
Time Out

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This Month's Meeting

***** NEW MEETING LOCATION! *****

The Red Cross is still not available to us for our monthly meetings. But thanks to the efforts of Harley – KB1VFN, we are able to use the Second Floor Conference Room in the Police Complex next to City Hall in Bristol. We will have an in-person meeting from **7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** this Friday, June 16th. (The new times are due to the limited availability of the custodial staff on Friday evenings.)

Parking is available in the lot across from the Police Complex/City Hall at the site of the former Bristol Center Mall. Enter the Police Complex thru the door on the left marked “City Hall West” on the North Main Street side. Take the stairs or the elevator inside the front doors to the second floor. Follow the signs to the Conference Room.

Final preparations for our annual Field Day operation will be completed this month. This will be the last meeting before the event. Please refer to the article later in this newsletter for further information.

President's Message

No message.

Last Month's Meeting

Date: 5/19/2023

Time Started: 7:13 pm

Time Adjourned: 8:20 pm

Attendance

KC1CWN	KA1NDE	AB1NH	W1ZFG	KB1TBL	N1JGR
Shawn	KC1RBY	KB1SNL	KB1KZC		
KC1CLK					

Minutes taken by: Ron Lavoie - KC1CWN

President's Report:

The Boat Eaters Race is no longer happening.

Field Day is still being worked on.

MS sent an email out looking for help at a Rhode Island event.

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

Secretary Report:

No Report.

Motion to Accept		
Seconded by:		
Aye:	Nay:	Abstain:

Last Month's Meeting - cont'd

Treasurer's Report:

Club dues are coming in and the Treasury is in good shape.

Motion to Accept	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KC1CLK	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Admin VP Report:

No report.

Motion to Accept		
Seconded by:		
Aye:	Nay:	Abstain:

Tech VP Report:

No report.

Motion to Accept		
Seconded by:		
Aye:	Nay:	Abstain:

VE Report:

2 candidates for testing, 1 for Technician and 1 for General. Both passed. Congratulations.

Last Month's Meeting - cont'd

Web Master Report:

Web site was down for some time. Problem solved.

Still working on members side.

Old Business:

- Fox Hunt: On hold
- Move .88 repeater: On hold.
- Field Day June 24- 25: Working on setting up a meeting.
- Field Day is looking into a GOTA station.
- Bristol CERT members interested in obtaining their ham license. Another class in the planning stage.
- Board is still looking for an updated logo for the club that includes Bristol Radio Club.

New Business:

Club looking into setting up a booth at Bristol West End Festival August 19, 2023.

Bristol CERT Team is looking into training club members in CPR. Sometime in June. Cost would be \$23.00.

Motion to Adjourn:	KA1NDE	
Seconded by:	KB1TBL	
Aye: All	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Monthly Presentation/Activity

There was no presentation/activity after the meeting.

Memorial Service for Les Andrew, KA1KRP - SK

There will be a memorial service for Les Andrew – KA1KRP on Saturday, July 8 at 11:00 AM at the Emanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106.

Les was a long-time member of the ICRC and his wife and two of his children are still members.

Field Day

The ICRC will once again participate in the ARRL Field Day operations on Saturday, June 24th and Sunday, June 25th. We will be in our usual location at the Terryville Fairgrounds in Terryville, CT.

Setup will begin on Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. On-the-air operations begin at 2:00 PM. We will need a lot of hands to assemble and put up the beam on the tower trailer and to put up the wire antennas for all the stations.

With the solar cycle on the rise, propagation on the higher bands is expected to be good this year. So we are going to set up a GOTA (Get On The Air) station. The purpose of this station is to provide an opportunity for any Technician or Novice licensees, newly licensed amateurs, other generally inactive licensees, and non-licensed persons to experience first-hand the fun of amateur radio by allowing them to Get On The Air. There will be an experienced operator available to assist people with their operations, if needed. Contacts made at the GOTA station are worth 5 points each, regardless of mode. (Contacts made at the regular stations are worth 1 point on voice and 2 points on CW or digital modes.) This will really help us get a good score this year.

We need some help with some of the equipment needed for the GOTA station. We need people to bring a table and chairs, coax cable, extension cords, and a radio with power supply, and an EZ-Up or tent to put it all in.

The club will provide food for the following meals: Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, and Sunday lunch. The club will NOT provide breakfast on Sunday morning. Please bring your own beverages and any snacks you would like to have. Also, please bring your own chair. We will have an EZ-Up for people to hang out in out of the sunshine.

If you have any questions or are able to bring any of the needed equipment, please attend the meeting this Friday.

So come on down for the good food and the good people. You can just hang out with the gang if you want, but we hope that you will get on the air too.

New ICRC Logo

The ICRC is considering updating the club logo, possibly to include a reference to the former Bristol Radio Club, which we acquired when we took over the former Chippens Repeater Association.

If you have any graphic arts talents or just some ideas as to what we should do, bring them to this month's meeting where they will be discussed.

VOTA - Volunteers on the Air

The latest year-long operating event for 2023 from the ARRL is the ARRL Volunteers On the Air Operating Event. The idea is to work as many of the ARRL Leadership, Staff, and Volunteers as possible throughout the year. Each contact is worth a different number of points. Every ARRL member is worth at least one point. But the point values go up from there, depending on their position in the organization.

For example: If you work someone who was a Volunteer Examiner (VE), that contact would be worth 5 points. If you work someone who was a Net Manager (NM), that contact would be worth 7 points. If you work a Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) or a District Emergency Coordinator (DEC), those contacts would be worth 30 points. HQ Staff Members and Volunteers are worth 50 points. The ARRL HQ Station W1AW is worth 100 points. ARRL Directors are worth 225 points. The ARRL Vice President is worth 250 points and the ARRL President is worth 300 points! For a complete listing of how many points everyone is worth, see the Volunteer QSO Points Table at <https://vota.arrl.org>

Just as it was during the ARRL's 2014 Centennial QSO party, there will be W1AW Portable stations on the air from each of the 50 states. Each state will be on the air for two one-week periods throughout the year. Each state will operate from Wednesday to the following Tuesday. Each W1AW Portable Station is worth 5 points. For a schedule showing each weeks operations, refer to the ARRL website at <https://vota.arrl.org>.

Points will be automatically collected from the LoTW uploads of these contacts. You do not need to upload your contacts to LoTW to receive the points from your contacts, as long as the other person uploads their contacts with you. All of the W1AW Portable operations and most of the other ARRL folks will be uploaded to LoTW. But if you work one of the lower value or 1 point stations, you should consider uploading your contacts with them to be sure you get the credits you deserve. (At least one of the stations in the contact must upload to LoTW for either person to get credit). There is a Leader Board on the VOTA webpage for you to monitor your progress.

For more information about this event, refer to the January 2023 issue of QST (page77-78) or go to the VOTA website at <https://vota.arrl.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 Police Complex in Bristol, CT. Due to the small size of the meeting room, we are unable to accommodate walk-in examinees at this time. Please email our VE Liaison (Jim, AB1NH) at AB1NH@mindspring.com 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>.

A.R.R.L Club Commission Program Changes

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 **\$5** 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. Make checks payable to the ARRL for the full amount of your membership. Mail your check and the renewal form that you received from the ARRL to: Dan Wall – Treasurer, ICRC, 94 Rowe Place, Bristol, CT 06010. Better yet, bring the check and the renewal form to the next club meeting on the third Friday of every month. Once the proper forms are submitted to the ARRL, they will send us a check for whatever commissions we qualify for.

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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