
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, April 21st 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 an informational and training session for the next two upcoming club events in our schedule. The Fat Tire Classic mountain bike race at Winding Trails in Farmington on Sunday, April 23rd and the Boateaters River Race on the Farmington River on Saturday, May 13th. Eric Jones from the boating club will be on hand to give us the latest details on the boat race. This will be the last club meeting before both of these events, so if you are planning on participating in these great events, you should plan on attending this month's meeting for the latest information. The club has done these events for many years and they are always a good time. Plans for this year's Field Day activities will also be discussed.

President's Message

There is no President's Message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date:	3-17-2017
Time Started:	7:30 pm
Time Adjourned:	8:30 pm

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Attendance

KB1KZC	KB1YYG	NIJGR	K1NFE	KA1NDE	W1ZFG
AB1NH	KB1TBL	KC1ECT	KB1SNL	KB1WEZ	KB1VPY
KC1CWN	KB1RRR	KC1HBU	KB1RRS		

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

President's Report:

The Club is in good shape. We have some upcoming events, which we will discuss in more detail during New Business.

Motion to Accept:	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
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 April 2017 Winding Trails bike race event is on the front table. This is my last meeting because I sold my house and I am moving to South Carolina mid April. I will remain a member and will listen for everyone on HF once I get my shack set up. Thanks for all the great memories!

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. The battery fund is slowly growing and could always use more donations.

Motion to Accept	KB1RRS	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Admin VP Report:

Jim (AB1NH) had nothing new to report.

Motion to Accept	KB1TBL	
Seconded by:	KC1CWN	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Tech VP Report:

All repeaters working well at the present. A Tech meeting was held on March 3 and they discuss the broken C4FM repeater and starting the process of replacing the 147.15 repeater site batteries. They also discussed building a circuit that would automatically start a repeater power supply if the solar power get too low, to prevent damage to the machine as previous happened. Dan (W1ZFG) will build the circuit using Arduino technology. With respect to the recent heavy snowfall, the 147.15 solar panels are angled so that they get maximum sunlight but also shed the snow.

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

VE Report:

There were two candidates this month: one candidate for Technician licensing who passed with a perfect score (but did not opt for the General test). The second candidate had a lapsed license and first passes the Tech exam, which gave him a General license and then took and passes the Extra exam.

Web Master Report:

The webmaster was not present.

Old Business:

Pete (KB1KZC) talked with the MS people who have backed down on the need for all hams to have background checks, and now will only require checks on hams who ride in Sag Wagons. Pete will provide the link for the background check info for any volunteer interested in riding in the Sag Wagons for the June MS Bike Ride event. However, we will need to cover the checkpoints first.

The members present discussed the upcoming volunteer events including the April 23 Winding Trails bike race, the May 13 Farmington River boat race, the June 4 MS Bike Ride, and Field Day.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

New Business:

Brian (N1URO) is willing to come to a meeting (possibly May) to discuss Packet Radio if the members are interested.

Next month Eric will present info on the May 13 Farmington River boat race.

Motion to Adjourn:	KB1VPY	
Seconded by:	KB1YYG	
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

Following the meeting, Pete (KB1KZC) and Rick (N1JGR) presented a very interesting show and tell on the various pieces of electronic equipment used in ham shacks, including antenna analyzers, multi-meters, spectrum analyzers, and oscilloscopes. Several items were on display so the members could see and operate the equipment.







Annual Dues Time

Once again, it is that time of year to begin sending in your dues payment for the coming year – April 1st to March 31st. Dues are necessary to support the operation of our **four** repeaters in Bristol and Burlington. Individual emails with renewal forms attached will be sent out to each member shortly. Mail the form, along with your check made payable to ICRC, to the address shown on the form. Or bring your check to the next meeting, forms will be available there.

Dan Wall – Treasurer, ICRC

Farewell to Tom - KB1WEZ

As he mentioned in his last Secretary's Report, Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ will be leaving us to start a new life in sunny South Carolina. Tom has served as our club Secretary for many years. He has been instrumental in the planning and execution of many of our club's annual events and activities.

The ICRC would like to thank Tom for his years of dedicated service to the club and to wish him all the best in his new location.



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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