
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, October 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 a guest speaker. Joe Heck - K1LBG, a Red Cross volunteer will speak to us about the benefits and opportunities of being a Red Cross volunteer to staff the radio room during times of emergency. There will be a tour of the radio room on the third floor following the presentation.

President's Message

There is no President's Message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date:	9-16-2016
Time Started:	7:32 pm
Time Adjourned:	8:05 pm

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Attendance					
KB1KZC	N1URO	N1JGR	K1JMC	KA1NDE	W1ZFG
AB1NH	KB1TBL	KC1ECT	KB1SNL	KB1WEZ	KB1VPY
KC1CWN	N1EZY				

Minutes taken by: Tom Chapman - KB1WEZ

President's Report:

The fall season is upon us and we have one more radio even in this calendar year – the Bristol Mum Parade, which we will discuss further during old business. Elections are coming up in November, and Pete has named a Nominating Committee Chairman, Dan (W1ZFG).

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 sign-up sheet for the Mum Parade is on the front desk. A sign-up sheet for the elections Nominating Committee is also on the front desk.

Motion to Accept	KC1CWN	
Seconded by:	KC1ECT	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Treasurer's Report:

Financially the Club is in good shape, and all bills are being paid. We have not yet heard from Winding Trails with regards to a club donation for the Fat Tire Classic.

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

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Admin VP Report:

Jim (AB1NH) is still trying to get members interested in teaching license classes and again asked for those interested in instructing.

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

Tech VP Report:

Tomorrow, September 17, the PL on the 146.685 repeater will be changed from its current 141.3 to 77.0 to match our other machines. All of the repeaters are working well. The .685 has been quieter lately. Not sure why, but it may be the weather. Jim (AB1NH) recommended that we monitor the machine during the upcoming rain event to see if precipitation is contributing to the noise.

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

VE Report:

There was one candidate for licensing. In an unusual situation, the candidate had already passed their Extra test but had not yet taken the General. The candidate passed the General exam, and therefore is now a licensed Extra ham – congratulations!

Web Master Report:

The webmaster was not present.

Old Business:

The Bristol Mum Parade is Sunday September 25. Club volunteers will meet between 9:15 and 9:30 that morning in the parking lot behind the Community Health Center (395 North Main Street), which is located on the corner of North Main Street and Race Street in downtown Bristol. We need enough radio operators to man the 4 race divisions, the headquarters, the reviewing stand, and to shadow the event coordinator.

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

New Business:

The next radio event will be the annual Boy Scouts Klondike Derby, which will be held on the weekend of February 11 and 12, 2017 at the June Norcross facility off of Route 44 in Ashford, CT. The club now has the use of our own cabin for the event and it is a real good time. Come out to the event, dress warmly, and have a good time playing radio with the scouts.

Jon, KC1ECT, is looking for someone to spell him for the Sunday night (7:30 pm) ICRC net control.

Club elections are in November (11/18) and a nominating committee is being formed.

Motion to Adjourn:	KC1CWN	
Seconded by:	KB1VPY	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

Following the meeting, Tom (KB1WEZ) and Rick (N1JGR) showed off their radio Go-Boxes and John (K1JMC) showed a nice home-built emergency J-pole antenna/tripod setup.

PL Change on the .685 Bristol Repeater

On Saturday, September 17th, the PL tone on the 146.685 repeater on Chippens Hill in Bristol was changed to 77.0 Hz. This change makes the PL tone the same on all four of the club's repeaters.

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!

The Bristol Mum Festival parade

On Sunday, September 25th, members of the ICRC/BRC assisted the Mum Parade Committee with radio communications for the annual Mum Festival Parade thru the streets of Bristol. We provided communications between the Event Chairperson, the four parade divisions and the Reviewing Stand relaying information about line-up changes and other pertinent communications. The Parade Committee was very pleased with our support.

Club members who assisted with communications were: Dan - W1ZFG, Steve - KB1RRR, Tom - KB1WEZ, Bill - N1CTH, John - K1JMC, Ron - KC1CWN, Peter - KB1KZC, Chris - KA1NDE, and Colin - KB1YYG.



Tom - KB1WEZ



Dan - W1ZFG & Tom - KB1WEZ



Steve - KB1RRR



Division 4 on North Main Street



Dan - W1ZFG at the Command Center



John - K1JMC

Photos by Ron - KC1CWN

Red Cross Tower Work

On Sunday, October 9th, five intrepid souls from the ICRC/BRC braved the rainy weather to assist three tower workers with the antenna system at the Red Cross Headquarters in Farmington.

The ICRC/BRC crew helped the tower crew replace the damaged antenna on top of tower. The plan also included moving the tribander, due to interference with the top antenna, which was second from top, down to middle of tower, and then taking the fourth antenna down, and put it in place of the tribander. which did not happen as the wind, and rain picked up.

Assisting from the ICRC/BRC were: Steve - KB1RRR, Nick - KB1SNL, Ron - KC1CWN, Peter - KB1KZC, and Rick - N1JGR.





Elections for Board of Directors/Officers

The Nominating Committee has come up with the slate of proposed Board Members and Officers, which will be presented at the October meeting. The elections will be held at the November meeting, where the proposed slate will be voted on. Any member may challenge any of the positions by nominating another person and the selection between the two candidates shall be determined by secret ballot.

Board of Directors:

Pete – KB1KZC	Jim – AB1NH
Dave – KB1TBL	John - KC1ECT
Dan – W1ZFG	Tom – KB1WEZ
Rick – N1JGR	Scott - N1EZY
Nick – KB1SNL	Steve – KB1RRR

Executive Board:

President:	Pete – KB1KZC
Admin. V.P.	Jim - AB1NH
Tech. V.P.	Rick – N1JGR
Secretary	Tom – KB1WEZ
Treasurer	Dan – W1ZFG

Dan Wall – W1ZFG
Chairman – Nominating Committee
walldan54@att.net

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!

National Parks on the Air



Following 2014's extremely successful Centennial QSO Party and W1AW Portable operations, the ARRL has announced its latest operating event. During 2016, the National Park Service will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To commemorate this event, the ARRL is sponsoring a year-long operating event. All amateurs are encouraged to contact various stations who will be operating from nation parks, national historic sites and monuments. Not only can you work these stations from your home station, anyone can go out and "activate" any of these sites themselves and become the station that everyone wants to contact. A complete list of sites is available on the website. There are several hundred locations listed, even some in the New England area. The event began on 1/1/2016 and will end on 12/31/2016. Already there have been numerous stations activating various sites around the country. The pile-ups have been sometimes quite large, showing how many people are interested in this latest operating event.

There are even several locations in the state of Connecticut. The Board of Directors will be looking into the possibility of having the club activate some of those sites a little later in the year (after it warms up). If you are interested in participating, let us know at an upcoming meeting.

For complete details, check out: www.arrl.org/NPOTA.

Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary

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

For the latest information, visit our website at <http://www.icrcweb.org>