
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, December 15th 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, we will have our annual Christmas party. Bring your favorite treats to share. Beverages will be provided.

President's Message

No message this month.

Last Month's Meeting

Date:	11-17-2017
Time Started:	7:30 pm
Time Adjourned:	8:20 pm

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Attendance

KC1ECT	KC1CWN	W1ZFG	AB1NH	KB1KZC	N1JGR
KB1TBL	KC1EWG	K1NFE	KB1RRS	KB1RVU	KA1NDE
KC1HWY	KB1RRR	N1EZY	KB1YYG	KB1DOL	N1LEU

Minutes taken by: Ron Lavoie - KC1CWN

President's Report:

The Red Cross radio room project is moving along. N1EZY has designed the room, and is working on some final additions.

Paul- N6VOY is lead for the Red Cross Disaster Services Technology team. He will be familiarizing himself with the set up, and will add some of his ideas to the project.

AB1NH was assigned a project to finish painting of the .15 repeater building. Please let Jim, or Ron- KC1CWN if you will be able to help with this project. More info to follow.

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

Secretary Report:

The Boy Scouts Klondike Derby sign-up sheet is out. Please sign up, as it is a overnight weekend event. 16 radio's are required. It is an event that is held in February.

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

Treasurer's Report:

The 2 new DR-2X repeaters are paid for. All other bills are being paid.

Motion to Accept	KB1RRR	
Seconded by:	KB1TBL	
Aye: 0	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Last Month's Meeting – cont'd

Admin VP Report:

No report.

Motion to Accept	N1EZY	
Seconded by:	KB1YYG	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Tech VP Report:

It was a busy month. Set up the 2 new DR-2X repeaters. The .15 repeater was done first. The second repeater was .88, which required an appointment set to access the site.

The .85 is now digital, using 1 of the old DR-1X repeaters. Remember that we had 1 DR-1X repeaters that failed. The .685 is still a Kenwood repeater, and it is working good.

A 440 frequency was applied for to start the process to link the repeaters. Equipment is still needed to accomplish this project.

Burlington repeater has been off grid power for 5 years. Proving that Solar, wind, and battery power does work.

Motion to Accept	KB1TBL	
Seconded by:	KC1HWY	
Aye: 0	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

VE Report:

1 person took the test for General, and passed with a perfect score.

Web Master Report:

Updated all programs, and did a general clean up. All Time Outs are posted, and now up to date. The members list is updated, and now has a search function.

Old Business:

Boy Scouts Klondike will be held in Ashford in February. Date to follow.

Also a general discussion was held in regards to girls being allowed into the scouts.

New Business:

A question was put to the attending club members if we should purchase 2 more new DR-2X repeaters. With these new repeaters, linking is much easier to accomplish. The upgrade program (which has a very good price) ends the last day of December. All members voted yes, with no nays.

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

Monthly Presentation

There was nothing planned. The meeting was followed by the elections for the Board and Executive Board. There were no challenges for the Board. KC1CWN cast 1 vote for the Board as listed.

The election for Executive Board was held. There were no challenges for the Executive Board. KC1CWN cast 1 vote for the Executive Board as listed.

Elections for Board of Directors/Officers

The following members were elected to a one year term. Congratulations to all.

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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Yaesu C4FM Repeater Upgrades

Based on the response at last month's meeting, the third and fourth DR-2X Yaesu System Fusion repeaters were ordered and were received on Thursday. Two additional voice modules were also ordered and received. Our tireless Tech VP - N1JGR is now in the process of installing the modules and programming them for installation. One of the new machines will be installed at the .88 site in Bristol as the 440 machine. This unit will be linked to the .88 machine at the same location. The other machine will be installed at the .685 site in Burlington. Linking between the other sites will require finishing our wireless network, probably not until spring.

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 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.

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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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