
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, May 19th 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 Brian Rogers - N1URO about packet radio and the packet network. If you have any questions about any aspect of packet radio, be sure to be there this month.

Plans for this year's Field Day activities will also be discussed. Field Day is a little more than a month away and there is only one more meeting before the event. We still need people to assist with various parts of the event.

President's Message

There is no President's Message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date:	4-21-2017
Time Started:	7:31 pm
Time Adjourned:	8:45 pm

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Attendance					
AB1NH	W1ZFG	KC1ECT	KB1SNL	N1JGR	KA1NDE
KB1RRS	KC1FNQ	W1PMD	KB1RVU	KC1CWN	KB1YYG
KB1VPY					

Minutes taken by: Ron Lavoie - KC1CWN

President's Report:

No report - President absent.

Motion to Accept:	N/A	
Seconded by:	N/A	
Aye: 0	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary Report:

No report - new Secretary.

Motion to Accept	KB1RRS	
Seconded by:	KC1ECT	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Treasurer's Report:

The bills are being paid. Battery Fund has \$1000.00, and it is time to pay dues.

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

<i>Last Month's Meeting – cont'd</i>

Admin VP Report:

Jim talked about a introductory radio class that Jim/John (KC1ECT) are having at the Sequin-Level Lodge in Newington.

Motion to Accept	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KB1VPY	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Tech VP Report:

All repeaters are working. Also discussed possible malicious noise on all the repeaters.

Motion to Accept	KB1RRS	
Seconded by:	W1PMD	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

VE Report:

One candidate for Extra, and he passed (John - KC1ECT).

Web Master Report:

The webmaster was not present.

Old Business:

Eric from the Boateaters race discussed the 12:00 pm start time, course safety procedures, and the sweep boat process.

Fat Tire bike race course, and check points were discussed. This year's race the course is running in reverse.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

New Business:

Field Day at Winding Trails. bonus points, antenna placement, and maybe more stations.

Eastnet a classic packet meeting that will be held June 3, 2017 at 9:00 am, on the third floor of the Farmington Red Cross was discussed. Everyone is welcome, you do not need to be a Red Cross person.

Talked about MS/ Windsor bike ride sag wagon back ground check that is required.

Motion to Adjourn:	KC1ECT	
Seconded by:	KB1RRS	
Aye: 12	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

Following the meeting, Eric Jones from the Boateater's Race discussed safety procedures for participants in the upcoming race.

Rick - (N1JGR) also gave a presentation on the upcoming Fat Tire Bike Race at Winding Trails in Farmington.

Fat Tire Classic Bike Race

The Fat Tire Bike Race was held on Sunday, April 23rd. It was a great day with the weather in the mid to upper 60's. They had about 450 riders that arrived to race. This year was the first year that they ran the course in reverse of how it was normally run for the past 20 years. They asked us to cover 7 check points, but we could not due to the fact that we only had enough people to cover 6. It would have been nice to cover all the spots. There were 2 riders that required them to be carried off the course with minor injuries. Oh, did I forget to mention we also played radio.

We are scheduled to use 3 campsites this year for Field Day. which is a very large donation. We are also planning to work the race next year.

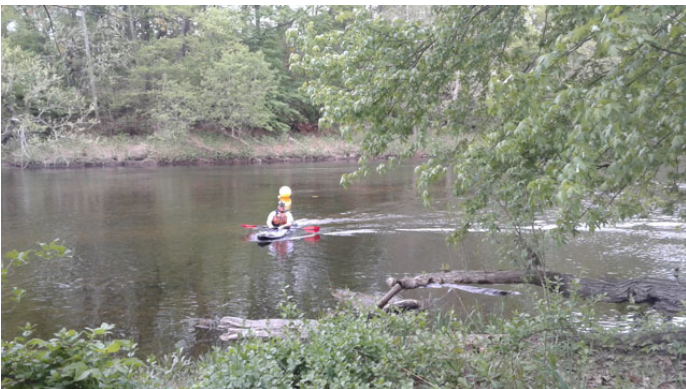
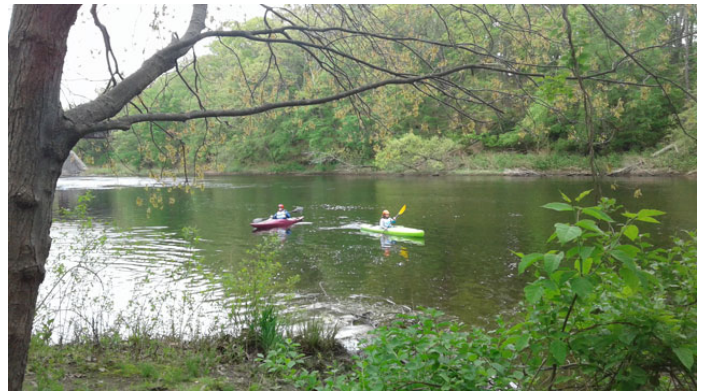
Those that attended the event were: Chris - KA1NDE, Barbara - KB1RRS, Jim - AB1NH, Rick - N1JGR, Nick - KB1SNL, Peter - KB1KZC, Steve - KB11RRR, Dan - W1ZFG, Ron - KC1CWN, Colin - KB1YYG, and Shawn.

Boateater's Canoe and Kayak Race

On Saturday, May 13, members of the ICRC provided radio communications for the annual Boateater's Canoe and Kayak Race held on the Farmington River from Burlington to Farmington. This is the 7th year in a row that we have supported this event, and the race organizers and participants were very grateful for our assistance.

Despite predictions of heavy rain beginning around the 12 noon start time, the rain held off until the race was finished. Skies were overcast and temperatures were unseasonably low for a day in May. Several participants were dumped into the chilly waters, but all were safely rescued under the watchful eyes of the ICRC members positioned at strategic checkpoints throughout the course. Only one boat was unable to complete the course.

Participating for the ICRC this year were: Rick - N1JGR, Ron - KC1CWN, Jim - AB1NH, Peter - KB1KZC, Nick - KB1SNL, John - KC1ECT, Matt - KC1HBU, Dan - W1ZFG, and Collin - KB1YYG.



Views from the Finish Line
Photos by Dan Wall - W1ZFG



The Crew

Front Row: Colin - KB1YYG, Matt - KC1HBU, John - KC1ECT
Back Row: Nick - KB1SNL, Peter - KB1KZC, Dan - W1ZFG, Ron - KC1CWN
Missing from photo - Jim, AB1NH, Rick - N1JGR (Behind camera)

MS Bike Ride

The ICRC will again be providing radio communications and support for the annual MS Bike Ride in Windsor on Sunday, June 4th. We require a large number of participants to cover all of the checkpoints on the 10, 25, 50, and 100 mile courses. Please consider coming out to support this worthwhile charity event.

Participation in the last few events has been a little light. We were unable to cover all the points that the event organizers requested, due to lack of participation by ICRC members. It does not cast the club in a good light when we make a commitment to support an event and then do not show up with enough members to adequately support the required checkpoints. We need more participation from club members for current and future events.

AmazonSmile Program

The ICRC is now able to participate in the AmazonSmile program. This program allows anyone who makes purchases on Amazon.com to designate 0.5% of the purchase price to go to the club. (This is a charitable donation from Amazon.com and does not increase the purchase price to you.) Our Treasurer, Dan - W1ZFG, recently completed all the necessary paperwork to enroll the ICRC in this program.

To use this program, do not log into the normal Amazon.com website. You must log into a special website:

smile.amazon.com.

There you will be asked to select the organization that you want the donation to go to. Search for: "Insurance City Repeater Club" and continue to shop as you normally would. The donation is automatically deposited to our club checking account on a quarterly basis.

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

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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