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# Time Out

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

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, March 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 "Show and Tell" about test equipment related to amateur radio. Bring your multimeters, spectrum analyzers, antenna testers, Bird wattmeters, etc, to show the group and explain how you use it.

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

There is no President's Message this month.

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

<b>Date:</b> 2-17-2017
<b>Time Started:</b> 7:30 pm
<b>Time Adjourned:</b> 7:59 pm

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

Attendance					
KB1KZC	NIURO	NIJGR	KIJMC	KA1NDE	W1ZFG
AB1NH	KB1TBL	KC1ECT	KB1SNL	KB1WEZ	KB1VPY
KC1CWN	KB1RRR	AD1LL	K1HEJ	WA1SFH	
Matt	Toby				

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

**President's Report:**

The Club is in good shape and we had a great Klondike event. More on the Klondike during Old Business

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

**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 April 2017 Winding Trails bike race event is on the front table.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1VPY	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**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. Got a bill for the .88 tower site which was paid. The battery fund could use more donations.

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

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

**Admin VP Report:**

Jim (AB1NH) had nothing to report and could not make it to the Klondike event.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	K1HEJ	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**Tech VP Report:**

No report.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	AD1LL	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**VE Report:**

There were two candidates this month: one for Technician licensing and one for General. Both passed their tests and the Tech had a perfect score! Both tried for the next license level and neither passed.

**Web Master Report:**

The webmaster was not present.

**Old Business:**

A great Klondike was had by all. The members present ate well and worked a fantastic radio event. There were 7 overnight patrols and 20 day patrols. Only one patrol got lost, but with the help of the hams was quickly found. Due to a Sunday snowstorm the overnight patrols were brought in by 8 am on Sunday when the even concluded.

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

### **New Business:**

Sunday April 23 will be the Winding Trails bike race. We need 13 to 15 hams to properly staff the event. It is a fun event with good food (some members cook on the course) and exciting racing.

The Farmington River boat race will be held on Saturday May 13. Eric will give a presentation during the April club meeting. We need about 10 hams for that event.

The MS Windsor bike ride is Sunday June 4. There are new requirements concerning background checks for that event, which come from MS corporate. Pete will send a link so the members who are interested in the event can look over the background check form.

We need Field Day members to sign up for the food committee. The Field Day committee will reserve the Winding Trails campsite we used last year but will also look for alternative sites.

<b>Motion to Adjourn:</b>	KB1TBL	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KC1CWN	
<b>Aye: 12</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

## ***Monthly Presentation***

Following the meeting, Douglas Sharafanowich (WA1SFH) of CT ARES did an excellent presentation on getting young people involved with amateur radio. It is an outreach program called "Share the Magic" of Amateur Radio.

## ***Klondike Derby***

Here are a few photos of this year's Klondike Derby.







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## ***ICRC/BRC Sponsored VE Team***

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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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