
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, July 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 two presentations by our Treasurer, Dan Wall - W1ZFG. The first presentation will be the annual financial status of the club. The second presentation will be the results of this year's extremely successful Field Day activity. Lots of pictures. Bring your own popcorn!

President's Message

There is no President's Message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date:	6-16-2017
Time Started:	7:30 pm
Time Adjourned:	8:45 pm

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Attendance

KC1CWN	AB1NH	KC1ECT	W1ZFG	KB1KZC	N1JGR
KB1SNL	KB1TBL	N1EZY	KA1NDE	KB1RRR	KB1RRS
KB1RVU	K1JMC	KB1VPY	KB1YYG		

Minutes taken by: Ron Lavoie - KC1CWN

President's Report:

MS Bike Ride went good. Several rest stops were not manned at the appropriate time, due to the lack of personnel. Adjustments were made on the fly to cover them.

Events that help support the club repeaters are getting harder to support due to the lack of participation. Please try to help.

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

Secretary Report:

Time Out is printed, and the Bristol Mum Parade sign-up sheet is now available.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Bills are being paid.

Motion to Accept	KB1YYG	
Seconded by:	KB1VPY	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Admin VP Report:

No report.

Motion to Accept	KB1YYG	
Seconded by:	KC1ECT	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Tech VP Report:

No report.

Motion to Accept	KB1RRR	
Seconded by:	KB1RRS	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

VE Report:

1 person took the test for Tech, and passed with 2 wrong.

Web Master Report:

No report.

Old Business:

John Chan- K1JMC, set up an appointment for Saturday the 17th, at 10:00am, at the American Red Cross to go over the new radio room. This is to discuss what will be required to move the equipment, and to bring it to a fully functioning room. All person are encouraged to attend.

Field Day this year will be held at Winding Trails. Steve-KB1RRR, and Jon-KC1ECT will be handling the food.

MS Bike Ride went good. Several riders got lost on one course due to a construction site, and the course not properly marked. The food was great again, and we played some radio.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

New Business:

Colin - KB1YYG was voted on the Board 6/15/2017, to fill the open spot.

Bristol Mum Parade is October 21- 24th. We need 11 radios to man the event. We will meet at parking lot on 22 Race Street for 10:00am. They are also looking for radio help on Saturday, which would be an all day radio event. We will get more info from Pete when he meets with them in July.

Motion to Adjourn:	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KC1ECT	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

There was no presentation last month due to the final preparations for Field Day.

Field Day

On Saturday, June 24th and Sunday, June 25th, members of the ICRC participated in the ARRL's Field Day event. This exercise is part emergency preparedness drill and part contest. Amateurs across the country gather annually to test their emergency preparedness skills by setting up simulated emergency operating stations in the woods, at Emergency Operating Centers, or from their home stations. Scores are kept based on operating modes and bands used, just to make it interesting.

While many people contributed to the operation, the club would like to give special thanks to Steve - KB1RRR for organizing the entire operation and planning and preparing the food. Also special thanks to Jon - KC1ECT for assisting with the food and to Scott - N1EZY for setting up and maintaining the computer network used for the logging programs for each of the four operating stations.

Also participating were: Dan - W1ZFG, Rick - N1JGR, Barb - KB1RRS, Lisa - KB1RVU, Paul - W1PMD, Peter - KB1KZC, Chris - KA1NDE, John - K1JMC, Sue - KB1VPY, Colin - KB1YYG, Dave - KB1TBL, Arnie - K1NFE, Nick - KB1SNL, Jim - AB1NH, Ron - KC1CWN, and Rich - WB1J.

A complete breakdown of the results and scores, including pictures, will be presented at the July general membership meeting.

Scout Expo 2017

The following was posted by Douglas Sharafanowich - WA1SFH. Doug is the ARRL Section Youth Coordinator for Connecticut.

If anyone from the club is interested in participating in this event, please contact Rick - N1JGR at n1jgr@icrcweb.org or Peter Paradis at pphiker3@yahoo.com

ANNOUNCEMENT:

"Scout Expo 2017" is a weekend camp-out of fun activities for about 2,500 Scouts in the Connecticut Rivers Council. This Boy Scout Council covers about 2/3 of the state.

What: Scout Expo 2017

Date: Saturday, Oct. 7

Where: Hebron, CT

Hours: 7:30 am - 4 pm

Amateur Radio Activities

I have been asked to plan and coordinate Amateur Radio activities for this event, and I Need YOUR HELP to make it happen.

Amateur Radio was a Big Success 2 years ago at "ConnJam2015" (Connecticut Yankee Council).

For "Scout Expo 2017", our plans include:

1) Get On-The-Air (GOTA) - Talk to The World!

Need:

- 3 HF/VHF/UHF Stations (complete with independent power sources)
- 9 Operators (1 General/Extra Class Operator min. per station)

2) Morse Code Center

Need:

- 4 CW Operators to introduce CW and teach groups of 8-12 Scouts how to send their name in CW

3) Radio Message Center

Need:

- 1 VHF Station (Voice and Data), with independent power source
- 2 Operators to originate and move Scout traffic via NTS

4) Data Communications

Need:

- 4 Operators
- 2 Stations for either RMS Express (P-2-P across the field), or MESH Networking (both with independent power sources)

5) Find "The Lost Patrol" (Boy Scouts) / "Find Ethan" (Cub Scouts)

Need:

- 4 Operators with Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) antennas and HT Radios
- 4 ARDF Transmitters ("Foxes") to Hide

Scout Expo 2017- cont'd

6) "Track the Council Commissioners"

Need:

- 1 Operator to staff the Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) Activity Booth
- 2 APRS Tracking Transmitters;
- 1 computer; 1 med/large Video Display (or Projector and Screen)
- Portable Wi-Fi Hotspot

7) International Space Station /Satellite Communication

Need:

- 2 Operators to demonstrate and talk about Amateur Radio in Space.

8) Amateur Radio Information Booth - with Mr. Radio Answer Man

Need:

- 1 volunteers for this Information Booth to promote Amateur Radio/Clubs and answer questions.

We **NEED YOUR HELP** to pull this off. It is going to take a team of 27 Amateur Radio volunteers in order to run these 8 Radio Activities. Will you be one of them? Great! Don't Delay!

Please contact me to volunteer and more information

ConnecticutSYC@gmail.com

I look forward to speaking with you.

Thank you.

73, Douglas Sharafanowich - WA1SFH

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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.

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!

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

For the latest Connecticut Section News, please go to the CT Section Web Page at: <http://ct.arrl.org/>

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