
Time Out

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November - 2016

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, November 18th 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, our annual elections for Board of Directors and Officers will be held. This is the opportunity for the membership to decide who will lead the club for the next year.

President's Message

There is no President's Message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date:	10-21-2016
Time Started:	7:30 pm
Time Adjourned:	8:30 pm

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Attendance

KB1KZC	N1EZY	KA1NDE	KC1CLK	AB1NH	KB1RRR
KC1CWN	KB1VPY	N1JGR	KB1TBL	K1JMC	KB1YYG
K1LBG					

Minutes taken by: Peter Paradis - KB1KZC

President's Report:

The club is doing well. We had helped out with antenna work with Joe Heck and his guys. Really not much to report.

Motion to Accept:	N1EZY	
Seconded by:	KB1TBL	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Secretary Report:

No report - Tom - KB1WEZ absent.

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

Treasurer's Report:

No report - Dan - W1ZFG absent.

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

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Admin VP Report:

Talked about any interest in the club having classes.

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

Tech VP Report:

The .15 site in Burlington is on the charger. Batteries are no good. Some discussion on the repeaters, and deals he got at the NEAR-Fest.

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

VE Report:

1 candidate passed his Tech. Scott - N1EZY made the VE session to help out in case we needed 3 Extras.

Web Master Report:

No report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Field Day was brought up. Steve - KB1RRR, was speaking as this is his start for next year. He is looking for a chairperson for the Food Committee, or we will have to bring our own. Also a short talk on locations, including Winding Trails or the Terryville Fairgrounds.

The Klondike Derby was talked about. Dates are February 11th and 12th, 2017.

The slate for the November elections was read by Rick - N1JGR, First Slate for Directors, Second Slate for Officers.

Motion to Adjourn:	N1EZY	
Seconded by:	KC1CLK	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation

We had a guest speaker - Joe Heck, K1LBG. He represented the American Red Cross and explained that he needed volunteers for the A.R.C. to man the radio room in Farmington. You must be an A.R.C. registered volunteer in order to be able to open and operate. You must first do the on-line A.R.C. volunteer courses, then when you are asked to do day-long courses, you contact Joe and he will get you through the rest. Joe's email address is: Joe.Heck@RedCross.org

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!

Elections for Board of Directors/Officers

The Nominating Committee has come up with the slate of proposed Board Members and Officers. 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	Jon - 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

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/>

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