondike event is on the front table.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Financially the Club is in good shape, and all bills are being paid. Dan is still waiting for a check from Winding Trails for our help with the Fat Tire Classic, and also from the Bristol Mum folks.

Motion to Accept	KC1CWN	
Seconded by:	KB1VPY	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Admin VP Report:

Jim (AB1NH) had nothing to report and could not make it to the ARRL cabinet meeting.

Motion to Accept	KC1ECT	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Tech VP Report:

No noises on the machines at the present time. The 147.15 machine went down, so Rick put the spare (440) Fusion repeater in its place. Rick was unable to fix the broken repeater. Rick brought some of his batteries up to the .15 site with Nick's truck (very heavy). They removed some old batteries and replaced some wiring. The .685 machine is running fine and is being used by the Nutmeg net.

Motion to Accept	KB1RRR	
Seconded by:	KB1VPY	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

VE Report:

There were three candidates this month: one for Technician licensing, one for General, and one for Extra. The technician candidate passed and Extra also passed, and with a perfect score! The General candidate passed that exam and then also passed the Extra exam.

Web Master Report:

The webmaster was not present. Pete has been in contact with Chris (KB1YNE) and will have him update the website and also contact Scott (N1EZY) about taking over the webmaster duties.

Old Business:

Field Day will be discussed next month.

New Business:

Red Cross volunteer certification has been completed by John, Tom, Scott, Jon, and Rick, and Dave is in the process. Rick gave a presentation on the upcoming (2/11 and 2/12/17) Klondike Derby. Be there at 6:30 am on Saturday so that you can be placed at your station ("towns") on time for the start of the event or if you are coming just Sunday, be there at 7:30 am. Additional details of the Klondike were given.

Douglas Sharafanowich (WA1SFH) of CT ARES was at the meeting and he will do a presentation on getting young people involved with amateur radio at the February Club meeting. It is an outreach program called "Share the Magic" of amateur radio.

The members then discussed the upcoming 2017 volunteer radio events, including the April 23 Winding Trails Fat Tire Classic dirt bike race, the May 13 Boateaters Farmington River canoe/kayak race, and the June 4 MS Windsor Bike Ride.

Motion to Adjourn:	KC1CWN	
Seconded by:	KB1YYG	
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 2

Monthly Presentation

Rick - N1JGR gave a presentation on the up-coming Klondike Derby that we will be supporting again.

Klondike Derby

Once again this year, members of the ICRC provided radio communications for the annual Boy Scouts Klondike Derby, which was held at the June Norcross Webster Scout Camp in Andover, CT.

Participating in the course set-up on 2/4/17 were: Scott - N1EZY, Dave - KB1TBL, Peter - KB1KZC, Lloyd - KC1EWG, Steve - KB1RRR, Rick - N1JGR, Ron - KC1CWN, John - N1LGB, Chris - KA1NDE and Barb - KB1RRS.

Participating in the event on Saturday and Sunday were: Rick - N1JGR, Nick - KB1SNL, Peter - KB1KZC, Steve - KB1RRR, Colin - KB1YYG, Chris - KA1NDE, Ron - KC1CWN, John - N1LGB, Phil - KB1SCT, Ed - WA1LEI, and Kurt - KD1SSR. Participating on Saturday were: Dan - W1ZFG and Lloyd - KC1EWG. Participating on Sunday was: Tom - KB1WEZ.

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!

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.

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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