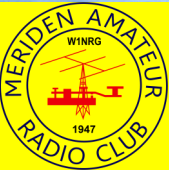


KEYKLIX

MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 7:30PM ON THE 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH, UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED,
AT THE COOK HILL FIREHOUSE / MEDICAL RESERVE BLDG 37 HALL ROAD, WALLINGFORD

OFFICERS

PRES W1KKF BILL WAWZENIAK

VP N1API AL KAISER

SECT KC1AXJ STEVE ALLEN

TRES K1WJL DAVE SWEDOCK

S.A.M. KC1ACN ROB CICHON



Business Meeting,

Thursday April 14,

7:30pm Club House

Activity Meeting,

Thursday April 21,

7:30pm Club House

Activity to be determined / We are still looking for an Activities Chairperson, please contact Pres Bill W1KKF if interested.....

Club News

Congratulations to Todd K1TDO who recently passed his extra Class exam and has a loaner HF station to get on the HF bands. He is putting up a new antenna also and should be on the low bands at any moment....He reminds everyone to check in to Two meter net on Tuesdays on 147.36 (W1NRG) at 7pm EST.....Congratulations also are in order for Ed Snyder who also recently went from new ham and callsign KA1FCJ to an Extra Class operator with new call W1YSM. A big thank you also to Ed W1YSM who in his generosity has donated money to buy our new Dunestar Filter... John K1VDF has a new 40 meter delta loop hanging off his tower.....New members Eric KB1EHE and Elsie KB1IFZ were heating up the DX bands from their Caribbean vacation on St. Kitts & Nevis as V4/KB1EHE. Quite a few club members were able to exchange reports with our new club dx-peditioners...

SKYWARN

Steve KC1AXJ reports that If anyone in the club is interested in attending a Skywarn class, It seems there may be a class held in Cheshire either on May 10th or 12th, it's still up in the air (I think they are looking at the level of interest responses). All the classes for our area are run out of New York (go figure) and really central Connecticut (our Wallingford/Meriden/Cheshire area) have no classes scheduled (closest are Salem and Norwalk!). I've expressed interest in attending, hopefully there are others. In order to get a spotter ID you have to attend a live class (even though the NWS has on line training). Let Doug WA1SFH know if you're interested in attending or send Brian brian.Ciemnecki@noaa.gov) an email expressing your interest.

MS WALK Cheshire April 17th

In past years ARES has done a pretty good job assisting with the Cheshire MS Walk providing communication at various check points. Walkers who can't complete the trek are spotted and the message is relayed back to the high school so 'the bus' can be dispatched and pick up the walkers. Water and other needed supplies are relayed through our communication ability as well so the workers at the event can be dispatched to take care of those needs. This year our presence is needed again. To date there are only three volunteers for this event, in past years we have between 6 to 8 folks that come to help out (usually half of the volunteers are from our club). Please volunteer to support communications needs for this worthy event.

Sunday: April 17th Cheshire High School 7:30 am - 11 am

To Sign up, please send an email to: Mike KC1AYL mhmeadows@gmail.com

CHRIS WA1VXH REPORTS ON NEW MARC LOCATION



On Monday 3-14-2016, Bill W1KKF, John K1LYP and I WA1VXH met Ernie St. Amant met us at our new home, the old Yalesville Fire House at 143 Hope Hill Rd.

Ernie took us on a tour of the building. The building has zoned heating and cooling, storage, lockers, male and female restrooms, showers and a case to display our plaques. Ernie is in the process of cleaning up the building, painting, installing walls, counters and electrical circuits. When completed, we will enough space for five operating positions. Two HF, two VHF –voice, packet and a Town Radio. We will be able to leave the equipment set up as the area will be locked. We are working with Ernie on the installation of the antenna's we need.

We discussed the possibility of holding various Amateur meetings/training classes. At this time, Ernie has reserved the second and fourth Thursday's of each month for our meetings. As this building will be used by multiple groups we will need to reserve any additional dates we require with Ernie.

Our first meeting at the building will be the business meeting in May. During the activity meeting that month Ernie will give a short update on the plans for us and the building. Ernie requires that we have badges for our team. As such, he will be taking photos for our new badges at the meeting.

Ernie is very sensitive to the club name the Meriden Amateur Radio Club. He would like us to use a name and logo that represents Wallingford. Let's view this as a nickname. Attached is the banner we agreed to. Let's review it with Ernie to determine if it meets his needs. The town will still use the garage bays for emergency vehicles. As such, we cannot park in front of them. The building has 16 parking spaces. However, the parking lot does not have any handicap parking signs. We as a club should leave one or two for people that may require them. If we need additional parking we can use the adjacent parking in the Moran School lot.

We should take a look at the items we are storing at Cook Hill. I am sure that we have equipment that we have not used in many years. It may be time to get rid of it. We must make a list of equipment that the town owns i.e. the T-6 beam and one of the HF stations along with anything else. We do not have a date that we must relocate the equipment we have in storage. All in all this is the best building the town has made available to us. Yes, we have a lot to do but it will be worth it in the end.

73'S Chris WA1VXH

THE WB1GYZ FILES



John Elengo, W1DQ became interested in short wave listening during high school years when he acquired a Hallicrafters S-53A receiver. He joined the Lehigh University radio club in 1956, obtained his Novice license and built a Heathkit DX-35 transmitter. A few months later, he traveled to the FCC office in Philadelphia and passed the 13 WPM General license as K1AFR, residing in Hamden CT. In 1966, he moved to Cheshire. In 1968, the FCC implemented an incentive licensing arrangement. To not lose privileges, John traveled to the FCC office in NYC and passed the 20 WPM Extra class license. He then applied for a 1x2 call and was assigned W1DQ (before vanity callsigns).

John holds BSME and MBA degrees and is a licensed Professional Engineer. He served 3 years as a US Army officer during the Cold War and, while in Germany, was issued the callsign DL5AX. He returned in 1963 and spent most of his working career at Revere Corporation of America in Wallingford in engineering, marketing and general management. During that period he gained international experience establishing a subsidiary in Europe and through membership chairing various model law and regulation committees of the US Scale Manufacturers Association, Instrument Society of America, National Conference on Weights and Measures, and the International Organization of Legal Metrology. With the acquisition and relocation of Revere in 1997, John semi-retired. He then served as a consultant with clients in North America, Europe and Asia including the US National Institute of Standards and Technology and Measurement Canada. Following the 9-11 disaster, he stopped traveling and fully retired. While raising a family and pursuing his career, John became inactive on the bands but maintained his license. His interest in hobbies had also transferred to US Cycling sanctioned bicycle racing where he gained 5 CT State Championship Gold medals in his age group.

In 1997, John resurrected his 1960's station (Drake II-B and Hammarlund HX-50) and, after 6 months of operating, updated to a Kenwood TS-870 transceiver (recently retired). His current rig is a FTDX3000D with an AL-800H amp that is seldom needed. Antennae are 160/80/40m dipoles, AV640 vertical, and 20/15/10 and 2 meter yagis. Not being a rag-chewer, he prefers CW DX. He regularly uploads his log to LoTW, QRZ and eQSL. John has found MARC a well organized and welcoming club.

Bob, WB1GYZ

ed. note: drop Bob a note if you'd like to volunteer for an interview.

rqdp@sbcglobal.net





Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) March 2016

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on March 10, 2016 with 19 people in attendance. Officers present: Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Dave (K1WJL), Steve (KC1AXJ), Rob (KC1ACN).

The meeting was opened and chaired by President, Bill (W1KKF).

Announcements – Next meeting is March 24th and is an activity meeting. No topic has yet been announced as of yet. On Monday March 14th Bill (W1KKF) and Chris (WA1VXH) have a meeting with Ernie St. Amant (about our club having to move out of the Cook Hill Firehouse and to the Yalesville Firehouse (Hope Hill Road, across from Sheehan High School). Bill and Chris will find more out on Monday.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves plus two guests

Secretary's Report – The February 2016 Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read. There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report – A report was given by Dave (K1WJL) and accepted.

Contributions – None

Correspondence – Membership applications

Program & Entertainment – MARC is still looking for someone to take this vacant Chairman spot.

Scholarship – Letters have been sent to the schools in Wallingford (Even years are Wallingford, odd years are Meriden). No applications have been received yet.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob (KC1ACN) reported W1NRG operated in NAQP SSB 2016 and we had four operators. N1GNV, K1TDO, N1ZN and KC1ACN operated for the club and obtained a score of 3139 with 73 QSOs. Many thanks for operating and assisting with setup and take down.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – The Activity meeting is not set however Steve KC1AXJ will present on the Software Defined Radio (SDR) and FPGA use if no one steps forward.

Nets –

10M – John (K1VDF) reported 10 per week

6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported usually get a little more than 10 check ins (hi hi).

2M – Todd (K1TDO) good turn outs.

Castle Craig – Spirit of 76 is in July, Summer QSO party is coming up too.

VE session – KC1AXJ will let Don know there is interest in having a VE testing session with two or three club members wanting to attend the testing.

Hamfests – We received a letter from Tom Frenay (K1KI), ARRL New England Director, letting us know that the Connecticut State Convention has been approved. The deposit for the hotel has been paid. There will be a meeting of the Nutmeg Hamfest committee within the next month. Schedule for the Hamfest is October 16, 2016 at the Four Points Hotel in Meriden.

Key Klux – Excellent job Dave.

Membership – Ed Snyder (KC1FCJ) General class and Steve Morley (W1LV) Extra class applications were voted on and accepted as new members into MARC. Welcome! Currently we have 68 members; however 12 members have not paid 2016 dues, notices have gone out to those members.

Interference and Technical – Rob (KC1ACN) let folks know he's working on a Ham Radio Deluxe issue with Dan (KB1ZMK).

Repeater – Not discussed

Instruction & Testing – Not discussed

Candy Store – Hat, \$10.

EmComm – Mike Meadows (KC1AYL) was not present. Steve (KC1AXJ) let folks know April 17th is the Cheshire MS walk. The Tour de Cure is June 12th (Diabetes). If you are interested in helping out with these let Mike know (mhmeadows@gmail.com).

Misc Old Business –

Field Day – W1KKF raised the question if we would want to have Field Day at Marcus Cooke Park. After much discussion a vote was taken if we would be operating indoors or from Marcus Cooke Park. The club voted to Operate field day from indoors.

Rob (KC1ACN) is working on the PhotoShop document for changing the Elmer of the year award wording.

Storage area (secure area) on the W1NRG web site was discussed. K1PU reported that for the most part the ability to store information to a secure upload / download area is done, just needs some fine tuning.

Robert (KE1AU), our QSL manager, will take care of uploading logs to LoTW. Chris (WA1VXH), trustee for W1NRG, took care of requesting the credentials from LoTW. When that post card is received we will give that card to Robert. In the future, W1NRG logs will be given to Robert so they can be uploaded to LoTW. In the future we may wish to progress to eQSL and QRZ logbooks but let's get LoTW done first.

Rob (KC1ACN) is working on an interface to get the club rigs to function in true RTTY mode. This is a computer interface that allows RTTY and CW operation from N1MM+.

New Business –

The new W1NRG license has been received and expires May 2, 2026. Thanks to Chris (WA1VXH) for filling out the application and taking care of this.

Rob suggested that we purchase filters (either mono-band or a 6-band filter). These filters are needed when we operate multiple rigs during some of the events like Field Day. Coax stubs could also be used discussed but having a filter box is a cleaner approach. We have one Dunestar 6-band filter and we need a second one. A vote was taken to purchase the filter with a switch (about \$500 total). The purchase was approved.

A suggestion was made to have ARRL 100th anniversary medallions to give out to visitors on Field Day.

Rob (KC1ACN) subscribes to K6TU propagation service. If anyone in the club needs propagation maps made let Rob know.

Meeting was closed at 8:20 PM

Meeting Attendees on February 11, 2016

Call Sign	Name
AB1DQ	James Suprenant
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olson
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen
KC1FCJ	Ed Snyder
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1BF	Patrick Dionne
N1ZN	James Savage
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1LV	Steve Morley
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann

KC1AXJ & his Noise Problem.....

Please type in this U-Tube address to play this rather intriguing video by none other than our own version of Sherlock Holmes, Steve KC1AXJ who was almost “Washed Up” in Ham Radio , with a rather nasty noise problem. before he “Dished” out some serious noise tracing strategies to find out where the culprit was.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CKolgfJUB4&feature=youtu.be

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CLUB NETS

6 MTR NET MONDAYS 8PM
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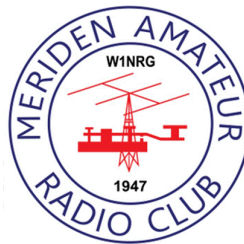
2 METER NET TUESDAYS 7PM
 147.36 /RPT K1TDO TODD

10 METER NET TUESDAYS 8PM
 28.375MHZ K1VDF JOHN

10/10 CASTLE CRAIG CHAPTER
 CONCURRENTLY WITH CLUB NET
 28.375MHZ TUESDAYS 8PM N1API AL

CLUB DUES STRUCTURE (JAN-DEC)

UP TO 64 YRS OF AGE--\$15/YR
 SENIOR DISCOUNT 65 & UP--\$10
 ADDITIONAL FAMILY MBRS---\$5



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CLUB REPEATER W1KKF/R

147.36MHZ +600 OFFSET
 NO PL TONE (OPEN REPEATER)

MARC MEMBERS

AB1DQ	James Surprenant	16	KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	16
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	16	N1API	Al Kaiser	17
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	16	N1BF	Patrick Dionne	15
K1IIG	Steve Tripp	16	N1GNV	John Bartscherer	16
K1JTH	John Hart, Jr.	16	N1GY	Geoff Haines	19
K1LHO	Mike Ash	16	N1HCA	Susan South	16
K1LYP	John Yusza	17	N1LGH	Barbara Stone	16
K1MVM	Mike Macri	16	N1NAN	Helen Spokes	17
K1PU	Mark Mokoski	16	N1OKF	Bob Parisi	16
K1RJC	Rick Castaldo	16	N1VTE	Sarah Kaczor	16
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak	16	N1ZN	James Savage	16
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	16	NY2HF	Dennis Lane	15
K1TG	Roger Kuchera	16	W1ATV	Walt Yatzook	16
K1THP	Dave Karpiej	16	W1CTN	David Arruzza	15
K1VDF	John Blevins	17	W1DMM	Dan Murphy	L
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	17	W1DQ	John Elengo	17
KA1NXX	Jan Rogus	15	W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak	L
KA1SE	Luke Laurentano	15	W1LV	Steve Morley	**
KB1EHE	Eric Knight	16	W1NHS	Fred Ring	16
KB1FYL	Robert W. Carruthers	16	W1POP	Fred Liedke	18
KB1GWP	Joseph Rish, Sr.	16	W1SKP	Skip Paquette	15
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	17	W1VCU	Nelson Denison	L
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	16	W7FUR	William Spokes	17
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	16	WA1JKR	John Rogus	16
KB1MMS	Ronald Slack	15	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
KB1SIN	Bill Brooks	15	WA1VXH	Chris Sievert	16
KB1TJD	Gaianne Jenkins	16	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	17
KB1ZMK	Dan Busa	16	WB1GGP	Jerry Sheppard	15
KC1AYL	Mike Meadows	16	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	16
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon	16	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	16
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen	16	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	16
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