
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, October 20th 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 review of the Mum Parade and a presentation on proper net communication techniques.

President's Message

Hi All, the club season for playing radio is now over. We finished the Mum Parade with no major incidences, but just a little sunburn! It was a hot day if you were in the sun and a beautiful day to be at the parade. We had two club members in the parade, Ron - KC1CWN, was in the lead police cruiser, and Stephen, KB1RRR, was in the Parade Chairperson's vehicle. Our club covered all positions and Colin,KB1YYG, was able to shadow the medical personnel. Most of our members were at the parade HQ before the Mum Parade people so we were able to get to work as soon as the parade guys were ready. We had one member from the old BRC Bill, N1CTH, come and help out, thanks Bill, and thanks to all that helped, including:

Dan - W1ZFG Nick - KB1SNL Colin - KB1YYG
Peter - KB1KZC Jim - AB1NH Ron - KC1CWN
Steve - KB1RRR John - K1JMC Rick - N1JGR
Chris - KA1NDE Matt - KC1HBU

We had a good time, the parade was the largest they have had in years and they had a theme for the floats to use as a guide I'm guessing. " Home Is Where the Heart Is " was the theme and the floats were beautiful. It was great being able to cover all the positions and the parade people were happy for our help.

I want to thank all of our members and anyone that helped out at any of our events in the past year, and remind all that the cold weather is just around the corner and with that comes our first event, the B.S.A.'s Klondike Derby!

Thanks,

Peter - KB1KZC

President - I.C.R.C./ B.R.C.

Last Month's Meeting

Date: 9-15-2017

Time Started: 7:30 pm

Time Adjourned: 8:30 pm

Attendance

AB1NH	W1ZFG	KC1CWN	KB1KZC	KC1HBU	KB1YYG
KB1SNL	N1JGR	KB1RRS	KA1NDE		

Minutes taken by: Ron Lavoie - KC1CWN

President's Report:

The club is doing well. The Mum Parade is the last event of the year.

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

Secretary Report:

Mum Parade sign-up sheet is out. Please sign up.

Motion to Accept	KB1RRS	
Seconded by:	KA1NDE	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Treasurer's Report:

Tech VP cashed in batteries, which went into the treasury.

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

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Admin VP Report:

No report. All is well.

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

Tech VP Report:

Nutmeg net has a complaint with the .685 repeater when it rains. All equipment tests good. Tech VP will switch out repeater with a spare Kenwood repeater to try to eliminate problem.

Larry has a problem with the packet. Packet node goes to sleep when voltage goes above 14.2 volts. Tech VP will do research on problem.

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

VE Report:

2 people took the test. One for Tech, and one for General. Both passed. KC1HBU upgraded to General. Congratulation to both.

Web Master Report:

KC1HWY will be webmaster. More info to follow.

Old Business:

Mum Parade will be September 24th. Please meet on Race St. in Bristol for 9:30am. ICS205 will be emailed out. This year we will have a second repeater, and a simplex frequency as back up.

New Business:

2 repeaters that were approved require LAN boards (to link repeaters). These are at extra cost. All club members voted yes with no opposition.

Motion to Adjourn:	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KB1RRS	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

There was nothing planned.

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 Colin - KB1YYG
Rick – N1JGR Ron - KC1CWN
Nick – KB1SNL Steve – KB1RRR

Executive Board:

President: Pete – KB1KZC
Admin. V.P. Jim - AB1NH
Tech. V.P. Rick – N1JGR
Secretary Ron - KC1CWN
Treasurer Dan – W1ZFG

Dan Wall – W1ZFG
Chairman – Nominating Committee
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The Bristol Mum Festival Parade

On Sunday, September 24th, 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 Chairpersons, 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, Nick - KB1SNL, Bill - N1CTH, Jim - AB1NH, John - K1JMC, Rick - N1JGR, Ron - KC1CWN, Peter - KB1KZC, Chris - KA1NDE, Matt - KC1HBU, and Colin - KB1YYG.

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

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