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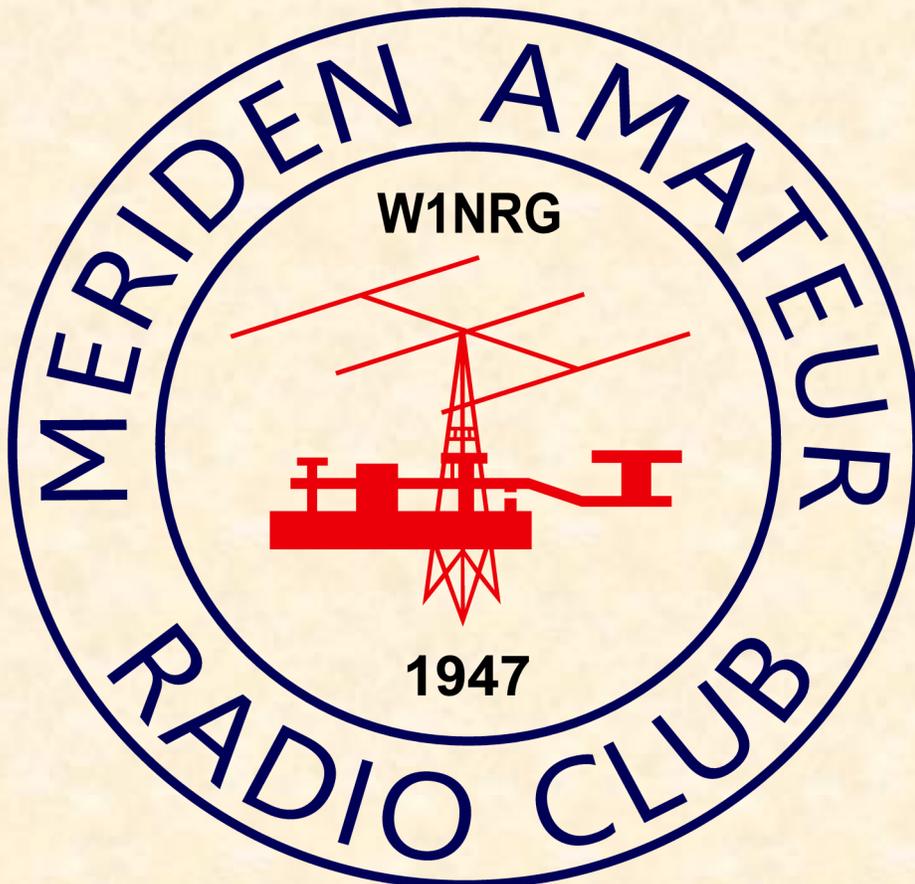
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RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED..HOWEVER IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED PLEASE USE A MASK... WE WILL HAVE MEETINGS RESUME IN MARCH WITH ZOOM COVERAGE AS WELL.

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CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

January 13th Business Meeting 7:30 pm on ZOOM
Check for email from Rob K1RCT for meeting credentials

VE Sessions at the OEM... The Following dates are scheduled for 2022:

February 5, 2022

March 12, 2022.

April 9, 2022.

May 14, 2022.

June 11, 2022.

July 9, 2022.

August 13, 2022

Announcement from Bob WB1GYZ

Beginner CW code practice sessions will start on Saturday, Jan. 8th in Zoom

Simulcast room 996 3151 6552 after Coffee Cup Net concludes at 10:00.

ACTIVITY MEETINGS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY'S

January 27

Ron KD9IPO – How to Work a Pile-Up

February 24

Bobcat KB1FYL – Amateur Radio-Astronomy

New members

We welcome Tim Mik WY1U back to the club.....Tim is an olde timer who loves CW (actually is not that old compared to the rest of us)

John K1VDF

is scheduled to return home from a stay at the Whitney Manor. Welcome home John...

SILENT KEYS

Sadly we announce the passing of MARC members Brian Rogers N1URO of Collinsville and Bill Kosche W1NNZ Obits are included inside....



DEBBIE K1PET
& ANDY N1XXU
SHARE
"WILLOW"
CALLING CQ..

HOPE THEY
DON'T LEAVE
IT ON VOX
DURING THE
DAY!



I just flipped our microwave on
it's side, and he absolutely loves it





You Don't Look, You Don't Find

When I was an Intern in medical school, I was paired with a compulsive Resident. He was compulsive in many ways. For example, whenever there was a patient problem, he had me doing all kinds of research on the illness, to find information – above and beyond what was usually reviewed. He was a good teacher, however, and to this day I remember his mantra, “You don't look, you don't find”. Over time I have found a lot of things I would not otherwise have known about, had I not looked.

I thought of that Resident this weekend. Over the past year, I have listened to those who are followers of POTA, frequently telling us how much fun it is. While I agreed, I was not convinced that I needed to get involved. I have enough to do right now, without becoming involved with POTA. However, while I avoid rag chewing, and contesting, I do love a good Special Event Station (SES) and associated the colorful QSL cards. It is the quick SES exchange that is so appealing to me – no long dragged out discussions on exactly how many feet off the ground one's dipole is, how many watts the amplifier draws,etc. It just “Roger, Roger, this is W1YSM, Ed - Echo Delta, you are 5-9 into CT Charlie Tango, QSL??, 73.....”. BTW, the Echo Delta part is optional depending on whether I am feeling talkative. I also have little time or patience to fill out contest logs. I just send for the few QSL's I find interesting – and declare victory. I was discussing a recent weak POTA contact with Bart N1BRL, two days ago, and he told me how much he enjoyed POTAs and that I should try hunting. Although I remained, as usual, unconvinced, he persisted. The “aha moment” came when he told me how little I needed to do to get a POTA award. He said he would bet, that despite my not having done anything except making a QSO with a POTA station -just like my SES contacts, I likely will already have several awards waiting for me after I sign up. Well, up I signed. True to his word, Lo and Behold, I had 5 unique POTA station awards – Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond, already waiting for me to print. Indeed, I am just 7 QSO's away from Sapphire Level (N=75). I also was amazed at the number of awards available. The POTA administrators are very impressive, they sliced and diced every imaginable QSO variation and make available an award for each. In fact, I just found out I have another award waiting for me merely by having contacted POTA stations during Park Appreciation Week last July! Who knows how many other awards I have waiting that I am not even aware of? I printed out my awards and proudly have papered half of a wall in my Shack with them. I do not like to find a park using the Dx-Summit-like-spotting-option available on the POTA site; I prefer to twirl the tuning knob, and pounce on a Park when I come across one.

Had it not been for N1BRL's gentle encouragement to check out the POTA site, I might have never investigated this. Best part, I did not have to do a thing. The Park Activator does all the work – since I do not (yet) activate, I do nada; E - Z - P - Z. It is amazing. Thus, I have added another piece to my Amateur Radio Activity Puzzle Board. I am now a registered POTA-holic. This Amateur Radio hobby just keeps getting more and more interesting and exciting. I am unlikely to make thousands of POTA contacts, but when I do make a POTA-“SES-QSO”, I now will be aware that someone, somewhere is keeping track of the contact and helping to move me towards my next Award. I still have a lot of bare shack wall, waiting for an award.

So, as I sip my coffee in my shack casually scanning 20, 40 or 80 meters, if I hear “CQ Parks on the Air” I will quickly reply with a brief exchange smug in the knowledge that I am inching towards more wallpaper. Who Knew???! Those of you who haven't checked out the site - parksontheair.com, you should. As my Resident used to say, “You don't look, you don't find”.

Ed W1YSM

President MARC



FROM THE SATURDAY 2 METER COFFEE CLUB NET

A WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT OF THE NET CONTROL (W1YSM ED) IS TO HEAR WHAT BREAKFAST DELIGHTS THE CHECK-INS HAVE ENJOYED THAT MORNING..

PAUL W1EDX SENDS IN HIS SATURDAY MORNING FAVORITE , A CROISSANT WITH EGGS, CHEESE AND SAUSAGE...(OR BACON OR BOTH)....

EASY TO BUILD 6-METER DIPOLE BY RAY WA1FFT

An Easy to Build 6M Dipole

Wanting to get on 6M, I looked into commercial vertical antennas and Googled antenna construction. Found the AR-6 for about \$120 in the HRO Spring/Summer 2020 catalog, likely more expensive now, as DX Engineering had the same for antenna for over \$150 in a recent catalog. So, decided to build from my parts box. I had a DELTA-C center connector and lots of end insulators. My objective was to be able to join my club's 6M net at 50.175 and others within about 20 km. Headed to the local hardware and bought 10 feet of #4 copper wire, as a larger diameter provides more bandwidth, stainless #10-32 nuts and brass washers. Cut two each 4 ft, 6 inch pieces. Attaching the very stiff #4 direct to the lugs of the DELTA C would just loosen the connection, so used two each, 10 inch pieces of #10 from the DELTA insulator's bolts. Crimped and soldered a eyelet on one end of each. Used two mechanical lugs, Commercial Electric model 526-890 from HD to insert a stripped end of the #4 and #10 into the lug. For the #10, strip 2 inches so that the #10 can be folded back on itself to help prevent it pulling out of the lug. Used two more lugs on the ends of each dipole providing a convenient way to use some rope to two MFJ-16C06 insulators. Used my MFJ-266 Antenna Analyzer and found the center frequency way low. The insulation on both the #4 and #10 lowers the frequency. When I added the 10 inch pieces of #10, plus the effect of insulation, I had to cut about 10 inches off each end. The VSWR measured through 50 feet of RB8-X was 1.1 at 50.05, but with 50.175 at 1.3 and getting late and cold, I decided good enough. I was able to hear some a couple of CW stations and my TS-590S antenna tuner took less than a second to tune. Monday night I hope to join the Wallingford W1NRG 6M net at 8pm. This spring, I'll make a couple of add-ons to connect via the end lugs for portable 10, 15 and 20 meters operation.

73 Ray WA1FFT



Here is a list of contests and contest-like operating events that we may want to participate in.
 Winter FD 1/29-30 ARRL DX CW 2/19-20 ARRL DX SSB 3/5-6 Field Day 6/25-26 13 Colonies 7/4 +/-
 CQWW SSB 10/29-30 ARRL SS CW 11/19-21 ARRL SS SSB 11/19-21 CQWW CW 11/26-27
 ARRL 10M 12/10-11

Yes, it's a "Hambitious" schedule. But I'm willing to put some effort into it.
 One of the keys to success will be for each of us to participate, **FROM THE CLUB STATION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.**

Your thoughts and comments are welcome. John N1GNV Interim Contest Manager



Bob Biancur WB1GYZ

Wire On The Cheap

Most people enjoy scenic expanses for its beauty, but when a ham radio operator shades his eyes to survey land before him, rest assured he is visualizing the glint of new copper against the backdrop of rolling meadows. And, so, this ham radio operator once needed to find a source of wire in large quantity, not the small rolls typically found in hardware stores. Eventually, I found a manufacturer not far from home. Two old timers cordially invited me inside their shop, where I explained my need for a certain kind of wire. They showed me wire of every description. "Have a seat." I hesitated to sit because everything was covered in thick manufacturing dust. "Don't mind that, it's nothing." With deft snaps of a shop towel plumes of white dust arose from table and chairs. "How about a drink?" "No thanks." "Smoke?" "No, gave it up long time ago." "So, what're lookin' for?" "I'd like to buy some copper wire for radio antenna." "Well, we can help you there. You sure you won't have a drink?" "No, thanks." "You know, we don't get many visitors here, in fact, I can't remember the last time somebody came by." So, we chatted and they told me the story of how they opened the shop many years ago, and that they were ready to retire. They also gifted me a couple of dusty reels that had been sold but never claimed. I couldn't thank them enough, and on leaving I asked, "What's this white stuff all over the place?" "You're from the State, aren't you?" "No, I'm a radio op in search of wire." "Well, what do you think it is?" "I'm not sure." "It's asbestos." I was sitting on and breathing in copious quantities of asbestos. "You're kidding me, right?" "No, I'm not kidding. We're the last manufacturer of specialty asbestos wire since it was banned." "But, it's hazardous... and you just sent a cloud of it up around us." "Don't believe everything you hear. We've been working with asbestos over 40 years, we're chain smokers, enjoy a tip o' the bottle, an' ain't none of it hurt us yet." I thanked them for the wire, promised to keep their secret, loaded my car with the reels and some odds and ends. I then went back inside and asked one small favor. I said, "No one will ever believe the story you told me about asbestos, but they will believe a few photos of your machines. May I take a couple of pics? I promise that no one will see them until long after you've closed shop." "OK, let's shake on it." It's been 25 years since that chance encounter, so the story and photos can now be shared — and I still have some of their wire except for the asbestos insulated stuff, which is long gone.

Bob - WB1GYZ



IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF TWO MARC MEMBERS

W1NNZ Bill Kosche Obituary



William August Kosche III ("Bill"), 78, of Wallingford, passed away Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at Yale New Haven Hospital after a valiant battle with cancer, kidney, and liver disease. He was born May 10, 1943, in Union County, SC, to William & Hazel (Wilkins) Kosche. They preceded him in death. He married Marilyn (Schneider) Kosche on July 11, 1968. She preceded him in Death on Jan 7, 2020.

He is survived by his one son, William Joseph (wife Sabrina) of Wallingford, CT, Grandson William August and Granddaughter Autumn Leda, Brother Eric Kosche (wife Deborah) of Shalimar, FL, Brother-in-Law Carl Schneider (wife Jan) of Poinciana, FL, and 3 Nieces. Bill completed his Associate Degree in Chemical Engineering from Thames Valley Technical College in Norwich, CT.

He had proudly served his country in the United States Navy as a Chief Petty Officer, Machinist Mate, and was qualified in submarine service (Nuclear Power and Auxiliary Engineering Systems) from 1963 to 1973. He then enlisted in the United States Army Reserves and served from 1963 until retirement as a Sergeant Major in 2003. He was employed at Olin Chemical as a Technical Service Representative from 1973-1981. He was employed at Northeast Nuclear Energy as an Engineering Analyst from 1981-2000. From 2000-2001 he was employed by Special Testing Laboratories as a Welding Inspector and finally worked at Belcan Engineering/Pratt & Whitney from 2001-2004 when he retired. Bill had been an avid advocate and volunteered a lot of his time for the AMVETS, Antique Veterans, and other veterans groups within the community. He enjoyed politics, Amateur Radio, RC airplanes/boats, motorcycles, and spending time tinkering in his home shop when he was able to. There are no events or services planned as Bill had requested.

N1URO Brian Rodgers Obituary

R. Brian Rodgers, 58, of Unionville, passed away unexpectedly on January 4, 2022.

Brian had a passion for technology and computers. He was very involved in ham radio. Among some of his roles were: Nutmeg VHF NTS net manager, a member of Wesconn traffic net, AmprNet coordinator for several states and maintainer of his URONode program. He loved to argue politics with whoever would listen. Having worked as a DJ, music was his escape. He enjoyed sports, particularly the NY Rangers, Hartford Wolf Pack and the Patriots. He took great pride in growing his flowers each summer. Above all, he had a love for animals, especially cats.

Brian was predeceased by his father, Richard F. Rogers. He is survived by his mother, Diane Rogers and his sister April Rogers both of Unionville, along with several aunts, uncles and cousins. He also leaves behind his two special canine buddies and his four favorite feline friends. He greatly enjoyed spending time with his friends Larry Wells, Martin Cook, Charlie Ploszay and the many people he met at 7-11.

Family will greet guests at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main Street, Unionville on Friday, January 14, 2022, from 5pm – 7pm with a prayer service at 7pm. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, please remember Brian in a donation to the Upper Valley Humane Society, 300 Old Route 10, Enfield, NH 03748.



Secretary Report & Minutes of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club Bart Toftness N1BRL , Secretary

YEAR IN REVIEW MEETING DEC 9, 2021 ZOOM

Meeting was called to order by President Ed Snyder, W1YSM at 19:30 EDT

Normal introductions were omitted as all attendees (35) are self-identified in 'Zoom' , N1LES, N1BRL, KB1JL, KC1DOY, W1IKW, KC1OYM, W3APC, K1VDF, K1JCF, W1WSM, K1LYP, KC1OYN, WA1ZVY, K1LHO, WV2LKM, K1RCT, N1GNV, NZ1J, K1WJL, KE1AU, W1DQ, WB1GYZ, N1API, K1STM, N1JEO, N1ZN, KC1NQE, WA1TRY, KB1MFU, W1EDX, KC1SA, KA1KJV, KB1EHE, KB1IFZ, and Brian Beegan.

Announcements (W1YSM), We will continue to follow the OEM occupancy rules as determined by the town. Business meetings will continue on Zoom at least thru March 2022. Saturday's at the OEM are still in-person. Mask are required for all at the CQ Santa event. Meet and greet pizza party was a success and well attended. Elmer of the Year is Dave Tipping , NZ1J and Ham of the Year is Shawn Warren, KC1NQE. The theme for 2022 is MARC's 75th along with the Diamond & Gold Challenge.

Secretary's Report (N1BRL) November meeting minutes were approved by majority vote. Two new membership applicants, Brian Beegan (currently Elmered by K1LYP) and Iain White W1IKW were presented and each approved by majority vote without objection.

Treasurer's Report (K1WJL) was read by Dave. The complete Treasure's report is available to members upon request.

Station Manager's Report (K1RCT) The Station Activity Manager will have a more detailed report in January.

The SAM report is available upon request.

Standing Committees and working groups

Entertainment/Activities, January 27 will be KD9IPO on How to Work a Pile-Up. February 24 will be KB1FYL and Amateur Radio-Astronomy.

Technical, K1VDF and K1RCT reminded us that non UL listed LED's can be a source of interference.

Publicity, – No report.

Repeater, –The Repeater Committee will have their quarterly meeting in January.

Saturday/Sunday Morning Activities, Fox Hunts and POTA activities have been a staple through the COVID19 pandemic in keeping members engaged. S.H.O.W. (Saturday Hands On Workshop) should begin a CW training session in January 2022 thanks to Bob WB1GYZ and Mike K1LHO. Other hands on activities are offered by Dave NZ1J each Saturday.

Website Committee: The website gets monthly updates but otherwise is in a holding pattern. K1RCT is investigating a service for a re-write of the website.

Contest Activations: Winter Field Day is coming in January with details to follow.

Castle Craig, Castle Craig chapter of Ten-Ten will begin its 40th year in 2022 with an upgraded certificate programs.

Instruction VE /Training, VE sessions are scheduled for the second Saturday each month.

WARG/EMCOM/Aux Com, A new CERT Class is scheduled to begin in January for those who are interested and have completed the 4 prerequisite online courses. The fire chief wants to have the communications trailer insulated and heated. They are trying to get a smaller truck to pull the trailer.

Key Klix continues to be the best ham club publication in the state thanks to K1WJL.

New Business, The 'Diamond and Gold Challenge' will begin in Jan. 2022 and completing in November 2022. KC1SA has placed an updated rules file at the DropBox link that was emailed to the membership previously.

Old Business, KB1JL is working on designs and a source for free MARC Business Cards. MARC will work with Steve Civitelli of the Wallingford Dept. Health in support of Masters Manna. CQ Santa will be from 10:30 to 2PM on December 11. In addition to crayons and coloring books a Wallingford fire company will be present with a fire truck for the children to explore.

Voting Summary for the September meeting

November meeting minutes were approval.

Two new members, W1IWK and Brian Beegan were affirmed by majority vote without dissent.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:08 Respectfully submitted, Bart Toftness, N1BRL

CQ SANTA REPORT FROM THE HEAD ELF

ED WIYSM

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR A GREAT CQ SANTA EVENT

- Dave NZ1J – for being Santa and spending 4 hours ‘in character’ – he did a wonderful job stepping-up to run the station
- Daphne O - for being Mrs. Claus – a neighbor who also spent 4 hours at the “North Pole”. She has no club relationship except as my good friend.
- Ted KC1DOY – for being NCS at the OEM. He also did a masterful job and stepped up to go solo, and acting as the NCS
- Tricia D - for being Senior Manager Elf. I can’t begin to tell all the help she provided. She shopped for all the amenities; bagged them, arranged the room, provided theme-music, coordinated greeting the children and talking with families, bringing the children to the trailer, assigning junior elves to jobs as needed and helping to clean up. She is a neighbor with no club relationship. A very good friend.
- John K1LYP – for setting up the communications system and allowing us to place the North Pole in his warehouse; providing the QSL cards; vacuuming/cleaning at the end
- Eric KB1JL - for coordinating Town-Club interactions, setting up the audiovisuals, helping with the communications links, and generally being available to help
- Brian and Iain W1IKW (“ee-yan” – not “Lane”) for being incredibly helpful. They are our newest members and stayed all day. Both helping in many different ways. Brian brought his family to the event and Iain drove 75 minutes one-way to get here to help. Brian is studying for his license
- Bart N1BRL – for helping out with various tasks as needed and being available to assist
- Jeff N1AKN - for helping with the communications net arrangements
- Fire Dept - For bringing Engine 1, Engine 3, Truck 1 and the Trailer and firefighter support
- Police Dept. for providing coverage, being visible and keeping in touch should they be needed
- Mayor Dickinson – for finding time in a busy schedule to come by and show support for our efforts
- Chief Czentar – for stopping in and bringing his granddaughter to talk to Santa and show support
- Chief Heidgerd, Ernie St Amant, Scott Magruder – for being present and showing support and helping as needed
- Len G - for coordinating Club/Town interactions and providing help in coordinating with the Served Agencies that attended
- Health Dept. For providing sanitarians who checked families in and collected contract tracing records
- Youth & Soc Serv – for helping and providing a face painting station
- John KB1MFU – for staying all day and helping out wherever needed to get supplies or generally being available
- Rob -K1RCT – for helping set up the communications network
- Deb K1PET – for help arranging for Master’s Manna to be present
- Jim N1ZN, James W3APC, Mike K1LHO, Mike K1MMK, Al N1API, Bob WB1GYZ, Dave K1WJL, John K1VDF for being available and helping out as needed and providing advice

Whenever you mention names, invariably someone gets left out – I apologize to any individuals not named – I meant no slight or disrespect.

This was overall a very positive event for MARC/WARG. I sincerely thank those who helped put this show on. It would not have happened without you. I hope next year to see more Club Members present next year – and more children

Thanks to All to helped – MARC provided a wonderful event for the Town.

Ed W1YSM
President

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CONTEST NEWS FROM AL N1API

ARRL MARC Local Contest Operators

For the newer members of MARC you may have heard some of us on the nets talk about submitting our logs in various contests and crediting our scores for the club. Many contest groups beside posting individual scores post an aggregate score under a club name. MARC competes as MERIDEN ARC and this is the name that goes under the Club Score for all contest except for 1010 where we are The Castle Craig Chapter of 10-10. For most groups you just need to submit the name for the club score when you turn in your log. The ARRL is the only exception to the rule.

In order to submit a log for Meriden ARC in the ARRL contests, you must be listed under W1NRG's group of operators who have expressed a desire to contest for the Club.

I have volunteered to maintain the list of operators and submit them to the ARRL.

MARC enters in the Local Class, of operators within a 35 mile limit of the club. In this class we compete with other local club and small contest groups. There is no limit to the number of members we can list. You can submit for any of the ARRL Contests, SSB, CW or Digital where the rules allow Club Competition.

If you would like to join this distinguished group of operators the procedure is simple, just sent me an email with your call and your 6 digit locator grid. You can also leave me a private message in the W1NRG Forum. If you do not know your 6 digit grid or your listed address is a PO Box, (we are all in FN31), I can find it from your street address. It is also listed in your QRZ information under the "Details" tab.

We've had a number of new members join who have an interest in contesting and a few who've improved their antenna systems. Even if you only make 20 or 25 QSOs from your home QTH, every point helps us when the scores are tallied to compete against the other local clubs. You can also list as a local member even if you belong to a larger contesting group for those contests the bigger groups don't participate in like the State and Local QSO Parties and contests. You don't have to be a MARC member to help us. If you like to contest and want to submit your score to a local group you are welcome to join the contesters group.

The current list of members who are listed as MARC contesters are:

n1api, fn31om	w1nrg, fn31on	w1dq, fn31nl	ke1au, fn31nm	wa1try, fn31tw	k1stm, fn31no	n1zn, fn31nk
k1wjl, fn31om	k1lho, fn31om	n1brl, fn31ol	n1qyb, fn31ph	kc1sa, fn31ol	w1edx, fn31nl	kb1mfu, fn31nj
kb1jl, fn31nl	k1rct, fn31om	kb1ehe, fn31nr	kb1ifz, fn31nr	wb8imy, fn31ol	n1gnv, fn31om	kc1kqh, fn31nm
kb1tmc, fn31ln	n1kgy, fn31ol	ab1dq, fn31nm	k1vdf, fn31ol	k1jcf, fn31mk	w1ysm, fn31nl	w1jax, fn31om
w1lv, fn31ni	n1yln, fn31ln	k1lyp, fn31ol	wb1gyz, fn31ol	w1lv, fn31nl	nz1j, fn31oj	w1bob, fn31ns

Come join us in the fun! -73- AI - N1API



Castle Craig Chapter, 10/10 News AI N1API, Chapter Head

There will be a Castle Craig Chapter Net on Friday February 4th 2022 on the club net frequency of 28.375. The purpose of this net is to kick off the 10-10 Winter QSO Party. I hope that all club members will join in. Even if you do not have a 10-10 number you are worth 1 point to the rest of us who do and are submitting logs. The QSO Party runs from 0000 UTC February 5th 2022 to 2359:59 February 6th 2022.

If you are a paid up 10-10 member your support of the club, and our chapter would be appreciated. Please make as many contacts as you can, and submit your log for credit. Remember to mention that you would like to credit Castle Craig Chapter of 10-10 with your score.

Log submission must be made by 2/11/22 by email to tencontest@ten-ten.org You can also mail your log to the contest coordinator Dan Morris KZ3T, 3162 Covington Way, Lenoir, NC 28645.

We will start taking checkins at 7:45 PM local time, (00:45UTC), and I will be the Net Control. I would like a station to help with relays if needed. The procedure is simple. At 8 PM local time, (0100 UTC Feb. 5th), we will start from the top of the list, (myself), and I will give my 10-10 information, that is Call, Name, QTH (state), and 10-10 number. The next station will be called and that person will give their information and then stand by. We will proceed to the bottom of the list.

The procedure is then repeated from the top to bottom of the list, except you will call all stations that you heard and QSL their information. If you need a repeat on any information this is the time to ask for it.

Once the last station is called they should have no calls to make because everyone has called them.

I expect that this net should last no more than about 20 minutes. Also, as you talk to local, (Connecticut), stations on 10 meters and also on the different bands please mention this QSO party and ask them to check 10 meters at times during the weekend to participate. Please remind them that if they are in the local ground wave area and members of 10-10, that The Castle Craig Chapter of 10-10 is their local chapter and we would appreciate their support for the QSO Parties. We've seen a few non MARC club members submitting their score for the chapter. We'd like to see more. Castle Craig usually finishes pretty well in the chapter standings. We'd like to do better.

If you have your collected 10-10 numbers sitting *now* is the time to send them in or go to the 10-10 web page at <http://www.ten-ten.org/memship.html> and either use the online shopping cart to join or fill out a paper application and mail it in. There is a special three year incentive plan for \$40.00 or you can join for the basic \$15.00 a year. 10-10 has a membership plan with electronic delivery of the 10-10 News and there are special rates for new and rejoining members of \$10.00 for one year and a three year incentive for \$25.00. It takes about three weeks to get your number back via mail but if you apply online your new number will come via email in just a few days. Remember you need to be a paid up member for yourlog to count for awards and also toward the club score. A good incentive for joining is that ALL 10-10 awards are FREE, and most if all do not require QSL cards and can be applied for via email. You will receive award certificates by return mail, (or), for many, you can ask for a PDF certificate to put in your computer or post on your web pages. For those members who are an OM/YL team there is a family membership rate. It is a good way for both to join and get in on the fun.

Even if you've decided that you are not interested in becoming a 10-10 member, you can still get on and give contacts out to those who are working the QSO Party. Your point will be welcomed. The 10 meter band is starting to wake up to the solar cycle and who know what you may hear during the QSO Party. 10-10 was formed to keep 10 meter band active so that it is not lost to other services and that idea is still paramount in the organization's concepts.

Also, you can submit a log as a checklog if you are not a paid up 10-10 member, (though I stress this would be good time to take advantage of the 3 year incentive offer). And if you still decide that 10-10 is not your cup of tea but do get on and pass your information to others, you can also submit a log as a check log. The purpose of 10-10 is to keep the band active and your log is a good way to demonstrate band activity.

Please plan to attend and get the Winter 10-10 QSO Party off to a rousing start!

-73- AI N1API

Castle Craig Chapter Chapter Head and Certificate Manager



MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

AB1DQ	James Surprenant	22R	KC1MBG	Robert Luby	21R	NR1B	Bill Huggins	22S
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	21S	KC1NQE	Shawn Warren	21R	N2RTS	Tyler Schroder	22R
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	22S	KC1NXP	Andrew Paolillo	21R	N2TAG	Dave Taglianetti	22R
K1JCF	Joe Farrell	23S	KC1OCF	Karl Polak	21S	NZ1J	Dave Tipping	22R
K1LHO	Mike Ash	21S	KC1OGL	Paul Randazzo	22R	W1AJK	Andrew Kazimer	22R
K1LYP	John Yusza	23S	KC1OMP	Damian Fries	21S	W1BOB	Bob Lobley	22R
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	23R	KC1OSR	Gunnar Steinle	21R	W1DQ	John Elengo	22S
K1MVM	Mike Macri	22S	KC1OST	Bryon Heath	21R	W1EDX	Paul Stasieluk	22S
K1PET	Debbie Purchia	22R	KC1OYM	Brian Boccuzzi	22R	W1IKW	Ian K. White	22R
K1RCT	Rob Cichon	23R	KC1OYN	Ricky Becker	21R	W1JKP	Kenth Astrom	21R
K1SCI	Stuart Isaac	20R	KC1OYR	Brent Moyer	21R	W1KPS	Kevin Shields	20R
K1SOX	Brian Freeman	22R	KC1PBQ	Randy Rivest	21R	W1LV	Steve Morley	21R
K1STM	Anne West	21S	KC1PHK	Lincoln Nichols	Y	W1NHS	Fred Ring	20S
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	22R	KC1PSK	Todd Dibiasi	22R	W1POP	Fred Liedke	21S
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver	23S	KC1PXX	Dave Alfredson	22R	W1RCI	Ron Isaac Jr.	22R
K1MTD	Mary Duval	21S	KC1TAD	Tom DiPinto	22R	W1ST	Stephen Stimpson	20R
K1RMA	Don Richards	21S	KC1PU	Bob Woodtke Jr.	22R	W1TK	Ron Wakefield	22R
K1VDF	John Blevins	22S	KC1SA	Stephen Allen	22R	W1UFO	Mike Cei	23R?
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	22S	KC2MLH	Adam Castracane	21R	W1UKX	Greg Gherardi	22S
KA1KJV	Bob Trussell	22S	KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	21S	W1XK	Stan Kugler	20S
KB1CIW	Bob Stephens	20S	KE1AV	Dave Sanford	21R	W1YSM	Ed Snyder	22R
KB1EHE	Eric Knight	21R	KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	23S	W3APC	James Cook	22S
KB1FYL	Bob Carruthers	21S	KR1U	Bob Eslinger	21S	W9OTW	Debbie Foss	20R
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	21R	KX1USA	Rob Messercola	22R	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin	22S
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	22S	N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer	22S	WA1JKR	John Rogus	22S
KB1LWS	Jeanne Gherardi	22S	N1API	Al Kaiser	22S	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich	22S
KB1MFU	John Ramadei	22R	N1BF	Patrick Dionne	21R	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
KB1MZG	Guy Allard	21S	N1BRL	Bart Toftness	23S	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	28S
KB1SIT	Teresa Stephens	20S	N1FNE	Rod Lane	21R	WB1GGP	Jerry Sheppard	21S
KB1SSN	Alex Dills	20R	N1GNV	John Bartscherer	21S	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	22S
KB1TJD	Gainne Jenkins	21S	N1GY	Geoff Haines	22S	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	22R
KB1TMC	Clare O'Lena	21R	N1HCA	Susan South	21R	WJ1B	Harold Kramer	22S
KB1TTV	Jonathan Martin	26R	N1IBE	Wade Martell	22S	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	21S
KB1YFJ	Glen Couture	21R	N1JEO	Joel Curneal	22R	WY1U	Tim Mik	22R
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni	21S	N1LES	Joe Murray	22R		Brian Beegan	22R
KC1GMD	Ralph Ring	22R	N1MOB	Dan David	20R		Ron Rogers	20S
KC1HDB	Jeff Martin	28R	N1NAN	Helen Spokes	20S			
KC1HFO	John Stoidis	20R	N1OKF	Bob Parisi	21R			
KC1HQX	Preston Byrne	22R	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone	23S			
KC1IHK	Scott Mowerson	20R	N1QYB	William Wilecki Jr.	21S			
KC1IIL	Matt Mowerson	21Y	N1XXU	Andy Purchia	22R			
KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson	21R	N1YLN	Edward O'Lena	21R			
KC1KQH	John Kasinskas	21S	N1ZN	James Savage	21S			

MEMBERSHIP STATS

TOTAL MEMBERS.....	123
REGULAR(UNDER65).....	61
SENIOR(65 & UP).....	60
LIFE.....	1
STUDENT(18 & UNDER).....	2

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