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# Time Out

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## ***This Month's Meeting***

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, November 17th 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, annual elections for Officers and Board of Directors will held.

Also, software upgrades for Yaesu radios with C4FM capabilities will be available. See article to follow.

## ***President's Message***

No message this month.

## ***Last Month's Meeting***

<b>Date:</b> 10-20-2017
<b>Time Started:</b> 7:35 pm
<b>Time Adjourned:</b> 8:30 pm

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***Last Month's Meeting – cont'd***

<b>Attendance</b>					
AB1NH	KC1CWN	KB1KZC	W1ZFG	KB1TBL	KB1VPY
KA1NDE	KB1TBL	NIJGR	KB1RRR	KC1HWY	KC1ECT

Minutes taken by: Ron Lavoie - KC1CWN

**President's Report:**

President read his message about the Mum Parade from last month's report. Boy Scouts of America Klondike Derby is our first event next year. More info to follow.

<b>Motion to Accept:</b>	KB1RRR	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KC1HWY	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**Secretary Report:**

There is an interesting ebook, that maybe of interest for club members to download for free. It is about how electronic components work, and how to test them. To get the free ebook, go to: [diygadgets.co.za](http://diygadgets.co.za) and click on free ebooks. Scroll down to testing electronic components by Collin Mitchell.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1RRR	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1VPY	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bills are being paid, and all is good.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1RRR	
<b>Aye: 0</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

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**Admin VP Report:**

Thank you to all that attended the Mum Parade.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1TBL	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1RRR	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**Tech VP Report:**

The 2 new Yaesu DR-2X repeaters are here. They need to be programmed, and research on how to link them is being done.

The .685 repeater was switched from a Yaesu DR-1X, to one of the old Kenwood repeater to see if the problem that Nutmeg net had has disappeared, but it needs to be rain.

<b>Motion to Accept</b>	KB1RRR	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1SNL	
<b>Aye: 0</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

**VE Report:**

6 people took the test, 5 for Tech, and 1 for General. All passed. 1 Tech had none wrong. 2 tried for General, but did not pass. Congratulations to all.

**Web Master Report:**

He is having a problem getting ahold of the web site host, will keep trying.

**Old Business:**

The Mum Festival parade was good. All positions were covered. This was the longest parade that Bristol had in sometime. The start of the parade traveled the route, and was just short of meeting the last section of the parade that was starting.

**New Business:**

The Boy Scouts of America Klondike Derby is in February 2018. It will be held in Ashford, Ct. More info to follow.

<b>Motion to Adjourn:</b>	KA1NDE	
<b>Seconded by:</b>	KB1RRR	
<b>Aye: All</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

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## ***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. 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

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Chairman – Nominating Committee  
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## ***Yaesu C4FM Radio Software Upgrades***

The two new Yaesu DR-2X repeaters have been installed at the .88 and .15 repeater sites.

Your C4FM equipped radios will still be able to access the new repeaters without software upgrade. But if you wish to take advantage of the advanced digital group features in the DR-2X, you will need to upgrade the software in your radios to the latest version. Both Rick and Dan have been thru the process (#\*% @!) and will have computers and equipment available at this month's meeting to perform the upgrades to anyone's radios who is interested.

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## ***AmazonSmile Program***

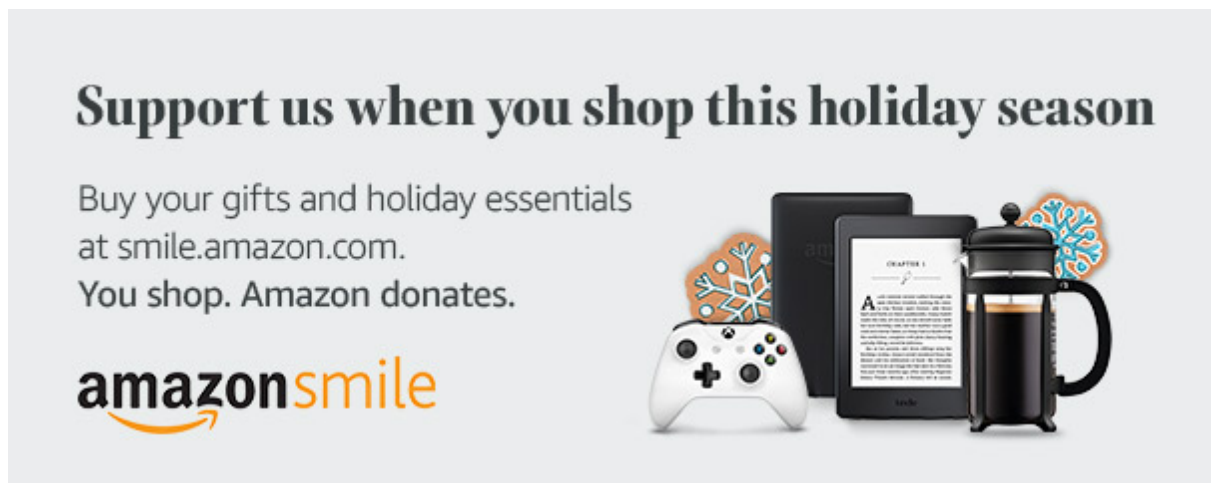
The ICRC is now able to participate in the AmazonSmile program. This program allows anyone who makes purchases on Amazon.com to designate 0.5% of the purchase price to go to the club. (This is a charitable donation from Amazon.com and does not increase the purchase price to you.) Our Treasurer, Dan - 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.

Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at [smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1243783](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1243783) and Amazon donates to Insurance City Repeater Club.



**Support us when you shop this holiday season**

Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at smile.amazon.com.  
You shop. Amazon donates.

**amazon**smile

The graphic features the AmazonSmile logo on the left. To the right, there is a collection of holiday-themed items: a white video game controller, a black tablet displaying a document with the word 'CHAPTER' visible, and a black French press coffee maker. Behind these items are decorative snowflake ornaments in orange and blue.

## ***ICRC/BRC Sponsored VE Team***

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:AB1NH@mindspring.com) Good luck!

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## ***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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