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## FEBRUARY "LEAP YEAR" 2016

**Welcome new members:**

**AB1DQ Jim Surprenant, Cheshire**  
**KC1AYL Mike Meadows, Wallingford**  
**KC1EVI Gerard Carrieria Jr., Wallingford**

**Incoming Members (to be voted in at next Business meeting)**

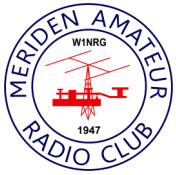
**W1LV Steve Morley**  
**KB1EHE Eric Knight**  
**KB1IFZ Elsie Mathews**

**Business Meeting:**

**Thursday February 11, 2016 at the Firehouse / Medical Reserve Building**  
**7:30pm.....**

**Activity Meeting:**

**Thursday March 25, 2016.....N1MM+ Contest Program Clinic.**  
**7:30pm....**



**Mother Nature-- 1 KC1AXJ-- Zero**  
**Lovely New England weather took out the Hex Beam, due to guy wire failing.**  
**\$36 for replacement push up poles, on order.. I might just use a piece of**  
**1 and 1/2 inch galvanized pipe from Home Depot..... Steve KC1AXJ**





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

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on January 14, 2016 with 18 people in attendance plus two guests.

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 January 28<sup>th</sup>, it is an activity meeting. Program and Entertainment chairman is still needed.

**Introductions** – All in attendance introduced themselves plus two guests

**Secretary's Report** – November's Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read as was the minutes reported from the December Christmas party. There were no questions.

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

**Contributions** – None

**Correspondence** – Vanguard documents were received, club membership applications and membership dues were received.

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

**Scholarship** – At the end of December shares of the Vanguard Star Fund was converted to the Vanguard Equity Income Fund. The Star Fund is the club's money and the Equity Income Fund is the Scholarship's money. The new rules for the scholarship are on the website right after the club constitution; [http://www.w1nrg.com/website/Club\\_Information/Constitution/Constitution.html](http://www.w1nrg.com/website/Club_Information/Constitution/Constitution.html)

Scholarship committee members are: Don (KE1AY), Jim (N1ZN), Rob (KC1ACN), Bill (W1KKF), Dave (K1WJL) and Steve (KC1AXJ). If anyone else would want to be on the committee let Don or Bill know of your intentions.

**Club Station & Facilities** – Rob (KC1ACN) reported there is interest in the NAQP that is happening this weekend. Rob will set the station up based on interest in operating this contest as W1NRG. Thanks Rob.

**Club Activities & Program (the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)** – January 28<sup>th</sup> Activity meeting will be the MARC reflector and other Club knowledge tidbits. The February 25<sup>th</sup> Activity meeting will N1MM+ use presentation / discussion.

**Nets** –

Todd, John and Jim gave a few minutes talk on the Nets.

10M – John (K1VDF) reported 10 to 12 check in's this week.

6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported 6 to 8 check in's this week.

2M – Todd (K1TDO) reported 9 check in's this week and 6 last week..

Castle Craig – Al (N1API) reported the 10-10 QSO party is February 6 & 7. There will be a Castle Craig Net at 23:45Z on February 5. Look forward to seeing 10-10 members on this QSO Party.

**Castle Craig** – See Nets – Castle Craig.

**Hamfests** - Appointed three directors for Nutfest, they are W1KKF (President) N1GNV (Vice-President) WA1TRY (Treasurer); KC1AXJ has volunteered as secretary. The date of the event is October 16, 2016. First meeting of the Hamfest committee will be sometime after February 20, 2016. N1GNV will be contacting the hotel for this date and W1KKF will be sending out information to the ARRL making the October event a sanctioned event.

**Key Klix** – Dave (K1WJL) appreciates the articles folks are writing so keep them coming for publication. Great job on this Dave.

**Membership** – Dave (K1WJL) reported there are currently 46 members paid up for calendar year 2016 dues and 16 have yet to pay their dues for this year. Betsy (K1EIC) is being removed from the club roster but will continue to receive Key Klix. Two new membership applications were received via mail, a motion was made and voted on to accept KC1AYL (Mike) and KC1EVI (Gerard) into the club. Both folks have been accepted into the club -- congratulations folks. Club membership is now at 64 total members now including 4 life members.

**Interference and Technical** – Rich (WA1TRY) was not present so nothing discussed.

**Repeater** – Not discussed

**Instruction & Testing** – Not discussed

**Candy Store** – Still have hats for \$10, see Jim (N1ZN) if you'd like one. A question came up with name tags and how is the best way to get one. Individuals should look to Gold Medal Ideas (one of our vendors at Hamfest and they have our club logo) or the The SignMan of Baton Rouge. <http://www.goldmedalideas.com/shop/>  
<http://www.thesignman.com/>

**EmComm** – KC1AYL was not present.

**Misc Old Business** –

Rob (KC1ACN) and Mark (K1PU) have taken over the management of the internet server. Mark is still waiting for Rich (WA1TRY) to gather information and pass it to Mark. As note, it's been just about 2 years that the new website has been active and we've had over 6,700 visitors!

The hotspot activation was raised. If the club needs access to clusters during contests which we operate as a club, Rob (KC1ACN) will purchase a 30 day activation for \$40 and the club will pay for it. Basically purchase the activation when needed. In the long run this is a less costly option than paying for each month.

Training for N1MM+ software was to happen at the January meeting, but we'll move this February 25<sup>th</sup> due some scheduling. The January activity meeting will be the MARC reflector and other club knowledge tidbits.

**New Business** – The Elmer of the Year award certificate wording was brought up. The award has no explanation for what the award is for however the Ham of the Year award does explain what it is for (on the certificate). It was discussed to add some wording to the certificate to explain what the Elmer of the Year award is for, something to the liking of “outstanding mentoring of hams” or similar. The discussion was tabled and will be brought up at the next Business Meeting. Discussion of the NAQP contest this weekend was brought up. It was determined there is enough interest to operate this contest as a club Rob will put the gear up on Saturday morning.

**Meeting was closed at 8:10 PM**

Meeting Attendees on January 14, 2016 , AB1DQ, K1PU ,K1TDO, K1VDF, K1WJL, KB1JL, KB1ZMK, KC1ACN, KC1AXJ, KE1AU,N1API, N1GNV, N1ZN, W1DQ, W1KKF, WA1VXH, WA1ZVY,WV2LKM

## **2016 NAQP @ W1NRG**

Extending my gratitude to John (N1GNV), John (W1DQ) and my son Stuart for assisting in setting up the gear at the MRC for the 2016 NAQP. Also to: Dan Busa (KB1ZMK), for assistance, Todd (K1TDO), Jim (N1ZN), John (K1VDF) for support. Operators:John (N1GNV)Todd (K1TDO)Jim (N1ZN) & Rob (KC1ACN).

NAQP Started slow with John (N1GNV) starting the Club off. No Amplifier today and the Bands were not generous. But typical of this Club, there were member showing up just for atmosphere. Todd (K1TDO), (Net Control of our 2M Commuter Net on Tuesdays) picked up after John and had the lions-share of QSO's. Todd did great and we found no logging errors for any of us. John (K1VDF), Jim (N1ZN), Dan Busa (KB1ZMK) showed up to keep company. Someone became curious about The Cruiser (see pic) and had the hood up, doors open and radios on 'just to check it out'. Fun stuff here and we made a bunch of contacts to boot. It should be noted that Todd is branching into HF now and is interested in operating at W1NRG in future contests and events.

I showed up Saturday evening to wrap-up and made about 24 contacts, all Mult's. Since I didn't have to retune the Amp, it wasn't too hard to chase Multipliers in the Band Map with N1MM+. Thinking about future activities, maybe the idea is to just announce the Activity, set-up the gear and work a sked. I know it's easier to operate from home but I'd really like to keep this momentum going for our Club. Please consider operating in the next one from the Club House Guys and Gals! I too have my own gear at my House but... as John [GNV] states; "We are a Radio Club". Let's make a dent! We have solid, working gear and it's not so much to get it set-up. I'm willing, are you? AND: N1MM+ is a remarkable piece of software and worthy of your time to 'get to know'. We have an N1MM+ Clinic in the works for the February Activity Meeting. Come One, Come All and let's put W1NRG back on-the-map! Next Contest is the ARRL DX CW : Third full weekend in February (February 20-21, 2016). Contest Period: 48 hours each mode (separate contests). Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; ends 2359 UTC Sunday. after which, Phone: First full weekend in March (March 5-6, 2016).

What Say Ye All?

73! – Rob





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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:

GO TO WWW.W1NRG.COM  
 AND FOLLOW THE LINKS

## CASTLE CRAIG 1010 WEBSITE:

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## CLUB REPEATER W1KKF/R

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

## MARC MEMBERS

AB1DQ	Jim Suprenant	16	KJ4PV	Gary Bleasdale	15
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	15	W1ATV	Walt Yatzook	16
K1THP	Dave Karpiej	15	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	**
KB1FYL	Robert W. Carruthers	16	W1NHS	Fred Ring	16
KB1GWP	Joseph Rish, Sr.	16	W1POP	Fred Liedke	18
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	17	W1SKP	Skip Paquette	15
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	16	W1VCU	Nelson Denison	L
KB1MMS	Ronald Slack	15	W7FUR	William Spokes	17
KB1SIN	Bill Brooks	15	WA1JKR	John Rogus	16
KB1TJD	Gaianne Jenkins	16	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
KB1ZMK	Dan Busa	16	WA1VXH	Chris Sievert	16
KC1AYL	Mike Meadows	16	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	17
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon	16	WB1GGP	Jerry Sheppard	15
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen	16	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	16
KC1BAQ	Joseph Hamm	15	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	16
KC1EVI	Gerard Carriera Jr.	16	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	16
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	16	WY1U	Tim Mik	15
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	16			