
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, June 16th 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, plans for this year's Field Day activities will be finalized. Field Day is only two weeks away and this is the last 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:	5-19-2017
Time Started:	7:38 pm
Time Adjourned:	8:05 pm

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Attendance

AB1NH	W1ZFG	KC1CWN	KC1HBU	N1EZY	KB1VPY
KB1YYG	W1PMD	NIURO	KA1NDE	K1ECK	

Minutes taken by: Ron Lavoie - KC1CWN

President's Report:

Boateaters race was good. One person fell in, but was not injured. We were short 3 people to handle check points, but we were able to make adjustments.

MS Bike Ride in Windsor is coming up on June 4th, and we need to cover rest stops, and sag wagons. We need to meet at 6:00 am, at the Griffin Office Park in Windsor. Please contact Pete - KB1KZC, or Ron - KC1CWN to sign up.

NEAR-Fest was bad due to the rain. Pete suggested that maybe this could be a club event in October.

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

Secretary Report:

No Time Outs were printed due to printer problem, but they were sent out to all members.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Bills are being paid. Quarterly rent bill for the 88 repeater was paid.

There is \$1200 in the battery fund.

Winding Trails made a generous donation to the club, and donated the 3 camp sites for Field Day again.

Please pay your dues to support the 4 repeaters.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

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

Admin VP Report:

Amateur radio basic course held at the Newington Mason's Lodge went good. 5 people showed interest.

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

Tech VP Report:

No report.

Noise on .685 was discussed, Tech Committee is aware.

Club is waiting for updated Yaesu repeater to come on the market, to replace broken one.

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

VE Report:

No report. No one showed up to take a test.

Web Master Report:

No report.

Pete talked to Scott - N1EZY to see if he can take over web site duties.

Old Business:

Winding Trails is the site for Field Day. We will have the same 3 camp sites as last year.

We will be working 4 radio's again. We will try to do cw with Dan, or Arnie to get extra points.

Steve-KB1RRR is working on a menu, and he can use a lot of help with the preparations. He put on a good menu last year, but he did all the work himself. He needs help! Any help from prep to utensils to cooking.

Especially cooking! Please contact him.

Scott-N1EZY will be the computer guru again this year for Field Day. He is looking to use 6 wireless laptops.

Do you have one that can used for logging?

Scott is trying to get tee shirts made for Field Day.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

New Business:

No New Business.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1EZY	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

The meeting was followed by a very informative demonstration of the capabilities of the Eastnet packet network by N1URO. Many questions were asked, and it was very interesting.

Fat Tire Classic Bike Race

The following is the text of the letter we received from Keith Garbart - Camp Director at Winding Trails:

"On behalf of Winding Trails, Inc., we would like to formally thank you and your club members for marshalling our recent Fat Tire Classic Mountain Bike Race."

"The club has been marshalling for us for several years now and we greatly appreciate it. It is extremely comforting for us knowing that we have professional and competent individuals out on the course ensuring our event is safe and fair for all of our participants."

"Please be sure to pass along our sincerest thanks to everyone who helped out with this event. We hope that we can count on your clubs support again for our Fat Tire Classic race next April."

MS Bike Ride

On Sunday, June 4th, members of the ICRC once again arose at 0-Dark Early to provide radio communications for the MS Bike Ride in Windsor. The event consisted of 100, 50, 25, and 10 mile courses. Members were stationed at the 7 Rest Stops to relay information back to Net Control stationed at the Start/Finish line. Luckily, the rain held off until the event was finished. Once again, the food was great - including the cupcakes!

Participating from the ICRC were: Rick - N1JGR, Dan - W1ZFG, Peter - KB1KZC, Nick - KB1SNL, Steve - KB1RRR, Chris - KA1NDE, Ron - KC1CWN, Jim - AB1NH, and Colin - KB1YYG. Also assisting were George - AB1GL, Kathy - KB1LPW, and Rick - KB1LYJ.



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

The three month grace period will be coming to an end on July 1st. Anyone who has not paid their dues by then will be removed from the membership list. (Former CRA members have one more year of free dues.)

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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