

# **MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

# **KEY KLIX**

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ROAD, WALLINGFORD, ZOOM COVERAGE WILL BE OFFERED CONCURRENTLY.  
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**Welcome to the MARC, these new members were voted in to the MARC at the May and  
June Business meetings.**

**Spencer Rygiel of Middletown Jr.Op to Steve KC1QWH  
David Henry KC1PEN of Southington  
Jared Martin KC1RHB of Wallingford  
Loreen Heavens ex KB1HEA of Woodbury  
Sergio Frutuoso KC1RBY of Avon  
Tom Williams KO4EEL of Wolcott (summer)**

**MARC 75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA EVENT THURSDAY JUNE 23RD @ THE OEM  
W1YSM HAS A GALA EVENT PLANNED WITH A FULL SIZED TENT. OFFICIALS  
FROM THE ARRL WILL BE ON HAND TO RECOGNIZE THE MARC'S 75 YEAR  
AFFILIATION WITH THE ARRL AND CITY DIGNITARIES WILL ALSO BE IN  
ATTENDANCE TO BE A PART OF THE FESTIVITIES. THE EVENT STARTS AT 6PM ,  
PARKING WILL BE LIMITED TO HANDICAPPED ONLY BY THE BUILDING AND MAIN  
PARKING NEXT DOOR AT THE MORAN SCHOOL.**

### **Field Day June 25/26 at the OEM**

**We are back at the OEM with CW, SSB and GOTA stations and of course food by  
N1GNV (Not One Gram of Nutritional Value).**

**Please contact :**

**Bob WB1GYZ to sign up for the CW station RGDP@COMCAST.NET**

**OR**

**John KB1MFU to sign up for the SSB station. KB1MFU@YAHOO.COM**



## WHY?

A question I am often asked is "Why"? Why do we need to do so many things? Why are you always asking for volunteers? Why do you (too) often say yes and volunteer the Club for so many things all the time? I used to get upset at these questions and wondered why Club members did not share my sense of vision. Now, I am just resigned to the fact that some Club members will question all this activity and wonder why we need to be so active.

These are good questions. Currently the MARC has seven (7) major looming projects: 75<sup>th</sup> Gala; Field Day; MARCONI Club Grant application to ARRL; Wallingford 352<sup>nd</sup> Parade coverage; Participation in the Big E; Nutmeg Hamfest; CQ Santa. In addition, there are (have been) a host of smaller minor projects – MS Walk; YMCA road race; HIYTW Gang Bike race; etc. This Club has much to be proud of and thankful for. We need be especially aware of the largess bestowed upon us by the Town of Wallingford. Not all Clubs have such a beautiful space and such support. Indeed, many clubs' radio facilities are located in a windowless closet in some town building with no place to meet as a club. Look at what we have. Chris Sievert WA1VXH (SK) is often quoted as saying "we need to pay the rent" to the Town of Wallingford for their support. He was right.

When we hold an open-to-the-public event like CQ Santa, or Field Day, or provide security for a public road or bike race or a parade, we are giving back to the Wallingford Community in some fashion. Even if the event is outside of Wallingford such as the Bike race or the Cheshire MS Walk, we are representing the Town of Wallingford and showing our altruism to neighboring Towns. Do not underestimate how well this reflects on and enhances the Town's image to its neighbors. It speaks volumes about how we care about others. And as a highly visible representative of the Town of Wallingford, we bring honor and prestige to ourselves as an Amateur Radio Club, to the Town of Wallingford as a sponsor of our activities, and even to the ARRL as representatives of what Amateur Radio is all about and how Hams serve society in so many ways. Not bad for a day's work.

I am making a conscious effort to invite the support of many club members to act as Captains and leaders of the various activities listed above. I do not want to rely on the same people repeatedly. Notice I said "invite" and not "conscript." This is all voluntary. John Yusza K1LYP frequently talks about 'Hams helping Hams'. While true, Hams help lots of other folk as well. I am proud to be President of MARC and proud of the Officers and Members. I am also proud of what we do for Wallingford and other parts of our local Society.

Chris WA1VXH (SK), was a proud member of the MARC and I share his vision. I am sure he would be pleased to see all the activity of so many Club members as we stand in support of The Town of Wallingford, MARC, and Amateur Radio, and thus, proudly "Pay the Rent."

That's Why.

Ed W1YSM

President MARC/WARG



**ARRL CEO NA2AA David Minster accepts donation from Dr. Ed Snyder, W1YSM, with wife Rose, of Wallingford, Connecticut, who provided funding for an endowment to support the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative in 2017, has generously donated additional funding to expand the endowment to include ARRL Affiliated Clubs. The endowment, formerly known as the W1YSM Snyder Family Collegiate Amateur Radio Endowment Fund, has been renamed and will now be known as the W1YSM Snyder Family Collegiate and ARRL Affiliated Club Endowment Fund.**

### MARC ACTIVITY AND NET SCHEDULE WITH ZOOM CREDENTIALS

DAY	TIME (ET)	BAND	FREQ (MHz)	NCS	NAME	TYPE	WHEN
MONDAY	2000 – 2100	6M	50.175	N1ZN - JIM	6M NET	OPEN DISCUSSION	MONDAY
TUESDAY	1930 -2000	2M REPEATER	147.36 PL=162.2	K1TDO - TODD	2M NET	OPEN DISCUSSION	TUESDAY
	2000 – 2100	10M	28.375	K1VDF - JOHN	CASTLE CRAIG 10-10 INTL.	OPEN DISCUSSION	TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY	1900 – 2000	6M	50.175	VARIABLE	W1NRG OPEN DISCUSSION NET	OPEN DISCUSSION	WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY	1930 – 2030	2M and ZOOM	147.36 PL=162.2 *ID: 973 7062 5198 *Passcode: 889386	AB1DQ - JAMES	2M TECH NET	TECHNICAL/LECTURE	1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY
	1930 – 2100	-	ZOOM	W1YSM – ED	MARC BUSINESS MTG	BUSINESS MEETING	2 <sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY
	1930 – 2100	ZOOM	*ID: 925 1153 2783 *Passcode: 000377	W1YSM – ED	MARC ACTIVITIES MTG	TECHNICAL/LECTURE	4 <sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY
FRIDAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SATURDAY	0900 – 1000	2M REPEATER	147.36 PL=162.2	W1YSM – ED	COFFEE CUP NET	OPEN DISCUSSION	SATURDAY
	1100 - 1300	VARIABLE	VARIABLE	NZ1J – DAVID	FOX HUNT POTA/SOTA/OTA's	Tx Hunt Activations	SATURDAY
SUNDAY	1930 – 2030	ZOOM	*ID: 932 5667 9514 *Passcode: 686029	OPEN	ELMER'S SHACK	NEW HAM SUPPORT	SUNDAY
	OPEN SCHEDULE ~ 0800 – 1600	VARIABLE	VARIABLE	K1RCT- ROB	FIAB (FOX IN A BOX)	HIDDEN Tx Hunt	SUNDAY

\* values subject to change, see <http://www.w1nrg.com/website/index.html> for current values



## Secretary Report & Minutes of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club

**Bart Toftness N1BRL , Secretary**

### **BUSINESS MEETING MAY 12, 2022 ZOOM**

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

Normal introductions were omitted as all attendees (42) are self-identified in 'Zoom' , N1BRL, K1RCT, N1LES, KC1OYN, KC1QWH, W3APC, W1DQ, N1GNV, W1EDX, NZ1J, N1API, WV2LKM, W1IKW, K1WJL, WA1FF, KE1AU, KC1ISI, WB1GYZ, K1VDF, K1JCF, KC1DOY, KC1OTM, WB1DQT, KE1AY, WA1K, W1YSM, N1JMX, KB1JL, KC1NQE, KC1PEN, WA1ZVY, KC1KQH, K1LYP, K1LHO, KC1QLS, N1ZN, KB1MFU, KB1EHE, KB1IFZ, WA1EXA, WA1TRY, and Spencer Rygiel

Announcements (W1YSM), business meetings continue to be hybrid and the form of the June meeting is to be decided later. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coffee Cups are in and KC1DOY reports they will be available for pickup at the club on Saturday for those that are paid. Members will be notified with a reflector announcement when a second order for mugs will begin. Business cards and membership certificates continue to be available from N1BRL or on line.

#### Secretary's Report (N1BRL)

April business meeting minutes were approved by majority vote. Two new membership applications, Spencer Rygiel no callsign and David Henry KC1PEN were each approved by majority vote. No correspondence to report. A discussion for Mike K1LHO to send condolence cards on behalf of MARC to families of silent keys was tabled until next month.

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

Station Manager's Report (K1RCT) The Station Activity Manager reports the Saturday attendance at the EOC is remains steady. The club now has 2 administrative Zoom accounts to enable 2 simultaneous meetings without conflict. There is now a working Groups.IO email available to members for messaging.

The full SAM report is available upon request.

#### Standing Committees and Working Groups

Entertainment/Activities, Upcoming activities include May 26 will be a Field Day 2022 planning. 23 June will be the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Reception. 28<sup>th</sup> July will be Lark In The Park at Marcus Cooke Park.

Technical/Interference and Publicity had nothing new to report.

Scholarship, Scholarship announcements have gone out to the high schools in Wallingford and Meriden with 3 applications received which are currently being reviewed by the committee.

Other Activities, There are a variety of activities on Saturday mornings at the EOC, Diamond and Gold Challenge awards are listed on the Forums, Hole In The Wall bike race and MS Walk were supported by members, The Boy Scout Jamboree will have a special callsign KB1BSA and QSL card. VE sessions are every second Saturday and continue to be a source of new members. N1GNV is still looking for Field Day Station Captains.

Nutmeg Hamfest will return on October 9 at the Best Western in North Haven following the COVID 19 hiatus. The associated VE Session will be held the day before (8 Oct.) at the EOC.

75th Anniversary Commemorative Event will be catered at the OEM/firehouse 6:00 to 8:30 PM on 23 June 2022 outside in a tent. The Board of Directors of the ARRL will award our club with a certificate and a plaque celebrating our 75 years in the ARRL. There will be a buffet outside on the lawn with a ceremony and presentation inside at about 7:00 to 7:20. A number of dignitaries in attendance including Fred Kemmerer AB1OC ,ARRL New England Division Director, Phil Temples K9HI, Wallingford Mayor, current and past Fire Chief, current and past Police Chiefs, Deputy Fire Chief, and Lenny Guercia. It is possible television and newspapers will cover the event. We will have a presentation and an award to memorialize the Bill Wawrzeniak W1KKF SK CW Station. K1RCT will provide a memorial remembrance for Bill Wawrzeniak SK W1KKF. KB1JL will provide a short memorial remembrance for Chris Sievert SK WA1VXH.

Last month's motion for an initial allocation of \$500 for food and beverage was withdrawn and a new motion to approve \$1000 was made. It will be voted on at the June business meeting.

ARRL Grant for Club Improvement – "MARCONI", Motivating Amateur Radio Clubs to Open New Initiatives. The concept is to utilize 6 of the areas that our club is involved in(POTA, Fox Hunts, CW Classes, satellite contacts, licensing and VE, served agencies) as a framework to attract new hams, mentor other clubs and students to grow amateur radio. These club activities will be the core of our grant application.

#### Voting Summary for the May meeting

March meeting minutes were approved. 2 new members were each approved. Spencer Rygiel no callsign and David Henry KC1PEN . A motion for an initial \$500 food and beverage budget was withdrawn and replaced with a new motion for \$1000 which will be on the June agenda for a vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:08

Respectfully submitted, Bart Toftness, N1BRL





## Field Day?

### What's this Field Day stuff?

I could quote what the League states but the simplest way to explain it is this:

Field Day is an organized 27 hour Activation throughout North America. Not technically a Contest, rather it's more like a public-invited QSO Party for Emergency Operating. Many Clubs operate from alternate locations for Field Day. Our own Club operated from places like Godek Farm and Marcus Cook Park in years gone by.

Since we have excellent operating conditions at the EOC AND because we can operate as an EOC, we have chosen to operate from there for several years now. CW Operations will be from the two stations inside the Office. Phone Operations will be inside the Conference Room temporary station. GOTA (Get On The Air) will be set up outside at the Red Shed or Trailer.

As a 2F Operation we can have two HF Stations, one GOTA Station and one VHF/UHF Station.

We have a Captain for CW in Bob Biancur, WB1GYZ. We have a Captain in John Ramadei for Phone.

GOTA is Rick Becker. These three will have the schedule of Operators for their mode. FD Log/Data Organizer is Jim Savage. Greeter/Shack Tours is Ted Renzoni. Copying the message from The League and Message Traffic is John Yusza Jr. We're still trying to have someone look after Educational (Code Practice Oscillator for public sending), a satellite contact & Publicity. Also need someone to monitor 6M propagation and advise if conditions open for VHF contacts. Please contact President Ed Snyder if you can assist. There is a lot of experience & support for everyone.

Antennas and Rigs:

CW can choose between the Yaesu FT-950 with the 6el beam for 10M, 15M & 20M or the Yaesu FT-991a with fan dipole for 40M & 75M/80M.

Phone will use the Kenwood TS-2000 with the fan dipole for 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 meters.

If 6M propagation gets better, the FT-991a with 3el beam is available inside the shack. Beam direction will be on a first come, first serve basis (the 6M and LP beams are controlled by one rotator). Logging will be via networked computer and N1MM+ except for GOTA which will use paper logging.

GOTA will use the Kenwood TS-450S with a temporary vertical antenna set up in the yard.

Please be sure to read "**Final go-around**" below.

We also need help from you for publicity, greeting visitors, copying a planned message from The League, setup and takedown, Satellite QSO and other areas. Oh BTW, did I mention we cook burgers, hot dogs and accept home-made food stuff like potato salad, macaroni salad, sweet treats, chips, chili, etc? Yup, John B. N1GNV is in-charge of serving road-kill stew at The Infrared Station.

Finally we want Operators! Come down and operate a slot or two!!

**Hints & Kinks**      **Field Day Operations -The General Plan.**      **We will operate 2F.**

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**Operators are encouraged to bring and use their own gear (key, headset, etc.) as well as come up to the EOC on a Saturday beforehand to see what jacks/sockets are in-use on our gear.**

From the League's website (<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>):

**3. Date and Time Period: Field Day 2022 will be held June 25-26.** Field Day is **ALWAYS** the fourth full weekend, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2059 UTC Sunday.

3.1. Class A and B (see below) stations that do not begin setting up until 1800 UTC on Saturday may operate the entire 27-hour Field Day period.

3.2. Stations who begin setting up before 1800 UTC Saturday may work only 24 consecutive hours, commencing when on-the-air operations begin.

3.3. No class A or B station may begin its set-up earlier than 0000 UTC on the Friday (Thursday afternoon or evening local time) preceding the Field Day period. Cumulative set-up time shall not exceed a total of 24 hours.

#### 5. Exchange:

**Stations in ARRL / RAC sections** will exchange their Field Day operating Class and ARRL / RAC section. Example: a three transmitter Class A station in Connecticut which also has a GOTA station and the extra VHF station would send "3A CT" on CW or Digital, or "3 Alpha Connecticut" on Phone.

**DX stations** send operating class and the term DX (i.e. 2A DX).

**Final go-around:** "Don't Let Out The Smoke"!

Being a multi-multi operation (multiple operators, multiple rigs) requires the use of band pass filters. We have one at each station for HF. The Dunestar 600 is a switch selected band pass filter which will be in-use during Field Day. CW Operations Captain will have to select which antenna to use and then switch-in the Dunestar. This will require two antenna switches, one for the antenna selection, one to switch-in the rig. CW Captain will assign what band to operate on and which rig/antenna to use. Likewise Phone operations will use only one antenna and one Dunestar.

GOTA will have to operate on another band completely as there is no filter for this rig. Transmitting on the same band as another rig will damage that rig. The Dunestar must be on the same band as the one selected on the rig. Internal tuners will be in-use, no external tuner. Band will be governed by use of the main Whiteboard in the conference room. GOTA, CW & Phone Bands will be listed and observed by all.

***Changes in band assignment will require a meeting at the Whiteboard of all Operators and Captains or at least a Radio officer/SAM. Finally, none of the rigs must be on the same band as another, ever.***

This is the responsibility of each Operator.

There will be a Zoom Meeting of all Captains and Leadership called by Ed Snyder during the week of 6/5/2022. The meeting will be a short organizing conference.

Once we start filling time slots with Operators, I can and will host a hands-on Zoom Meeting for anyone wanting to learn more about how to operate our Club Station sometime later in June.

73! de K1RCT - S.A.M

#### WB1GYZ's Morse Code Classes

More than a dozen club members worked with Bob, WB1GYZ, from January through April, to learn Morse Code. Now, that class of students has become proficient with sending and receiving Morse Code and has made on-air CW QSOs. There's no doubt the class was very successful and those students have 'graduated'. And, Bob's ready to do it again! Now's the time to sign up for this class, which will be starting soon. To begin, all you need to do is show up on Zoom. However, you'll need to get in touch with Bob and let him know you plan to be in the class. He'll add you to the roster, give you the password for the Zoom Meeting, and let you know what night the class begins. Here's the notice for this new class:

Learn to send and receive CW (Morse Code) - a new class is now forming. Open to all, no prior experience necessary. Already know code? We can help increase your proficiency. Meet nightly on Zoom, check-in at 7:15, class starts at 7:30 and runs about one hour. We also meet Saturday 9:00 AM at the club for in-person instruction. As we progress you'll need a straight key and code practice oscillator for class and home use. Please post notice about a new CW class starting on 1 July. Will meet nightly with checkin at 7:15 class starts at 7:30 and typically runs about an hour. Zoom ID 835 9494 2316 PW 569899 Also, we meet in-person Saturday morning 9:00 at the clubhouse 143 Hope Hill Rd. once classes begin again.



## **PITTSBURGH ROCKS!!**

Eric KB1EHE and Elsie KB1IFZ recently made a quick trek to Pittsburgh, as part of their ongoing quest to see a MLB game at every MLB ballpark in North America. They now have only three to go: Detroit, Miami, and Arlington. During their visit, they checked out the Carnegie Science Center. The exhibits included a floating / walk-through WWII submarine (USS Requin SS 481). Of course their eyes were drawn to the radio room -- and the amateur radio station.. See photos. They said other fun exhibits included an amazing guitar exhibit, a 4,800 sq. ft. operating model railroad, and a sensory-rich Pink Floyd laser-light show in the planetarium.



## **Best of Laser Pink Floyd**

From The Wall to Dark Side of the Moon, everything under the Sun is in tune. Rock out to classic Pink Floyd set to brilliant lasers, colorful lights, strobe and fog effects.

Purchase your tickets at the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Admissions Counter.



## SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE OEM

This was from Saturday, 21 May.

On Saturday, 21 May 2022, Jeff, N1AKN was seen doing what he does best, working on a vintage National NC190 receiver for Jared, KC1RHB. The radio belonged to Jared's father and with a bit of work, is again operational.

Unfortunately, time has taken its toll and the band spreader no longer works due to a cracked/warped pulley which could not be fixed. This also resulted in the dial pointer coming loose as well. At least the receiver does work so it can take its place as a proud addition to Jared's shack.

The radio drew a lot of attention due to its excellent appearance. Jared even had the original box that it came in. As any ham knows, it is far more comforting to warm yourself by a vacuum tube's heat than to sit next to a fireplace.

Ted KC1DOY

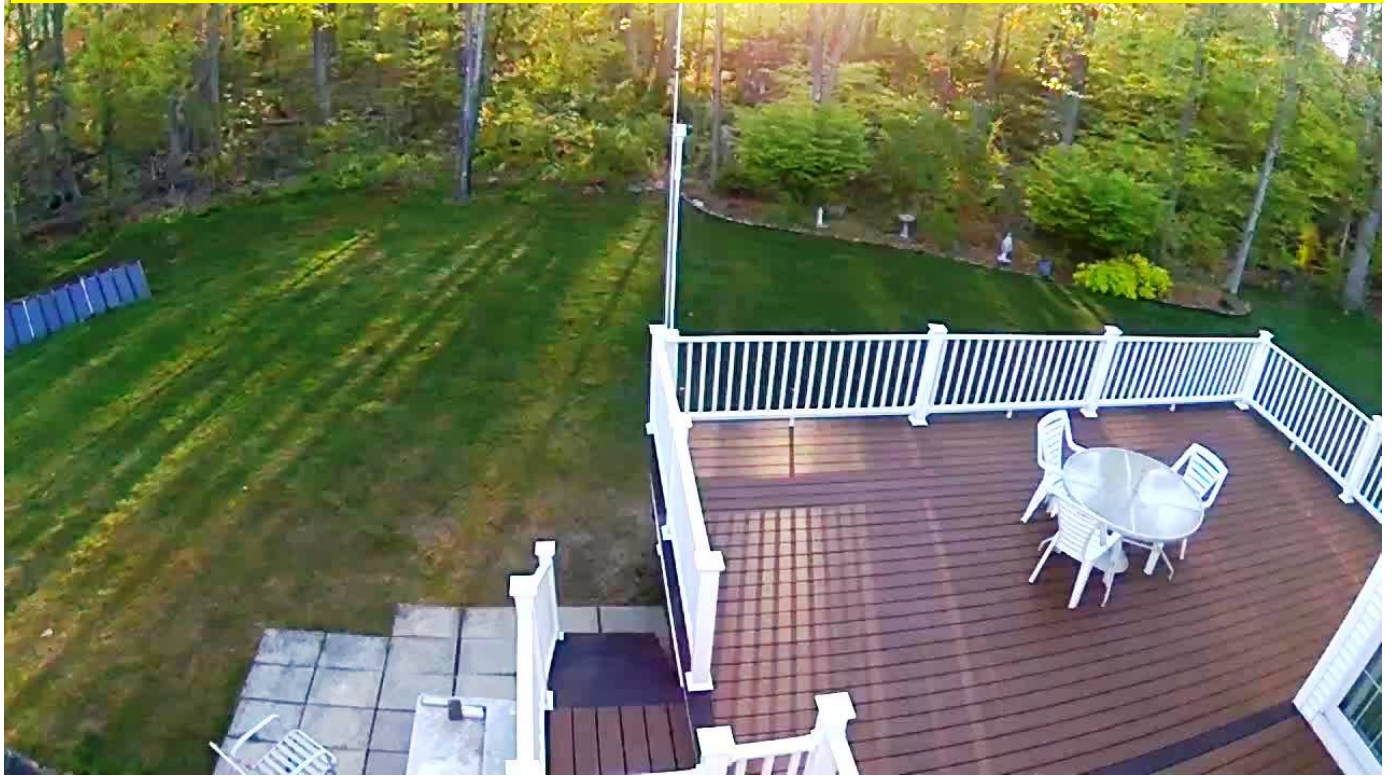


**I just noticed two large bumps on my car battery. Had them tested and one came back positive. Hope it's not terminal.**

**I'm great at multitasking. I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.....**



**W1EDX ANTENNA FAM CONSISTING OF COMET VERTICAL AND AN OCF WIRE ANTENNA**



As you may recall from ARRL articles and the presentation at MARC a few years back, 18 years ago today -- May 17, 2004 -- I was the Avionics Manager of the team that built and launched the world's first civilian rocket into space. It was chock full of amateur radio gear for tracking, telemetry, etc. Elsie KB1IFZ was part of the team, too, as well as fellow MARC member, Rod Lane N1FNE. Rod's engineering brilliance was central to our mission's success. The icing on the cake: My Dad came out to the launch; it was the perfect bridge to the model rocketry adventures I had with him as a child. (He also taught me how to solder.) The following is a photo of the rocket before we placed it in the launch tower. The launch site was Black Rock Desert, Nevada. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/B4QQpVPgR8pdsFPG8> 73, Eric KB1EHE





## **HAMS I HAVE KNOWN**

**BY WAITRY RICH AUBIN**

**A VW beetle, a logo, and an old CB friend.**

I'm sure everyone has seen our club logo. But I bet very few of today's members know how that logo came to be. Well the "story" goes back to over 50 years ago, about 2 years prior to my becoming a "Ham". At the time I was working in the appliance repair field, doing a lot of work on all kinds of appliances. For one week every month, I was on "call" for 24 hour emergency service. When on "emergency service duty" I would take calls 24/7 for emergency repairs. Usually broken furnaces, refrigerators or hot water heaters where service needed to be done quickly.

At that time my service area was most of Southern CT, and that meant I was on the road a lot. CB radio was a handy way to check for accidents, traffic delays etc. One evening during a trip from my home in West Haven to a repair job in Fairfield, I asked on CB channel 19 about traffic on Rte. 95 westbound.

Someone responded with a report about a traffic problem and we started a conversation. He wasn't a trucker and didn't sound like your typical 18 wheeler truck driver. We started a short conversation (not easy on channel 19) and he simply identified himself as "Al".

During our chat we decided to QSY to a quieter channel (CB channel 1) and keep each other company as we both had about a 30 minute drive ahead of us. After a very pleasant chat, we decided to check that channel around that time every night as he was commuting from his workplace to home. We had a lot in common, cars, old time radio shows, Science Fiction, and computers just to name a few things. During our first CB chat, we had another CB'er join in. Paul was on his way to Yale University where he had some commitment that required he make an occasional trip to the University. At that time, Al and I were talking about "cars". Paul was driving a Volkswagen Beetle that had a Porsche engine and joined the conversation to add his comments related to his very old Porsche powered VW.

I only bumped into Paul once more, but kept in touch regularly (on CB channel 1) with Al. Then after a couple months Al moved to a new location and his routine changed and we never talked again. I only knew Paul and Al by their names, but Al and I enjoyed many interesting QSO's for a short time on CB.

Okay, so what do a VW Bug and a logo have to do with anything??

It wasn't until a couple years later when in 1974 I was to become a new ham radio Novice, WN1TRY and started to be active with the Meriden ARC. At one MARC club meeting sometime after 1976 a "new" face appeared in the crowd and I greeted this "new guy" and we chatted. Something seemed familiar about him. With a quizzical look he asked, "Have we met before? Your voice is very familiar". I told him my name was Rich and suddenly he says, "Oh I think we used to talk on CB a long time ago. Was that YOU?" And we laughed and started to reminisce about the long CB QSOs we had several years prior on CB channel 1. When I first talked to him on CB, I had no idea he was a ham so when we ultimately found each other at that MARC meeting several years later, it was a very pleasant surprise for both of us.

That was Al Alvareztorres Jr. - WA1NPX, AA1DO – SK. Al joined the club that evening and would later become an important part in the world of the Meriden ARC. He was a tireless volunteer, worked in many club projects, was on many committees and also was a club President. He was a talented guy, and designed our club logo as well as those Ham of the Year and Elmer certificates we hand out every year. He also edited and published the club Newsletter, and set up VE sessions. He left his job at "Carlingswitch" where he over-saw the manufacturing process in its entirety from start to finish to start what would become his "dream job" at the ARRL.

One of his early duties at the ARRL was to manage the ARRL station operation to greet and talk to visitors to W1AW on Saturdays. I remember his fancy programmable watch which had an alarm feature so he would be reminded to change the W1AW antennas and code sessions while watching the station.

Every Saturday I had a routine where I'd get a coffee and bagel and drive up to Newington and spend the morning with Al at W1AW where we would have an old fashion eyeball rag chew about life and ham radio for hours. As a youngster he lived in a multistory building with many relatives. I remember him telling me about his uncle who lived on the second floor who was a musician and some other relatives who lived in the building. The building housed an eclectic mix of talented family members. Al himself studied classical music, and was a car and motorcycle enthusiast. He had a beautiful classic motorcycle. He also had a pet parrot named "Max". And of course like me, was very much into computers.

In those days, our computers were homemade kits from SWTP or Heathkit. There were no IBM PCs yet, but Al had his own personal computer which had memory measured in K-bits and data storage that used an analog reel to reel tape recorder.



We built our own kit built dot matrix printers (Heathkits). Those kit based computers were not exactly fast and I remember when Al was taking care of the club roster he would lament about how long it took to sort the a listing of just seventy club members (which usually took overnight). That was how we did it working with very limited RAM and doing sequential data sorts with a tape recorder.

It was around the time when Al was club president when MARC decided to create a club logo. Al, Bill W1KKF and I worked on that. Al handled most of the artistic and design work while Bill and I argued about the "colors". We got to the point where we decided to put a "date" in the design to signify the year of the club's creation. Al asked. "What year do we put there?" Believe it or not, the three of us weren't exactly sure but we knew one thing. That date had to be correct. So we sought out Frank, W1FD, who was the first president of MARC and at that time our club historian.

Frank confirmed that after WW II when the ham radio war time restrictions were lifted in 1946 several local hams in Meriden slowly resumed on air activities. Sometime in 1947 they began to meet informally on a regular basis and decided to start a radio club. Those meetings were the first organized meetings in 1947, BUT the actual club charter was not approved until later in early 1948. So Frank, Al, Bill and I spent some time discussing "the" date as it was going to be forever shown on the official club logo. In the ensuing weeks the logo design was presented in various color schemes to the membership and finally approved as you see it today. We determined that although the hams in 1946 were starting to operate on the air it wasn't until 1947 that they began to actually meet formally and call themselves MARC, but didn't finalize the charter until 1948. So in case you didn't know, that is how that 1947 ended up on the logo.

But what about the VW beetle and Paul?

Well many years later I happen to be on an appliance service call to Westport. The clients name was "Woodward". And they had a broken refrigerator. I drove up to this very impressive estate on "Judy Point Lane" and rang the doorbell. The door opens and a guy appears wearing a grease covered tee shirt, and a beer can in his hand. "Oh you must be here for the fridge he says. Sorry about the mess, I was working on my car. Come on in".

There was no mistaking those bright blue eyes or who he was. It was Joan Woodward's husband, Paul Newman. Surprisingly he starts a conversation as we walk to the kitchen and mentions again he was working on a car. Then asks if I did my own car work? I was kind of in a state of shock, being there with this famous actor and car enthusiast. But I collected my thoughts and told him about my then current hobby of sports cars and racing and rallying. Oh boy, what a thrill to spend a half hour while fixing his fridge and having a conversation with this guy! So after we had a short car chat he took me to his garage and showed me the car he was working on. An old Volkswagen Beetle with a Porsche engine. Suddenly it dawned on me. I told him that I was pretty sure I talked to him many years earlier on CB a couple times.

And he says, "Oh yeah, I was involved in some theater stuff at Yale and had some speaking engagements there a few evenings. And he remembered chatting with "Rich and Al" a couple times while driving his beetle from Westport to New Haven

Today I still remember over 50 years later, that first CB chat with a couple guys named Al and Paul, and the beginning of my friendship with Al, WA1NPX.

de Rich WA1TRY

Me  
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**Entertainment/Activities**

**Ed W1YSM + Iain W1IKW**

**June 23 75<sup>th</sup> Gala Reception**

**July 28 Lark in the Park**

**August 25 History of MARC Dave K1WJL / Rich WA1TRY**

**VE Sessions every 2nd Saturday at the OEC with KE1AY & N1ZN  
NEXT ONE IS ON JULY 9TH**

**SAVE THE DATE NUTMEG HAMFEST OCT 9TH, 2022**

# MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

AB1DQ	James Surprenant	22R	KC1OST	Bryon Heath	22R	N1YLO	Andy Fiertek	22R
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	22S	KC1OYM	Brian Boccuzzi	22R	N1ZN	Jim Savage	22S
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K1JCF	Joe Farrell	23S	KC1OYR	Brent Moyer	22R	N2TAG	Dave Taglianetti	22R
K1LHO	Mike Ash	22S	KC1PBQ	Randy Rivest	22R	NR1B	Bill Huggins	22S
K1LYP	John Yusza	23S	KC1PEN	David Henry	22R	NZ1J	Dave Tipping	22R
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	23R	KC1PHK	Lincoln Nichols	Y	UT3UY	Anatoly Kirilenko	22R
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KC1NLE	Jose Rodriguez	22R	N1JEO	Joel Curneal	22R	WY1U	Tim Mik	22R
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KC1OCF	Karl Polak	22S	N1MOB	Dan David	22R		Spencer Rygiel.....	Y
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			N1YLN	Edward O'Lena	22R			

MEMBERSHIP STATS  
TOTAL MEMBERS..... 124

## SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE EOC HAVE RESUMED 9AM-12AM

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