

MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

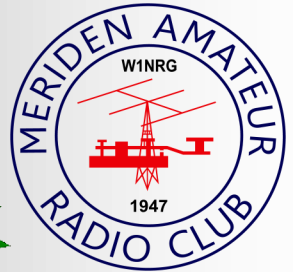
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Celebrating our 70th Year Anniversary



1947 - 2017



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BUSINESS & ACTIVITY MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL 2018

****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****

Election of Officers for 2018

Congratulations to President Bill Wawrzeniak W1KKF, V.P. Al Kaiser N1API, Sect. Steve Allen KC1SA, Tres. Dave Swedock K1WJL and Station Activities Manager Rob Cichon K1RCT for re-election to office at the November Annual meeting.

2018 Christmas Party---Thursday Dec 14---6pm at Serafino's Italian Restaurant

The December Business meeting and Activity Meeting are replaced by the Annual Christmas Party which will be on Thursday Dec 14 at Serafino's Italian Restaurant Doors open at 6PM for Social Hour with cash bar. Dinner served at 7PM. Cost for the dinner is \$25 per person. If you have not notified K1WJL of your intent to attend, please do so ASAP

Dues

The 2018 Dues have been restructured, \$20 per year for Kids (in this club, that's actually anyone under 65) or \$15 for Seniors(65 & over---most of the club). The family member category has been discontinued. See Dave K1WJL or Please make checks out to the MARC and send to M.A.R.C. POB 583, Meriden CT 06450. Multiple year Dues will be accepted. The Editor / Treasurer will now place a year after your call on the last page in the Member List to denote what year your dues are **paid up through**. So if you see a 18 after your call, you are all paid up, if you see a 17 then you owe for 2018 etc....

***Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanzaa
to all and to all a good Night---and of course
Happy FESTIVUS for the rest of us!!!!***

MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

70 YEARS 1947—2017

Its been a long journey, lots of QSO's both on the air and person to person, lots of silent keys and a remarkable technology trip along the way that would boggle the mind of those hams back in 1947...

We cant find the club historical records, someday they will surface but for now these are basically from the memory banks of some old farts who have not personally met Mr. Dem Enchia W1HO or his Uncle Al Zeimers, W1HAT.

The MARC actually has its roots in pre-WW II Meriden with amateur radio members at the old Conn. Telephone & Electric Company on Britannia St. Meetings were held at the facility, amid reports of many wire antennas on the rooftop and construction experiments with receivers, transmitters and associated equipment at the meetings. World War II saw the dissolution of all amateur radio activity and it was not until 1947 that a group of Meriden hams reorganized and developed todays MARC These included Frank Darmofalski W1FYG who was elected president, vice president was Howard Wessenberg W1HVF, sect was Herb Ellmers W1QPD (cousin to Frank W1FYG), and tres. Was Ed Bischert W1NRG. Notes from W1FD/FYG stated that dues were 25 cents per month, paid before the meeting)

The first official meeting location was the Ritz Restaurant / Hotel in downtown Meriden, followed by in no specific order, the YMCA (Floyd Steiner W1WEE worked there for years), The Undercliff Hospital facilities (State Mental Hospital on the Chamberlain Highway—many have said that was very appropriate??), The old beach house at Dossin Beach, The Meriden Red Cross Building (2nd Floor) on Colony St., Grace Baptist Church on Springdale Ave, the Saving Bank Building in downtown Meriden, second floor (those were very nice facilities!), The PBA Bar on Thorpe / Birdsey Ave(we are not bragging on this one at all), The PLAV building (an old historic mansion, now a mosque) on East Main St, Meriden. From there we moved to the ARC building on Cook Ave, which many are confusing with my (K1WJL)two-way radio shop a few doors up.

And hence, the move into Wallingford as we met for a while at WA1TRY's Computer Shop on Main St in Wallingford, (same complex as Hometown Pizza and entrance To Fireworks Island), then onto the Senior Center Complex / SCOW on Washington St for a long time, followed by Cook Hill Firehouse / MRC and now at the Hope Hill EOC..... 70 years of travel, a lot more then Moses and the 4X Radio Club....

Mane Rame W1STT was president in 1956 when a young teenager named Bill Wawrzeniak WN1KKF joined the club, Frank W1FYG was thought to succeed him and proceed on to be a very longtime President (on & off) of MARC until the 1970's. (The editor recalls Bill Baker K1WKH and Al Borden W1OWD also as Presidents in the late 60's.) when Dave K1WJL succeeded W1FYG as President. This occurred at the downtown bank building, second floor. Dave continued on as President/Vice President (swapping with K1VDF) until the mid-80's when his teaching career began to interfere. Things are a bit fuzzy as Al Baron KT1Y, Sherm Stiles WA1VHR and Al Alvaratorres WA1NPX/ AA1DO were elected Presidents also, while at the ARC building on Cook Ave. Shortly after, Bill W1KKF took the helm until John B. N1GNV, then N1ZN, and now W1KKF again. The Presidency of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club is traditionally a very long term affair. We apologize if we left someone out and please let Dave K1WJL know of the error. We are attempting to collect the historical data and digitize the info for posterity, please see K1WJL if you have any info, old Key Klix, pictures, newspaper articles etc.....

All of the original incorporators of the Meriden Amateur Radio are long gone, Frank Darmofalski W1FD (originally W1FYG& W1YY) was one of the original movers and shakers back in 1947 of the MARC, along with Emil Grieco W1LLH, W1NRG Ed Bischert, Mane Rame W1STT, Larry Willard W1ULL, Floyd Steiner W1WEE, George Raiselis W1BTZ, Victor Kaiser W1JAX, Larry Cooke(Cookie) K1QAH, Clive Neel W1QGX, just to name a few.

We are fortunate to have a few really old timers who where there from the 1950's , namely Bill Wawrzeniak W1KKF who is featured in the picture from about 1956 as WN1KKF(joined in 1956), also still with us is Nelson Denison W1VCU who resides in Maryland now. We are not quite sure when Nelson joined but it had to be in the late 50's. The next most senior member would be yours truly, Dave K1WJL who joined about 1962 as KN1WJL.

Now an interesting twist of events occurred, while researching this article, we learned a very young Al Kaiser would accompany his father, Victor Kaiser W1JAX to the MARC at the Dossin Beach Facilities which in a technical sense would make Al one of the oldest seasoned veteran of the MARC although he would not be licensed until the 1970's... Al has some interesting stories about activities at the Dossin Beach Clubhouse.



The 1956 MARC Club Picture
At Dossin Beach clubhouse

front row

From L-R, Stu Stockwell W1YAZ,
?? , Mane Rame W1STT,
Frank Darmofalski W1FYG / W1FD,
Emil Grieco W1LLH,
Floyd Steiner W1WEE.

Second row

Steve Ames W1WHR / N1SA,
a very young Bill Wawrzeniak
WN1KKF,
Doug Blakeslee WN1KLK,

third row

Vinny Sadlowski W1OOC, ??,??,
Back row
??, WAYNE MCDERMOTT / CALL-??
, Paul Lambert W1HJK,
Al Martin W1IFQ / ??-CALL)...,
Larry Willard W1ULL

MARC
most senior
active members

- 1956—W1KKF 61 Years
- ????—W1VCU—??
- 1963—K1WJL 54 years
- 1974 K1LHO—43
- 1975 K1VDF—42
- 1979 N1API — 38 (actually ++)
- 1980's WA1TRY—
- WY1U
- K1MVM
- K1PU/WA1ZEK
- K1THP
- K1TG
- K1TGX
- W7FUR
- WA1JKR

We will attempt to expand this
list, please let K1WJL know when
you joined the club....



**VERY YOUNG AND BEARDLESS
K1WJL**



K1LHO MIKE IN THE EARLY DAYS



W1JAX VIC KAISER



WB1GYZ BOB



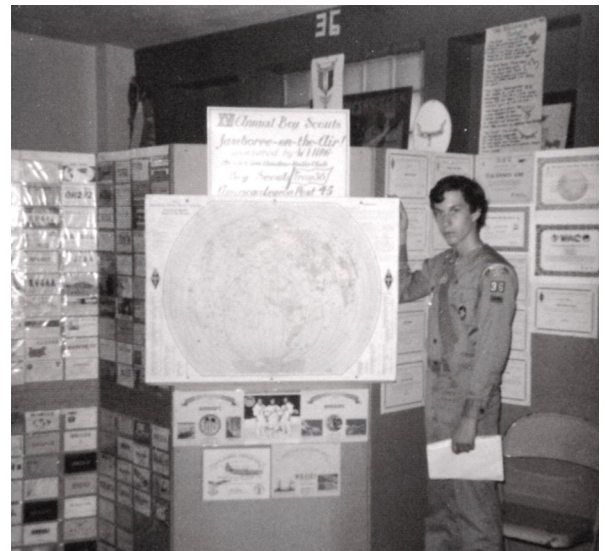
WY1U TIM



ROGER K1TG



THIS WAS A MARC EVENT AT BICENTENNIAL HALL IN DOWNTOWN MERIDEN AROUND 1982, PROMOTING AMATEUR RADIO..



MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

MERIDEN, CONNECTICUT

ARRL

Memorial **W1NRG** Station

ARRL

R E P O R T

March 4, 1982

DATE 1982

In order to maintain a growing and progressive Club of active amateur operators in this area, a coordinated plan of activities is advisable. An overlook at our situation and reports from the F.C.C. shows the downward trend of Amateur Radio in the last few years may indicate that a revitalization of Amateur Radio is of concern; especially since the average age of amateurs is approaching the upper 30 year bracket. The Meriden Amateur Radio Club, Inc. is following the trend.

An interest generator for the youth and general population is the new revitalized Public Relations Committee which aims to approach the problem with interest, sincerity and a positive goal.

Adolph Goodsell, W1ICQ; and Robert Hagen, N1AFL; have appointed Frank Darmofalski, W1FD, as Chairman of the group.

The Committee is anticipating the early sponsorship and approval of the Officers and Members of the M.A.R.C., of the following project proposals:

Country Fair Exhibit - Meriden Square
Meriden Library Demonstration
Boy Scouts
Rotary Club and other Service organizations
Air Show at Meriden Airport (annual)
Road Race - Meriden
Road Race - Cheshire
Road Race - Wallingford
Mini Amateur Radio Courses - Intermediate and High Schools
Novice Amateur Course - Adult Education (Meriden) Fall 1982
Meriden Centennial Labor Day Fair (Annual)
Others as interest dictates.

To Successfully promote the Program an MARC portable station is recommended. A carrying case complete with transceivers (Solid-State), mike, key, antennas and other necessities for 80 thru 10 meter and 2 meter FM coverage is being design planned as a voluntary action by the Committee for your consideration and acceptance.

The Public Relations Committee, for the MARC, welcomes and bids for the expertise of all the members which is necessary to carry out the Program.

Frank Darmofalski
Frank Darmofalski, W1FD ; Chairman

Adolph Goodsell, W1ICQ

Robert Hagen, N1AFL

30 YEAR??
NOW ITS
60+

THE ORIGINAL
GO-KIT!!!
TURNED INTO
AN AMERICAN
TOURISTER
SUITCASE WITH
A RIG
SITTING
INSIDE.

WB1AIIH BOB LAFONTAINE, 373 THORPE AV, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-6489
 NIAN GEORGE LUCIAN, 36 RED FOX LA, MERIDEN CT 06450, 634-3240
 WB1AOE KEN POST, 98 ELMWOOD DR, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-8120
 NIAPI AL KAISER, 194 GLEN HILL RD, MERIDEN CT 06450, 634-8430/235-1430
 NIAWE PAT McLAUGHLIN, 28 WHITNEY LA, BERLIN CT 06037, NOFILE
 AB1B CON HENRIQUES, 2899 HARTFORD TPK, NORTH HAVEN CT 06473, 269-5388
 KA1BEH FRANK BONITA, 28 BORETZ RD, COLCHESTER CT 06415, 537-1303
 KA1BIJ WALT VATZOOK, 77 BAKER AV So, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-5406
 KA2BNV DAVE BRISTOL, 68 ATKINS ST, MERIDEN CT 06450, 634-4869
 W1BTZ GEORGE RAISELIS, 265 PADDOCK AV, MERIDEN CT 06450, 237-3557
 WB1CTN JOE LOMBARDO, 978 SHUTTLE MEADOW RD, SOUTHINGTON CT 06489, 747-4864
 KA1DL JOHN O'CONNEL, 12 WILDEN RD, BERLIN CT 06037, 828-6226
 WB1DOX BOB JAMAUSKAS, 35 APPLE ST, WALLINGFORD CT 06492, 265-8874
 WB1DZG CHUCK HAYDEN, 70 SILLIMAN RD, WALLINGFORD CT 06492, 269-1732
 KA1ELC FRANK BIANCO, 87 KENSINGTON HEIGHTS, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-1558
 K1EUW FRANK TREIBER, MILLER EST BROAD ST, MERIDEN CT 06450, NOFILE
 KA1EX ART REHM, 88 DOUGLAS DR, MERIDEN CT 06450, 237-3484
 W1FD FRANK DARMOFALSKI, 66 HOURIGAN DR, MERIDEN CT 06450, 237-8634
 KA1FGE PAUL CIVALE Jr, 85 SURREY DR, MERIDEN CT 06450, 634-4209
 KA1FGF JUNE HAYDEN, 70 SILLIMAN RD, WALLINGFORD CT 06492, 269-1732
 KA1FGG JACK MACRI, 302 THORPE AV, MERIDEN CT 06450, NOFILE
 KA1FGH LOU MAGLIONE, 68 SUNBRIGHT DR No, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-2944
 KA1FGI CHARLES MOCK, 108 DRAPER AV, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-8810
 KA1FGK PHIL VIGER, 60 PARK ST Apt 94, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-8528
 KA1FSO KEITH MOORE, 145 DANA LA, MERIDEN CT 06450, 237-8762
 KA1FTG BRUCE MITCHELL, 46 ROSEMARY TER, MERIDEN CT 06450, NOFILE
 WB1FYN BILL LEXTON, 36 GARDEN GATE RD, SOUTHINGTON CT 06489, 628-4884
 WB1GEN BOB NILAND, 1087 BROAD ST, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-4865
 WA1GLJ ED TRELLA, 100 VALLEY VIEW DR, MERIDEN CT 06450, 237-2875
 WB1GRF STAN LIPKA, 330 RESEVOIR AV, MERIDEN CT 06450, 237-4831
 W1ICQ ADOLPH GOODSSELL, 137 CONVERSE AV, MERIDEN CT 06450, 238-2451
 WA1JKR JOHN ROGUS Jr, 250 MERIDEN-WTRBY RD, SOUTHINGTON CT 06489, 621-8791
 W1KKF BILL WAWRZENIAK, 633 WILLIAMS RD, WALLINGFORD CT 06492, 269-8252
 A1IL PAUL BOARDMAN, 14 SCHOOLHOUSE RD, WALLINGFORD CT 06492, 269-8282
 K1LHO MIKE ASH, 4 WOODMERE KNOLL, MERIDEN CT 06450, 634-1883
 WA1LYS FLORENTINO GONZALEZ, 26 LINCOLN ST, MERIDEN CT 06450, NOFILE
 KA1ML AL JARAS, 122 COLUMBUS AV, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-2378
 WA1MYX DAN BIERNACKI, 21 PARKVIEW ST, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-1365
 WA1NPX AL ALVATEZTORRES Jr, BOX 41, MILLDALE CT 06467, 235-8823
 WA1ONZ RANDY PETRUZELLO, 163 CHARLES ST, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-5042
 W1NRW WALT MARSHALL, 52 ALLISON AV, WALLINGFORD CT 06492, 272-3889
 K1TGX JERRY MOLAYER, 1008 SPLIT ROCK RD, CHESHIRE CT 06410, 272-5610
 WA1TRY RICH AUBIN, 168 KNOB HILL RD, MERIDEN CT 06450, 237-3762
 WA1TTC ED GRIECO, 115 BRITTIANIA ST, MERIDEN CT 06450, 237-7188
 W1UCU NELSON DENNISON, 2814 BIRDSEYE LA, BOWIE MD 20715, NOFILE
 K1UDF JOHN BLEVINS, 60 PARK POND CIRCLE, WALLINGFORD CT 06492, 265-3655
 WA1UGR ALDO ZOVICH, 79 HEATHER LA, KENSINGTON CT 06037, 828-6667
 WA1UHR SHERM STILES, 30 MONROE ST, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-8043
 WA1UW TERRY CLARK, 22 PINEHURST DR, MERIDEN CT 06450, 238-1190
 WA1UVA TIM MIK, 87 LYNN DR, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-8273
 K1UWL DAVE SWEDOCK, 77 OAK ST, MERIDEN CT 06450, NOFILE
 W1YHO FRED POLVANI, 55 HILLSIDE AV, MERIDEN CT 06450, 237-3898
 WA1ZDZ VIC CZNARTY, 90 SUNBRIGHT DR, MERIDEN CT 06450, 235-5860
 WA1ZGB DINO ZOVICH, 79 HEATHER LA, KENSINGTON CT 06037, 828-6667
 KA1BXX TOM FLOWER, 6 LARKSPUR DR, CROMWELL CT 06416, 635-1177
 KA1FCN STAN TOMUSIAK, 1670 KENSINGTON RD, KENSINGTON CT 06037, 828-6142
 KA1BEY LEONARD DUDEK, 152 SUNSET AV, MERIDEN CT 06450, 237-6131
 K1AF AL BORDEN, 1179 YALE AV, WALLINGFORD CT 06492, 265-6194



Bicycles, bedsprings and gutters.

Okay what does that have to do with ham radio, you ask? Way back in the early days of ham radio, sometime between spark gap and continuous wave technology, hams were experimenting with ways to get their signal into the air. They hoped that a like-minded communicator somewhere in the world would be able to receive and decode their signal. And thus the first radio QSOs began. From the early CW QSOs, to today’s modern ham radio communications one of the common tools that enabled these over-the-air conversations to happen was the antenna, or aerial. With the early evolution of ham communications the phrase “You can’t get there from here” would be today’s fake news. Ham radio opened the world and beyond to wireless communications for hams the world over. One integral part of every person to person QSO began with each side having a way to launch their signal into the ether. And as history has shown us, ham radio ops will try just about anything to that end. Yes we’ve all heard about hams “loading up” a bedspring to get that signal into the air. Over the years I have personally gone the route of using some pretty weird antennas. Some of my early attempts to use “what was available” ended up performing like a slightly radiating dummy load. And some actually worked.

Here is one of the strangest ones I’ve ever seen. One Field Day our good friend and fellow MARC member John, N1GNV brought his own “custom” antenna to the event. At the time we were doing our Field Days at the Godek farm in the Northwest corner of Wallingford, Our FD antenna farm usually consisted of a several hundred foot Vee beam fed with open wire ladder line and tuned with a KW Johnson Matchbox balanced line tuner. We also had a G5RV and some kind of tri-band Yagi that used a 40 foot extension ladder as a support structure. John showed up early Saturday morning and began unloading his “secret weapon antenna”. This antenna was a prime example of the phrase “use what you got”. And it actually WORKED. Yes a couple QSOs were made much to my surprise. That was the year of John Bee’s ***stacked bicycle frame antenna***. It was two bicycle frames stacked horizontally (for an alleged couple dB gain) on a pole with a tripod base. Its gain was probably in the minus dB area. Directivity was who knows? Gussed polarization was some horizontal, some vertical and maybe some at 45 degrees? BUT it worked and he made contacts with it.

Once while having an eye-ball QSO with Bob, W1EZG – SK the subject of “weird antennas” came up. He was one of the most interesting hams I have ever known. His travels took him all over the world and one of his antennas “born out of necessity” happened when he was in Africa. He was working in one of the vast open plain areas of Africa and the only “metal” available for miles was an abandoned railroad track that ended close to where he was camping. As the story goes, he somehow managed to load up a few miles of railroad track in some sort of configuration that ended up being a REALLY long wire antenna whose wire was REALLY fat! Gauge wise I guess it was 000000.0 <grin> As I recall from our conversation the thing actually worked “sort of”. The antenna was directive in one narrow direction with virtually no lobes and unfortunately pointed in a direction that was devoid of any ham friendly contacts. If you doubt this was possible you should know that Bob was a prolific inventor and held many patents and designed some antennas that were used by the US Navy I think he would be a good subject for an upcoming “Hams I Have Known” column in an upcoming Key Klix soon.

As a new Novice my first antenna was pretty normal stuff. It was a simple inverted Vee tuned for 40m which also loaded up fine on 15m. One day that antenna came down during an ice storm and since it was in the dead of winter and snowing, there was no way I was going to get it fixed any time soon. I had just moved into our new home in Meriden and my shack was in the unfinished basement. So I hatched a plan to improvise with the “stuff” I had. Yeah, there’s that “stuff” thing again. I had a few hundred feet of multi-strand #18 just waiting to be pressed into service. I had a wide open basement whose perimeter would easily handle a couple hundred feet of wire. And I had a pretty good tuner that could be configured to work with just about anything. So armed with a box of ceramic stand offs and wire I strung said wire all around the top of the wood house frame that was bolted to the foundation. “This is probably not going to work”, I thought to myself”. My house was situated on a hill and at one end of the house the foundation was buried in the hillside under dirt so that side of the basement was underground. The other side of the basement wall was completely above ground. So the East side of my big rectangle antenna was just below ground level and the West side was about 6 feet higher than ground level.

I tried different ways to tune it and ended up using the single wire output of a Murch UT-2000a antenna tuner. So it ended up being a random length single wire in a square configuration with end of the square being about 6 feet from the beginning of the loop. Because of its semi-underground location it had a pretty strange radiation pattern. Even so, over the next couple months I was able to get on the air and work about a hundred QSOs.

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Best band was 40 meters and during that time I happened to work a ham that was operating mobile on his nightly commute from the US to Canada in the New York area. He worked in Canada but lived in the US and drove to work every night right around 1 AM. He was an avid CW op and his mobile station consisted of an old transceiver that had about 100 watts output and a Hustler mobile antenna. He had one of those leg strap J-38 keys tied to his thigh. At the time I was a Novice and he had one the best sounding fists I'd heard and I appreciated his QRS and patience working me, a new ham. When he first answered my CQ I was thrilled. Back then Novices were limited to only 75 watts and crystal controlled transmitters only. In the ensuing weeks we had several QSOs. I was amazed that we could carry out conversations for the full hour he was on the road several times, often with solid 599 signals. Not bad for a semi-underground antenna.

Spring arrived which brought into play my next weird antenna. That was to be my **RG5B**. Yeah you read that right. It was NOT a G5RV. My home made G5RV came later in my ham history. This antenna was a single 40 foot rain gutter under the South roof of my house. I separated the downspout from the gutter on one end and insulated the two from each other. The center conductor of the coax was attached to the gutter and the shield was attached to the downspout and the two were separated by a few carefully placed wood close pins. The downspout traveled down the side of the house and then along the ground under the deck for total length of about 24 feet. I then grounded the end of that downspout with a four foot ground rod. That was my counterpoise. With my Murch super tuner I was able to work 10m thru 80m. And all were QRP CW at 5 watts or less. Over 200 QSOs with about 70 Dx stations. I had a LOT of fun with my contacts who kept referring to my signal as being pretty good for a G5RV running QRP. I had to explain my RG5B was actual a **Rain Gutter 5 Band** antenna ... and not your run of the mill G5RV.

I have to say that such weird experimenting with odd ball antennas can be rewarding. The old time transmitter tube finals were fortunately very forgiving when dealing with astronomical SWRs. Back in my Novice days I'm sure if they were available, I would fried many a transistor final. <grin>

73, Rich WA1TRY (next month. the first, last and only "Chinese Fire Drill" Field Day for MARC)



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

NOVEMBER 2017

The MARC November business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on November 9, 2017 at the Hope Hill Road EOC. There were 28 members in attendance.

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

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

Eric (KB1JL) recorded notes in Steve's (KC1SA) absence.

Announcements – December 14th – Serafino's Christmas Dinner – 6PM-7PM cash bar, 7PM dinner

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – Secretary was absent from meeting, no review of October minutes

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

Contributions – none.

Correspondence – None reported

Program & Entertainment Ed (W1YSM) reviewed upcoming activity meeting dates and 2017 activities..

Scholarship – Don (KE1AY) reported No response from 2017 recipient. Will wait until end of year to cancel check. Will send another letter to confirm with the recipient. Voted to continue current scholarship level for 2018.

Club Station & Facilities – K1RCT reported; Slim Jim portable antenna has been made for the Go Kit.

Nets – Reports were made from K1VDF, N1ZN and K1TDO for the 10m, 6m and 2m nets respectively.

Castle Craig –Nothing reported

Key Klix –Abbreviated November issue was published due to illness. December's issues will be normal length

Membership –No report, Secretary absent.

Interference and Technical – Nothing reported

VE Sessions – Next session at the OEM building (Firehouse) at 9:30AM on December 9, 2017.

Hamfest –Directors meeting at 7:30PM on November 15, 2017 at OEM building. Initial results look better than 2016

Candy Store – Gold Medal Ideas is our club vendor of hats, shirts, jackets, etc.

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

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AuxComm –The MS walk in Cheshire is April 22, 2018. There may be other requests at other MS walks

Old Business: JOTA Successful open house of station with two Cub Scout troops visiting.

Christmas Dinner Serifino's is the location on December 14th. Price is \$25 per person. Cash bar at 6PM, buffet at 7PM. Pay Dave (K1WJL). Guest speaker is Maria Bouffard from Yale Public Safety.

Fox Hunt Tabled to the springtime. Invites to go out to other Ham radio clubs in the area to participate.

New Business 2m Tuesday Net Todd (K1TDO) reminded us of the time change for the 2m club net from 1900 to 1930 on Tuesdays.

CERT K1LYP announced that the OEM radio room will be open each Saturday from 9AM to Noon for club members to operate the station. K1LYP also made a motion that club will reimburse for coffee and donuts on these Saturdays for an amount not to exceed \$20 per Saturday. The motion was seconded and voted on and was passed. MISC K1MVM presented the club with a WWE wrestling champion belt that he found at a tag sale. The belt has the letter M on it and Mike suggested it could be awarded as a prize for some future endeavor. The belt will be put in the glass display case.

Elections: The election of officers was presided over by WA1TRY. All five officers were not opposed and were elected by unanimous vote. W1KKF President, N1API Vice president, K1WJL Treasurer, KC1SA Secretary, and K1RCT Station Activates Manager. A paper ballot vote was then held for Ham of the Year and Elmer of the Year. There were four nominees for each. WA1TRY determined there were no ties and the results will be announced at the Christmas dinner party. Meeting

minutes were prepared by KB1JL, and forwarded to KC1SA. **Meeting was closed at 8:40 PM.**

WHILE DOING RESEARCH, I STARTED TO REALIZE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ANY ACCURATE RECORDS ON CLUB HISTORY. I AM ATTEMPTING TO RE-CREATE VARIOUS RECORDS. IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD KEY KLIX, CAN YOU PLEASE GET THEM TO ME OR GIVE ME ANY INFO THAT YOU CAN RECOLLECT.—DAVE K1WJL

	CHRONOLOGY OF OFFICERS OF THE MARC					KEY KLIX
	PRESIDENT	VICE PRES	SECT	TRES	S.A.M.	
1948	W1FYG	W1HVF	W1QPD	W1NRG	_____	_____
1956	W1STT					
1960'S	W1FYG					
	K1WKH					K1WJL
	W1OWD					K1WJL
1970'S	W1FYG					K1WJL
	K1WJL					K1WJL
	K1VDF					K1WJL
1981	WA1VHR	WA1TRY	KA1FGI	K1LHO		WA1TRY
1982	WA1NPX	W1KKF	N1BLL	K1LHO		WA1TRY
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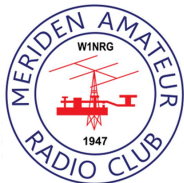
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