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BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY APR 13 / ACTIVITY MTNG THURSDAY APR 27
****ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 7:30PM**** ON THE 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH,
AT THE HOPE HILL FIREHOUSE 143 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
*****WHEN SPECIFICALLY ANNOUNCED A SPECIAL ACTIVITY MAY START AT 6:30PM*****

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In Memoriam Dan Murphy W1DMM SK 1942—2017

We laid to rest our fellow MARC member, Officer and good friend, Dan W1DMM(ex KA1SZP) recently and he will be missed by all. He was a great mentor, Key Klix contributor, got our 501C3 almost singlehandedly, reworked the By-Laws and probably would be considered as the unofficial Legal Counsel for the Club or in terms of the God-Father Movies, he was the “consigliere”. Maybe now He will help us from the other side with a few hundred unexplained sunspots? 73’s Dan RIP

Haggie Winslow KB1HCC / Memorial Service for his Wife Sylvia Felix Winslow

There will be a memorial service for Sylvia Felix Winslow on Saturday, April 22 at 11AM at St. Andrew' Episcopal Church at 20 Catlin Street in Meriden. This is the Church next to Meriden City Hall on Catlin/East Main St. Please note that coming down East Main St from Broad St(Rte 5), the Church is after the city hall, on the right. There are actually three Churches in close proximity to city hall. A reception will be held at Violi's restaurant after the service.

LEARN MORSE CODE

Is there any interest in a Code Class? I will teach a class on Morse Code on Monday evenings for a few weeks. You WILL learn Morse Code if you follow the recommendations in this class. I am trying to get a list of students for this class so that I can reserve the EOC building. If you are interested in taking this class, please send me an E-mail to register. Send it to: W1KKF@ARRL.NET I am hoping to start this course after our next business meeting and I'll confirm as we get closer.

CW Forever,
Bill W1KKF

Special Report from Finance Committee

Your MARC Treasurer, Dave K1WJL will give a report on the results of the recent finance committee meeting and ask the club for guidance as we go forward. Please attend the business meeting this Thursday April 13..

Activity Meetings:

April 27 is not definite as of this time.

May 25 Sky Warn Training to be discussed

June 22 Field Day Prep—??

Congratulations to John W1DQ

He writes:

Not being a contester, just a dabbler, I got a surprise from ARRL in the mail today - an embossed certificate. It seems I was the 2016 June VHF Contest, CT Section, 2 Meter Band, Single band, Low Power ——winner.



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

MARCH 2017

March 2017

The MARC March business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on March 9, 2017 at the Hope Hill Road EOC. There were 27 members and one guest in attendance.

Officers present: Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Steve (KC1SA), Dave (K1WJL), Rob (K1RCT)

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

Announcements – Our next meeting is March 23rd (activity meeting).

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The February Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read.

Treasurer's Report – Dave (K1WJL) gave a treasurers report and was accepted as reported.

Contributions – none.

Correspondence – Three membership dues and a QSL card. DX engineering sent a letter explaining a monthly training via Skype that is available to our club. Steve (KC1SA) will forward to Ed (W1YSM) as potentials for future activity meetings.

Program & Entertainment – Ed (W1YSM) reviewed upcoming activity meeting dates and topics. Near term activities: March 23rd – Sorting club old library books, April - Activity meeting is open at the moment May 25th - Skywarn training.

As a reminder there will be a pre-training session before the normal activity meetings. On March 23rd at 6:30PM to 7:30PM the second part of Packet radio will be presented by N1URO. If you are interested in learning about Packet come to this pre-meeting.

Scholarship – Don (KE1AY) was not present. As a reminder, this year the scholarship is open to Meriden students graduating from Platt, Wilcox or Maloney High Schools and is \$1000. Steve (KC1SA) reported stopping by the three Meriden High Schools and delivered Scholarship information to the Guidance departments. A discussion was had about a club member's child or grand-child would have parity with a student applying from the eligible town school (i.e. A Cheshire member's child/grand-child would have equal consideration to a Meriden or Wallingford student). The scholarship committee will meet in the future to discuss an objective method for scoring applicants.

No scholarship applications have been received yet for this year.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob (K1RCT) presented status for the month. The Club operated the ARRL DX SSB on March 4th and 5th with 12 members participating, 480 QSO, 219 countries, 302k+ points.

John (K1LYP) has given the club a motorized projector screen that will be mounted on the wall above the white board. This will improve the projector resolution for presentations.

Nets –

6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported 11 check-ins at the last net.. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time.

10M – John (K1VDF) reported 10 check-ins at the last net. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time.

2M – Rob (K1RCT) reported for Todd (K1TDO) and reported 6 check in's for the 2M Net this past week. This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time.

Castle Craig – The 10M net on Tuesdays is also the requirement of 10-10 to have a weekly net. To become a member of the Castle Craig chapter of 10-10 see Al (N1API).

VE session – A VE session is scheduled for Saturday May 13, 2017 and is posted on the ARRL site too. Check in with Don (KE1AY) if you can donate the couple hours to help out at the session.

Key Klix – Dave (K1WJL) is always looking for articles from members so keep the information rolling into Dave. The mailing list Dave uses had some issues lately, keep an eye out for your Key Klix copy and let Dave know if you don't get the email a few days before each business meeting.

Membership – Three new members were added to the roster this evening.

Carl Nilson (KC1GEV) attended our last activity and business meetings and was voted into the club.

Richard Nagy, Jr. (KC1FJJ) attended our last activity meeting; Richard was accepted into the club.

Glenn Couture (KB1YFJ) also attended our last activity meeting; Glenn was accepted into the club.

Welcome folks.

Membership is at 80 with these new members.

Interference and Technical – Nothing to report.

Repeater – Not discussed.

Hamfest – Not discussed

Candy Store – Gold Medal Ideas now has several types of shirts and a hat has been added to our landing page for Meriden ARC on their web page.

Here's the link to Gold Medal Ideas: <http://stores.goldmedalideas.com/yqs>

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AuxComm – Chris (WA1VXH) had nothing to report. Douglass (WA1SFH) reported that the Cheshire MS walk is April 23. As in past years MARC usually has a half-dozen or so members assist with communication at the event. This year the MS society policy is that all volunteers must submit to a back ground check. Douglass is unsure if ARES Region 2 will participate in the event this year. We will hear from Douglass via his Region 2 emails.

Old Business:

Go kit –Chris (WA1VXH) has submitted the proposal to Len to see if the town will fund the build of the Go-box. Basically it’s the same Kenwood radio we have for 2M in the station with battery and mag mount antenna. Chris reported that Len and the town are looking positive on this purchase.

Education – Steve (KC1SA) reported no additional conversations with George Bikakis at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School. Steve will reach out to Choate to see if there is interest in this private school (at one time Choate had a radio club)

The finance committee formed, chaired by Dave (K1WJL) with Ed (W1YSM) and Eric (KB1JL) and Al (N1API) have not met yet, Dave said they will get together over the next couple weeks. They are to investigate the financial standing of the club. The committee will report its findings and recommendations at a future business meeting. The committee will investigate expenditures and income by the club, review current dues structure, holiday party costs and other costs by the club.

Mark (K1PU) is working to have a special operating event. We will have an open conversation at the next activity meeting to determine the details of the event.

Rides to the club: Contact Anne (K1STM@arrl.net) if you are able to be a HAM-UBER and help fellow members make it to meetings.

Skywarn session: A Skywarn training session will be held at the EOC on May 25th from 7PM to 10PM. Brian Ciemnecki at the NWS will have the training schedule website updated within the next two weeks. Sign up there to attend this training. Watch this webpage for updates: <http://skywarn.org/skywarn-training/connecticut-training-schedules/>

Background check / Survey update: Al (N1API) took pictures of some members this evening and did the same at the last activity meeting. Steve (KC1SA) will deliver the photos to Len. There are 23 photos so far.

New Business:

New venue for Christmas party: Al (N1API) will chair the search for a new venue now that Brothers has closed. Steve (KC1SA), Rob (K1RCT), Ed (W1YSM) and Bob (KC1GLM) will assist Al with the search. Budget is \$25 per person including meal, tax and gratuity.

CW class: Bill (W1KKF) is starting up a CW class and looking for attendees. This will be a class that will run one night each week, probably on Monday from 7PM to 8PM. The duration in the past has been 6 to 8 weeks. If you are interested send an email to w1kkf@arrl.net expressing your interest in attending.

Eric (KB1EHE) has been working on a wire design and will be getting preliminary prototypes from his manufacturer. Eric is looking for folks to help out with trying out this wire in various antenna applications. This wire is manufactured in a zig-zag pattern, jacketed in a polyester sleeve and can be used in various antenna configurations. The zig-zag pattern should offer advantages over regular straight antenna wire. Let Eric or Rob (K1RCT) know of your interest in being part of the beta testing team.

Meeting was closed at 8:45 PM.

FirstName	LastName	Callsign
John	Yusza	K1LYP
Mark	Mokoski	K1PU
Rob	Cichon	K1RCT
John	Blevins	K1VDF
Dave	Swedock	K1WJL
Eric	Knight	KB1EHE
Elsie	Mathews	KB1IFZ
Eric	Olsson	KB1JL
Glenn	Couture	KB1YFJ
Richard	Nagy, Jr.	KC1FJJ
Carl	Nilson	KC1GEV
Robert	Steers	KC1GLM
Stephen	Allen	KC1SA
Robert	Kaczor	KE1AU
Ralph	Ring	KE4EYA
Al	Kaiser	N1API
Frank	Ciccione	N1OKR
James	Savage	N1ZN
John	Elengo	W1DQ
Bill	Wawrzeniak	W1KKF
Ed	Snyder	W1YSM
Christian	Sievert	WA1VXH
Tony, Jim	Martin	WA1ZVY
Bob	Biancur	WB1GYZ
Steve	Waldmann	WV2LKM

From Jerry K1TGX

Playing in the ssb contest hoping to complete my 5bdxcc (worked anyway) since March of 2016.
Getting pretty close:

Non-deleted entities only

	Mixed	Phone	CW	DIGI	PSK	160M	80M	40M	30M	20M	17M	15M	12M	10M	6M	2M	Card	LotW	Challen
worked	202	165	191	0	0	0	99	138	0	150	162	104	11	18	1	0			6
confirmed	184	134	157	0	0	0	46	89	0	117	118	64	9	9	0	0	184	0	4
verified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Wonder how easy it will be to get 15m & 80m confirmed (and that last one on 80) - I'm thinking I better get into LOTW 😊

From Mark K1PU

I put my Raspberry Pi Streaming Radio software 'out into the wild'.

<http://www.k1pu.com/Software/Software.html>

Full documentation is coming, a bit slow with all the screen shots to edit, but it's coming!

PiStream Radio
Internet Streaming Audio Player
App Ver - 1.0.10

Local Time:
Mar 10 2017 - 08:34 PM
UTC Time:
Mar 11 2017 - 01:34

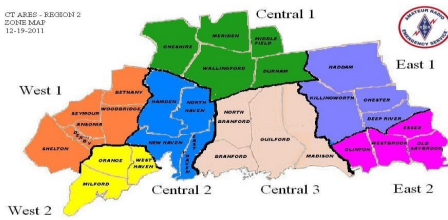
PREV NEXT PLAY PAUSE STOP MUTE EXIT

PLAYING 1/18

Station - **BBC World Service Online**
Program - The Newsroom

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SCREEN Network Status - RPi3-Mini7 Connected to Network
Local IP Address: 192.168.0.106 SLEEP 00:00



CT-ARES REGION 2

Douglas Sharafanowich – WA1SFH
District Emergency Coordinator, Region 2
WA1SFH@optonline.net

A request from the Rhode Island E.C.

I understand the Connecticut Tour de Cure is no longer being run. Rhode Island's is still active and I was wondering if any of your ham volunteers were interested in joining us for the Rhode Island Tour. It is Sunday June 4th. The start and finish is at the Pharmacy building on the University of Rhode Island Campus in Kingstown, RI. We provide communications to and from the rest stops on the routes and we provide the SAGs on the routes. There are 5 routes; 7, 15, 30, 60 and 100 miles. The routes cover a large area, most of Washington county east of route 95. This is a daylong event beginning around 0530. I included links to the RI tour sites below.

There are maps and other information for the rides on the site.

http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TourAdmin?pg=entry&fr_id=11070

Volunteer Sign up link is below (Check the Ham box)

http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=informational&fr_id=11688&type=fr_informational&sid=23771

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim Creamer

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From Rich WA1TRY:

Been very busy here while renovating the house. So I haven't had a lot of free time for ham radio etc. I've finally got to the point where the major work on the house interior is almost done. Over this Winter I've also been working on my ham shack. Still have some work to finish up but in a week it should be functional. Can't wait for Spring to get here so I can get started on my antenna farm. I attached a photo of my main shack progress so far. I will have 160 thru 6m, 2m and 70 cm. And I can run AM, SSB, CW and FM on all bands. At the end of the console is my home brew fast scan Amateur Television transceiver on 70cm (usually on 426 mc). I built that in the late 70s. It's been in storage for a few decades. Hope it still works. Not installed yet are transverters for 2m and 70cm. Plus the AC and DC wiring. The entire room is on a separate AC circuit that is separate from the other house wiring. In the base of the console is mounted an array of deep discharge batteries charged by a solar array. This will give me about 5 days of operation on battery power for the entire room. When on battery power, the batteries provide 13.8v DC along with 9v and 5v and 120v AC via an inverter for the AC stuff. Being a big QRP guy, everything runs at 10 watts or less. However I do have 100 watt amps installed for all bands if needed. Got lot's of plans for this which is the "shack" I've always dreamed of having. Right now I only have two antennas for 2m FM and 6m SSB mounted on a temporary tripod in the back yard. I'm looking forward to chatting with everyone on the air soon. :-)

73, Rich - WA1TRY



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CLUB NETS

6 MTR NET MONDAYS 8PM
 50.175MHZ N1ZN JIM

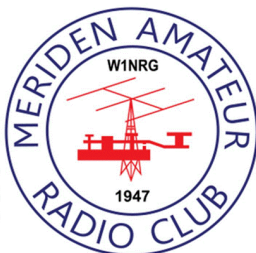
2 METER NET TUESDAYS 7PM
 147.36 /RPT K1TDO TODD

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



WEBSITE:

WWW.W1NRG.COM

FORUM/BBS:

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CASTLE CRAIG 1010 WEBSITE:

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CLUB REPEATER W1KKF/R

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

AB1DQ	James Surprenant	17	KC1EVI	Gerard Carriera Jr.	17	WA1JKR	John Rogus	17
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	17	KC1FJJ	Rich Nagy	17	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich	
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	18	KC1GEV	Carl Nilson	17	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
K1IIG	Steve Tripp	17	KC1GLM	Robert Speers	17	WA1VXH	Chris Sievert	17
K1JCF	Joe Farrell		KC1SA	Stephen Allen	17	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	17
K1JTH	John Hart, Jr.	17	KD1JG	Robert Cartier		WB1GGP	Jerry Sheppard	17
K1LHO	Mike Ash	17	KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	17	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	17
K1LYP	John Yusza	17	KE1AV	Dave Sanford	17	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	17
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	17	KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	17	WJ1B	Harold Kraemer	17
K1MVM	Mike Macri	17	KE4EYA	Ralph Ring	17	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	17
K1PU	Mark Mokoski	17	N1API	Al Kaiser	17	WY1U	Tim Mik	16
K1RCT	Rob Cichon	17	N1BF	Patrick Dionne	17	-----	John Stoidis	17
K1RJC	Rick Castaldo	17	N1GNV	John Bartscherer	17			
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak	18	N1GY	Geoff Haines	19			
K1STM	Anne West	17	N1HCA	Susan South	17			
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	17	N1JRC	John Collin Jr	17			
K1TG	Roger Kuchera	17	N1LGH	Barbara Stone	17			
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver	17	N1NAN	Helen Spokes	17			
K1THP	Dave Karpiej	17	N1OKF	Bob Parisi	17			
K1VDF	John Blevins	17	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone	17			
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	17	N1VTE	Sarah Kaczor	17			
KB1CIW	Bob Stephens	17	N1ZN	James Savage	17			
KB1EHE	Eric Knight	17	NY2HF	Dennis Lane	18			
KB1FYL	Bob Carruthers	17	W1ATV	Walt Yatzoek	17			
KB1GWP	Joseph Rish, Sr.	17	W1DMM	Dan Murphy	L			
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	17	W1DQ	John Elengo	18			
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	17	W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak	L			
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	17	W1LV	Steve Morley -***	16			
KB1SIT	Theresa Stephens	17	W1NDT	Bob Lombardo	17			
KB1TJD	Gaianne Jenkins	17	W1NHS	Fred Ring	17			
KB1TTV	Jonathan Martin	17	W1POP	Fred Liedke	18			
KB1YFJ	Glen Couture	17	W1VCU	Nelson Denison	L			
KB1ZMK	Dan Busa	17	W1YSM	Ed Snyder	17			
KC1AYL	Mike Meadows	17	W7FUR	William Spokes	17			
KC1CYC	Harry Shaefi	17	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin	17			

BLUE INDICATES NOT VOTED IN YET