

KEYKLIX

JUNE 2015 FIELD DAY ISSUE

MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Business Meeting Thursday June 11, 2015, 7:30 pm,
Activity Meeting Thursday June 25, 2015, 7:30 pm,
Field Day June 27 & 28

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

Apologies from the Editor:

It has been a very tough month in both activities and medical issues and I apologize for the missing KK at the beginning of the month. I trust this will make up for loss of an early issue and will do my best to be on time and under budget from now on (but dont hold your breath)

Dave K1WJL

FIELD DAY 2015

June is a very important month as the Annual Rite of Summer, "Field Day" occurs. It is the weekend of June 27-28 and some KEY personnel will be missing this year. Rich WA1TRY, John K1VDF and Dave W1CTN will all be unavailable and filling in their expertise and time slots has been a challenge for Bill W1KKF CW Tent Coordinator and Haggie KB1HCC SSB Tent Coordinator. A list of the operating slots is on the following pages.....Much more inside

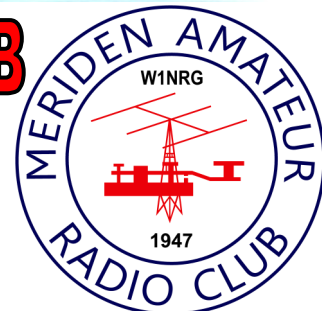
Club News

Since the last issue of Key Klix, Joe KB1GWP was in the Meriden Hospital with some medical issues, he has since been released to the Regency Center for some recuperation and is now home.

...John K1VDF, not to be outdone by Joe, takes a fall, breaks his hip and lands up two rooms away from Joe at the Meriden Hospital. After surgery to replace the hip (which now doubles as a two meter antenna) he went to the Masonic for a few weeks and is now home recovering. Congrats to both for speedy recoveries. As he is still in the recovery mode, John will not be available for FD duties.

FROM DON KE1AY

Some of our members may be studying for an upgrade of their licenses and waiting to take the exam. The club has the ability to provide the test and I would be happy to do it. The only stipulation would be having two people or more people taking a test. It does not matter if they are taking different levels of tests. We can do it in early June if there is enough interest. They do not have to be members but I hope at least one of our club could take advantage of the offer. Please contact Bill W1KKF or myself Don KE1AY.



MARC FIELD DAY 2015

ACTIVITY MEETING THURSDAY JUNE 25th
EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY SETUP

OPERATIONS SETUP FRIDAY JUNE 26TH
EVENT STARTS 2PM SAT. JUNE 27TH till 2PM SUN. 28TH 2015
SSB OPERATIONS COORDINATOR---HAGGIE KB1HCC
CW OPERATIONS COORDINATOR--BILL W1KKF
VHF COORDINATORS -- JOHN K1LYP/JIM N1ZN
GOTA STATION COORDINATOR --JOHN N1GNV
SATELLITE COORDINATORS --BILL W1KKF / HAGGIE KB1HCC
FOOD COORDINATOR..”ALUMINUM” CHEF JOHN N1GNV
PUBLICITY CHAIR---JIM N1ZN

SSB OPERATING SCHEDULE

Saturday			
2-6 PM		OPEN--	
6-10 PM		OPEN	
10:00:00 PM		KC1ACN	Rob
Sunday			
2-6 AM		OPEN	
6-10 AM		KC1AXJ	Steve
10_2 PM		K1MVM	Mike
Haggie will pick up one of the open spots			

ANYONE INTERESTED IN OPERATING SSB PLEASE CALL ME AT 860 919-7564 OR EMAIL AT KB1HCC@YAHOO.COM (OR IF CHANGING AN OPER. SLOT)

CW OPERATING SCHEDULE

<u>SATURDAY</u>	
2PM TO 6PM	OPEN

6PM TO 10PM	Tim WY1U

10PM TO 2AM	BILL W1KKF

<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2AM- 6AM	ROGER K1TG & BOB WB1GYZ

6AM TO 10AM	ERIC KB1JL

10AM TO 2PM	OPEN

ANYONE INTERESTED IN OPERATING CW PLEASE CALL BILL W1KKF AT 203 269-8252 OR OR EMAIL AT W1KKF@ARRL.NET

June 2015 Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.)

The business meeting opened at 7:30PM EDST on June 11, 2015 with 17 people in attendance, a quorum was present.

Officers present: Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Haggie (KB1HCC) and Steve (KC1AXJ).

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

Announcements – The next meeting is June 25 and is an activity meeting.

Friday June 26th is Field Day setup at Marcus Cooke Park at 2PM. We are looking for folks with trucks and station wagons to bring equipment from the club house to the field on Friday but will load everything up Thursday June 25th at the activity meeting. There are still a couple laminated Field Day fliers that at the club house is anyone wants to post at their favorite store.

John (K1VDF) will be home within a day (hopefully). John is doing well and is going through physical therapy.

Paul (K1SEZ) has a two year collection of Amsat magazines for anyone that would like them. Thanks Paul.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – May's Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site. No additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed at meeting and accepted.

Contributions – see Scholarship

Correspondence – Meriden Post Office box bill was received, payable by June 30, 2015. Haggie paid the bill June 11th.

Program & Entertainment – The club is still searching for a replacement for Rich (WA1TRY) for the Program & Entertainment chairman. June – Pack up for Field Day July – Picnic (Hubbard Park) August – Solar Power presentation (K1PU)

Scholarship – A recipient has been selected and will be awarded at the July business meeting. The recipient is Jeremy Santiago from Meriden. A very generous \$500 donation from Ronald E. Spooner from Addison, Illinois to the Scholarship Fund was received. Ron is currently studying for his technician class license. Ron is Bill's (W1KKF) brother-in-law. Don (KE1AY) sent out a very nice thank you letter to Ron for his generous donation.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob (KC1ACN) has come forward to be the new Station Activities Manager. Thank you Rob for stepping into this very important role in the club.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) –

Next activity meeting is June 25 which will be Field day pack up.

Nets –

10M – 10 check in's this past week. **6M** – 6 this past week and 9 the week prior. **2M** – 6 check in's this past week.

Castle Craig – Next activity is the Spirit of 76 end of June into July for 1 week. Work anybody in any of 6 modes.

Find all the rules at <http://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/Spirit.pdf>

Hamfests – Not discussed.

Key Klix – Not published.

Membership – No new members since last business meeting, total stands at 55.

Interference and Technical – Not discussed

Repeater – Not discussed

Instruction & Testing – Currently Don (KE1AY) has had no queries for a VE session. If anyone wants to have a testing session just let Don know. Don needs about 10 days notice to set the session up and at least two people taking the test.

Candy Store – Hats are available (nice garb to wear at Field Day).

EmComm – The next activity will be the Fishbein walk in September.

Misc Old Business –

DMR committee – Chris (WA1VXH) asked we defer this until after the shack gets built and purchase of new HF rig is concluded. Chris will oversee the DMR committee once reactivated.

Operate W1AW – Paul (K1SEZ) is checking with ARRL to see if we can accomplish this as an evening or Saturday activity.

Antenna at clubhouse – Haggie (KB1HCC) has assembled the fiberglass poles that will be mounted atop the phone poles. Next step is to add a few coats of paint to the poles for UV protection. The club will make the G5RV. Finalization will be a two step process; 1) put the antenna up, 2) lay coax feed to the antenna. Step two may be implemented as a temporary feed. Need to hear from the town engineer on how the feed line has to be put in the ground.

JUNE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES----CONTINUED

New Rig – The current Kenwood radios are pretty old and don't have modern front-ends so events like Field Day make for difficult operation. The Radio Committee made recommendations for the K3S. The K3S is a very good radio however the price tag is roughly \$5,000. The ICOM 7600 was the other rig that the committee suggested as an alternative. The K3S is an expandable rig that could grow as the club needs grow; the ICOM 7600 is a fixed rig but offers firmware updates. Other radios were mentioned including Kenwood and Yaesu. A motion was made and agreed to that the rig budget is \$3000.

A motion was made to purchase the ICOM 7600 and was voted down. The radio committee will now review radios based on a \$3000 budget. The committee has 6 members;

Rob (chair, KC1ACN) John B. (N1GRV), Dave (W1CTN), Rich (WA1TRY), Jim (N1ZN), Al (N1API).

Bill (W1KKF) will be the tie breaker decision maker.

Field Day –

Publicity - Jim (N1ZN). The Advisor has the information and will print an article, The Record Journal will have the information this Monday.

Food – John B. (N1GNV).

Generators – John B. (N1GNV) and Haggie (KB1HCC) have generators.

Information booth – Steve (KC1AXJ) Will have 2 signup sheets; One for Guest/Visitor, the other for Club Participant (for insurance reasons). Placing past QST magazines at the table was suggested.

Solar Panels & Batteries – Bob (KB1FYL).

ARRL message PSK31 – Steve (KC1AXJ).

Educational activities – still open.

GOTA coach is needed.

Looking for CW operators to do perhaps an extended shift due to some holes in the schedule

Suggestion was made to push the food prep & serving area more to the rear of the pavilion and place the GOTA station, information booth and other Radio stuff at the front of the pavilion.

Haggie (KB1HCC) with work with Chris (WA1VXH) to get keys and permits since Chris will be out of town on Field Day.

Need someone with a trailer hitch to assist getting trailer from club house to field.

New Business –

Scholarship recommended changes were made at the meeting

STEM related

Minimum 3.75 GPA required

Community service

Need based

Rotate towns each year between Wallingford and Meriden

This will require a rewrite of the constitution to reflect these changes. This was voted on an approved. Don is working with Dan (W1DMM) on this. Dan has the tribal knowledge of the constitution and the laws surrounding the document. A discussion was had about increasing the Scholarship amount from the current value of \$500 to something higher. Haggie (KB1HCC) will report back at the next business meeting the performance of the Scholarship fund mutual fund to see if this is a possibility.

Meeting was closed at 8:46PM

Meeting Attendees on June 11, 2015

Call Sign	Name	
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon	
N1API	Al Kaiser	
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen	
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	
W1CTN	Dave Arruza	
KB1FYL	Robert W. Carruthers	
WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	
KB1JL	Eric Olsen	
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak	
KB1TJD	Gaienne Jenkins	
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert	
N1ZN	James Savage	
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak	
KB1CMK	Dan Busa	Guest

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

May 2015 Activity meeting

The activity meeting opened at 7:29PM EDST on May 28, 2015 with 17 people in attendance and one guest (nice turn out!)

Officers present: Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Steve (KC1AXJ).

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

Announcements –

Musical Notes

Todd (K1TDO) gave a short discussion about The Best of Bob Cat and the Night Owl CD that he and Bob (KB1FYL) released in March 2015. The CD has 15 songs; the CD is Available for \$10. Bob wrote 13 while Todd wrote two of the songs. Contact Todd for more details.

Field Day

Bill (W1KKF) made a quick rundown of Field Day:

Handouts (flyers) are in several locals in the town (Library, Schools, Grocery Stores, etc.). There are still a few left at the clubhouse if anyone wants to post them in other locations.

Still have a slot for Educational – Anyone wants to sign up for this?

Still have a slot for GOTA coach – Anyone wants to sign up for this? This will give us 2X points for any GOTA contacts!

Capture PSK31 message – Steve (KC1AXJ)

Information table – Steve (KC1AXJ)

Publicity – Jim (N1ZN)

Field Day Captains: CW - Bill (W1KKF) SSB - Dave (W1CTN)

VHF – Jim (N1ZN)/John (K1LYP) GOTA – John (N1GNV)

Satellite – Bill (W1KKF)/Haggie (KB1HCC)

Generators: John (N1GNV) & Haggie (KB1HCC) – thanks!

Scholarship

There was a very donation to the scholarship fund. This will be discussed at the next business meeting.

The activity

Rich (WA1TRY) did a great job tonight giving us all a look at past W1NRG Field Day activity. The slide show started in the late 40's and moved through the 50's up thru about 2005. This was a great pictorial history of the club! Thank you Rich!

Next meeting is June 11th which is a business meeting.

Meeting was closed at 9:05 PM (roughly)

Meeting Attendees on May 28, 2015

K1LYP	John Yusza	
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	
KB1CMK	Dan Busa	
KB1JL	Eric Olsen	
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon	
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen	
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	
N1API	Al Kaiser	
N1BF	Patrick Dionne	
W1CTN	Dave Arruza	
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeaniak	
WA1TRY	Rich Adbin	
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert	
WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	
KM6UIU	Robert Newton	Guest

**N1GNV AND THE QUICKSILVER RADIO
CONTINGENT AT THE 2015 DAYTON CONVENTION.**



**HEY JOHN, I WILL DISTRACT HIM.
YOU UNWRAP THE ANTENNA
WIRE OFF HIS LEGS!**

**ACTUAL GODEK FARM FIELD DAY SCENARIO
ABOUT 1980**



**YEAH RIGHT!!
HELL OF A GOOD
PLAN BILL !**

DAYTON REPORT BY N1GNV, MR. QUICKSILVER HIMSELF

Well, Dayton was just fabulous, as always. We had a great time, and boy were we busy! Thanks to all who stopped by, even if just to say hello. I know I didn't have nearly enough time to get to everyone, but I hope the guys and gals were able to help you. They worked their butts off both in preparing for the show, and then during the show itself. I'm lucky to have such a great team working with me.

Quite a few of you mentioned seeing some of my billboards near the Arena. But I didn't speak with anyone who saw all seven of them. So next year, we'll figure out some sort of a "scavenger hunt". If you find all of them, you'll win a (very) small value prize and a full ton of bragging rights. I'll have details here as we get closer to next year's show.



It appeared that the crowd was up a bit from last year, and I heard that the flea market had quite a few more vendors. Folks were in a good mood and seemed excited to be there. I wish I had more time to get out of the booth and walk around, but I could barely even find time for a quick trip to "return the rental coffee".

And as usual, the rumors were flying around regarding the future of Hamvention. Among others – “The arena has been sold to developers”, “They’re going to move it”, and blah blah blah. Well, don't you believe it, my friends. I went right to the source. DARA (the sponsoring club) already has signed commitments for May 20-22, 2016; May 19-21, 2017; and May 18-20, 2018. In addition to that, according to someone who should know, some very major renovation money should start flowing into the Hara Arena very soon. Ignore the Gloom-and-Doomers and Whining Willies – and start making plans now to attend another great Hamvention in 2016.

While I'm thinking about it -- I'd like to express my appreciation and gratitude to everyone who makes Hamvention what it is. DARA members and all the volunteers who put in countless unpaid hours to put on Ham Radio's biggest event. My fellow vendors who invest significant time and resources to bring you the products that allow you to enjoy our great hobby. And of course all of the attendees who make it the Greatest (Ham Radio) Show on Earth. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!

So now it's on to the next adventure. We've been attending the Butler, PA Hamfest for many years, and we're looking forward to this one on June 7th. It's one of the better tailgating shows in the Northeast, plus it has a good contingent of new equipment vendors. We'll leave Butler and drive down to Dallas (actually Irving) Texas for Ham-Com on June 12th and 13th. We attended this one for the first time last year, and we were very impressed. After selling out all of their vendor space for the past few years, they are moving to a new and much larger venue this year. You probably know that I love good barbecue, and real Texas 'cue is some of the best around. If you know of a great place in Irving, please send me an e-mail at TexasBBQ@qsradio.com I'll be there for a few nights and hope to try your favorite spot.

Then it's time to prepare for Field Day. Lemme tell ya, Amateur Radio doesn't get much better than, or as much fun as, Field Day. No matter what your ability, license class, or operating style, there's an entry category to suit your needs. It's my favorite Ham event of the year, and I hope you'll make plans to be on the air for it. In place of a real Tech Talk this month, I'll share some Field Day thoughts and tips -- plus the recipe for my World Famous, Multiple Award Winning RoadKill™ Recipe.

Now, I've been making the RoadKill™ for my club for about the past 25 years, and I've never shared the recipe. But after many, many requests, [here it is](#). You should understand that the published recipe calls for pork, but there's a lot more that goes into it. For example -- we were driving back from the Dayton Hamvention, and as we passed the exit for Punxsutawney, PA, we spotted a (somewhat) freshly killed groundhog on the side of the road. We scooped him up, and he'll be part of my club's FD feast. Strangely, he had a collar with a name tag that said "Phil" but no other info. Too bad for him, but good for us ;-)

Field Day is also a real opportunity to demonstrate Ham Radio to the general public. Take advantage of that, and let a club member -- with appropriate people skills, of course -- be responsible for showing them around a little bit. A GOTA station is an ideal way to let them try radio. Having a printed sign with the required exchange information is helpful. And above all, remember -- this is supposed to be fun!



INFORMATION PAGE

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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



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

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