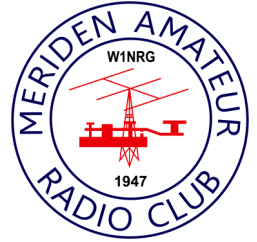


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MARCH 2015

Business Meeting Thursday Mar 12, 2015, 7:30 pm,
Activity Meeting Thursday Mar 26, 2015, 7:30 pm,
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

Business Meeting..Thursday March 12

Important Topic to be discussed.....Anyone Interested in DMR?

On February 26th, Steve Tripp, K1IIG gave us a talk and demo of DMR or Digital Mobile Radio. This demo was very interesting. We were able to talk all over North America with "arm-chair" copy. Steve has offered a DMR repeater with duplexer and antenna to The Meriden ARC for the bargain price of \$1800.

He has also offered his expertise and help installing the repeater. Is there any interest in pursuing this? Please come to the March 12th meeting to make your wishes known. This would require a majority vote.

73, Bill, W1KKF

Activity Meeting. Thursday March 26

Not determined at time of edition..

NUTMEG HAMFEST...October 18, 2015

Date change.....this annual event is traditionally held on the Columbus Day Weekend, however to align with Deerfield, the committee has tentatively moved it to October 18 pending approval with the Hotel powers that be. More details to follow...

Dues Notice.....

A Past Due notice from Treasurer Haggie KB1HCC and President Bill, W1KKF has been sent out with the Key Klix by USPS Snail Mail to those who have not paid their 2014 and in a few cases their 2013 dues. This is a friendly reminder to those members who have inadvertently forgot to pay their dues. To all others, pay up OR in the middle of the night, your G5RV will be reduced to a SP1RV, your rotator wires will be crossed so you will point East when you think your going West or we relocate a CB'er with a 10KW heater next to your QTH. Seriously, we hope you will stay on as a member and see you at the meetings. Contact Haggie if you have any questions or concerns

MARC Hats are Available

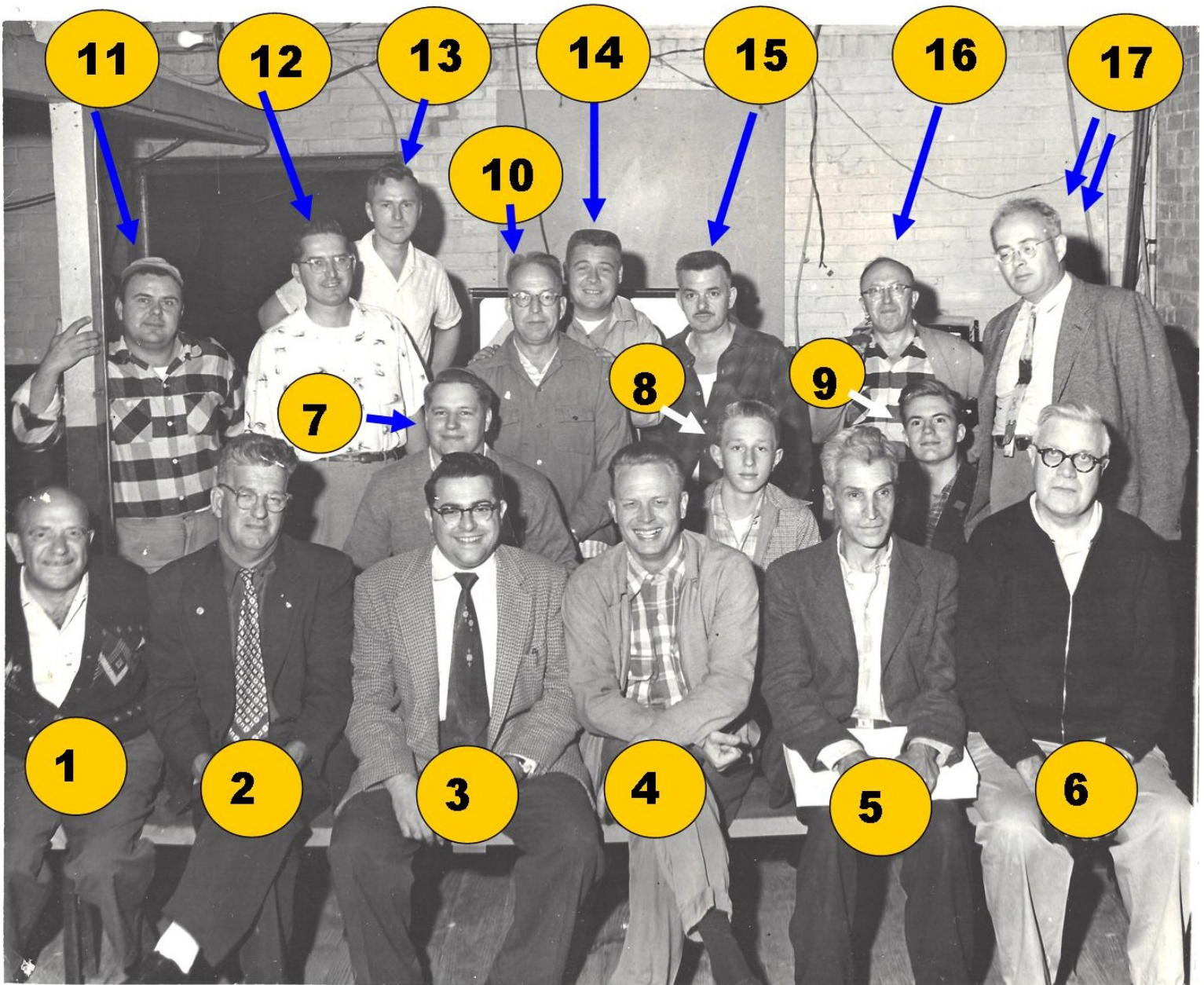
Jim N1ZN has received a load of new Hats with the MARC Logo, they will be available at the meetings.

Joe Hamm KC1BAQ

Joe KC1BAQ, our very energetic Emergency Coordinator for Wallingford has informed us that he will be relocating to Pennsylvania shortly. His message is on page 5. We will all miss Joe and his enthusiasm which sparked our club.



MARC TRIVIA CHALLENGE



THE MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB CIRCA 1956

EVEN THOUGH MOST OF THESE GUYS ARE SK'S

(IN FACT—ALL OF BUT ONE OF THEM ARE SK'S)

HOW MANY CAN YOU PROPERLY IDENTIFY??

SEND YOUR RESULTS TO DAVE K1WJL

RESULTS AND WINNERS NEXT ISSUE—I AM SURE A LOCAL

ESTABLISHMENT WILL OFFER A WINNERS PRIZE...

**CONGRATULATIONS TO WALT W1ATV ON ACHIEVING WAC (WORKED ALL COUNTIES)
THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF CQ MAGAZINE**

**Walter Yatzook, W1ATV
USA-CA All Counties #1245, June 4, 2014**

I got my first Novice ticket in 1968. I was in junior high school at the time.

One day at school we had a substitute teacher who liked to wander around the classroom. That's when my attention was caught with the old book inside another book trick. I was reading this book. I had found it at the local library with a one-tube CW transmitter in it. Instead of getting yelled at for not reading the correct book in class, the teacher had a big smile for me. He was a ham and pointed me in the right direction to getting my ticket.

I took my Novice test with the chief engineer of AM station WELI, and he gave me the test at the station. Now I was on the air as WN1LWA with two crystals for 40 meters. That transmitter in the book inside a book was built. It turned out to be my science project that year. The chassis was made in shop class. The funny thing is that they had all the Greenlee tube punches, brand new and never used. My receiver was a Knight R-55A that was built in my bedroom, and it worked first try. Unable to convince my parents to drive me to New York or Boston to take my General test, ham radio was short lived. I guess it didn't matter back then, because the next year was high school and radio was forgotten.

I started all over again after being married with children. I found out about county hunting in CQ magazine and bought the CQ USA-CA County Hunters's log book. Entries came very slowly and after a while interest was lost.

I had been in and out of the hobby a few times, the longest time being ten years. That was during the hardest part of my life, as my sons were in the teenage years. When I came back to the hobby it was 100% QRP. An all homebrew station, it was great fun making the gear. I learned a lot in those 10 years of being a "peanut whistle."

It wasn't until we moved out of the condo and into a single-family house that the antenna farm grew. I got my first used tribander in 2010 and what a difference! This is about the time I got serious about county hunting. I had about 850 counties in the log book, but a long way to go for 3077.

By accident I ran into the 20m county hunters' net. A quick check on the internet gave me the info need. Joining MARAC and loading the county hunting Logger was perfect. Now that I had a beam and contacts were a little easier to make, the excitement of making contact with all 3077 counties was in my grasp. After getting yelled at by net control a few times for not following the correct protocol, I got the drift of the flow and jumped in. One of the things I would do is print



Walter Yatzook, W1ATV, USA-CA All Counties #1245

out a state map and color in each county as it was confirmed. It was great fun watching each state get filled in with color.

After about three-and-a half years I was down to the last county, Crenshaw, Alabama. I watched the spots as mobiles went through Alabama hoping to get the last county, but each mobile went right past Crenshaw and around it. After a while of watching this happen I was wondering if they had any roads in that county? My wife wanted to visit her sister in Maine for a few days and so off we went. When I got back home, right away I checked the spot history. Yup! You guessed it: A mobile team was in Crenshaw and I had missed it.

About two weeks later, NM2L was in the area and staying in Florida. A phone call to Greg explaining my situation was well received. NM2L agreed to re-route his return trip to include my last needed county. Greg was great such a nice guy to go out of his way. So, on May 16th 1550Z a quick 20-meter CW QSO ended the whole thing. After years of searching, hunting, calling, and listening, it was over just like that.

A big thanks to all the other mobiles and the net control stations. So now what? Well, there's still a bunch I'd like to work on CW and a lot of fun is the 18-wheeler mobiles, plus a lot of DOKs in Germany and provinces in Italy and Spain. I guess it just never ends.

After getting thrown out of high school, I became a welder. I am now retired as a heavy-equipment welder, mechanic, and laser tech after 30-plus years. Today I like to roll my own gear and experiment with home-grown antennas. Right now I am mostly into digital PSK31 and JT65. Home radio is a Kenwood TS-2000x and the mobile (in a milk crate) radio Icom IC-707mk2g.

CU you down the log! 73, Walt, W1ATV

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

The business meeting opened at 7:30PM EDST on February 12, 2015 with 12 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 – Next meeting 2/26 – Activity meeting: Subject – DMR presentation by Steve (K1IIG)

Paul (K1SEZ) has accepted the position of Public Information Officer for our club.

Program and Entertainment chairman is Bob (KB1FYL) is stepping down from this role due to other obligations so the club is looking for a new person in this role. The person in this role coordinates presenters for our activity meetings/ field trips/etc.

Introductions – Intro's were kicked off and all 12 present introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – January's report was posted. No comments from members present.

Treasurer's Report – Financial details were discussed.

Contributions – None

Correspondence – One QSL card, Member applications from Dennis (NY2HF) and Eric (KB1JL), both were voted in as members during the meeting.

Scholarship – Recognition and discussion of 2000 recipient letter received last month.

Club Station & Facilities – Rich (WA1TRY) reported finding old club flag and plaques. Poles at club house (3 poles at 60 feet apart), work has not begun. Chris (WA1VXH) reported the town needs one more signature to get sign-off for the poles. Work on the office (shack) hasn't started.

Two action items: Dates for work start / completion on the office and the same for the poles.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – DMR presentation on February 26th at the club house.

Nets –

10M – Net is healthy with 10 or so folks participating weekly.

6M - Like the 10M Net, healthy

2M – Light activity. Discussed possibly moving to 7:30PM on Tuesday to help with Net activity

Castle Craig – Band was open this past weekend for the 10-10 contest. One new member added to Castle Craig chapter (Steve – KC1AXJ)

Hamfests – Meeting at the beginning of March with board of directors. Bill (W1KKF) to set that meeting date/time.

Key Klix – Great job Dave (K1WJL). Actively looking for picture to post in Key Klix please send shack pictures, events, etc. to Dave for publication. A vintage photo was found and will be in a future Key Klix.

Membership – There are still a number of past members that have not paid their 2015 club dues. Dues are \$15, \$10 for over 65 and \$5 for additional family members. Payment can be sent to: Meriden ARC POB 583 Meriden, CT. 06450. Brought up during the treasurer's report, there are currently a number of members that have not paid dues. There are 6 members from 2013 that have not paid 2014 or 2015 dues and will be soon removed from the roster. There are approximately 14 to 16 members from 2014 that have not paid 2015 dues. Notifications have been sent via Key Klix to pay dues.

Interference and Technical – None reported

Repeater – Not discussed

Instruction & Testing – Nothing to report. Tabled to see if anyone wanted to start a class but there were no takers.

Candy Store – Jim (N1ZN) reported his investigation into Jackets, Hats, and T-Shirts. Jim will be ordering 10 hats to begin with for purchase by members. The hats will be grey and sport our club's correct color logo and about \$10 each. Jim will further investigate T-Shirts (short sleeve) that will be blue with all white club logo. Badges were also discussed, <http://www.thesignman.com/> and has our logo on file. Rough cost is about \$11.50 with safety pin attachment. Badges will not be ordered by the club, rather members would order their own badges if you'd like one.

1997 (50th Anniversary) Meriden ARC club coffee cups are still available for purchase - \$7

Club Media – Not discussed

EmComm – Joe (KC1BAQ) is leaving Connecticut for his new Parish in the Philadelphia area the Best of luck to Joe. Joe has been a great club member and has done a great job in the EC role for Wallingford. Chris (WA1VXH) has volunteered to step in to this role with Joe's departure.

Secretaries Minutes Continued

Misc Old Business – Plaques/Awards discussion was tabled. There are a lot of plaques that need to be re-mounted on a new award board. There are two plaques (1st edition and 2nd edition). Rick (WA1TRY) has taken the lead and getting the current name plates/plaques remounted on to a new board. The new plaque will be hung in the new shack at the club when completed. Suggestion was tabled to put a virtual plaque site on our website. Rich (WA1TRY) suggested having the plaques displayed at the Meriden public library and (Rich) will discuss with Mark (K1PU) about putting a virtual plaque page on our website and with Paul (K1SEZ) about putting plaque at the library. The audit of 2014 treasury will be conducted by Jim (N1ZD) and John (K1VDF) and Haggie (KB1HCC) to send all needed paper work to Jim and John for review process.

Club search on the ARRL was tabled. Steve (KC1AXJ) explained the response from the ARRL. The ARRL acknowledged search engine is not optimal and is being looked at.

Jim (N1ZN) fixed the ARRL information of club officers. Bill (W1KKF) will look at this as well to add in the addresses and fix up the area served and perhaps would address the club lookup problem.

Rich (WA1TRY) fixed up QRZ or QSL.net the club information on these sites.

K1PU has now registered our logo as Meriden ARC, so now this is reported in more google searches (reported by Rick WA1TRY).

Some discussion / questions about who is the clubs' QSL manager, that contact is Bob (KE1AU).

WiFi – Reported by Rob (KC1ACN): Recommendation is to keep the plan we have which is \$10 / month on a month to month basis which is probably the best plan. Rich stated that there is a dedicated phone line at the club house which could also be used for cluster lookups. This is something that can be checked pretty easily since there are NetZero dial in numbers for Wallingford 203 area code (678-1809, 678-1226, 678-0021 649-0024). Chris (WA1VXH) reported that since the state is leaving the DMR repeater at the club house but that state may require some kind of connection to the cloud for the repeater and the club may be able to have access. Recommend to stay with the \$10 / month (Rob pays and Haggie reimburse Rob)

New Business –

Field Day Flyers / advertising was tabled by Steve (KC1AXJ). Jim (N1ZN) can print up a flyer that can be put in the Library, grocery stores, etc. Steve (KC1AXJ) can check with the local Wallingford Y and with Community Access channel. As Field Day gets closer we can table this for further discussions/action items.

The meeting adjourned by voice vote about 8:34 PM EDST to continue informal discussions around the coffee and cookies.

Submitted: Steve Allen KC1AXJ, Secretary

Meeting Attendees on February 12, 2015K1LYP K1VDF K1WJL KB1HCC KC1ACN KC1AXJ N1API N1ZN W1KKF WA1TRY
WA1VXH WB1GYZ

Hey guys,

I wanted to let you know that my family and I have been asked to move to Philadelphia and help with a new church congregation there. We just returned from a visit and I feel like there is a greater need for us there and that we should go help them. This move was not expected so I will need to devote all my attention over the next couple months preparing the congregation and my family for the move. We will be wrapping up things here with the church and packing up our things over the next month or two and plan to leave sometime in April.

For this reason, I will be unable to continue my role as emergency coordinator for Wallingford. I've really enjoyed getting to know you, and I regret that I will not be able to continue working with you all in the club.

Thanks for all you have taught me! I've learned so much from you all.

73,

Joe Hamm KC1BAQ

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



WEBSITE:

WWW.W1NRG.COM

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CASTLE CRAIG 1010 WEBSITE:

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CLUB REPEATER W1KKF/R
147.36MHZ +600 OFFSET
NO PL TONE (OPEN REPEATER)

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AF1HS	Art Fregeau	N1GNV	John Bartscherer
K1LHO	Mike Ash	N1GY	Geoff Haines
K1LYP	John Yusza	N1HCA	Susan South
K1MVM	Mike Macri	N1LGH	Barbara Stone
K1PU	Mark Mokoski	N1NAN	Helen Spokes
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak	N1OKF	Bob Parisi
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	N1VTE	Sarah Kaczor
K1TG	Roger Kuchera	N1ZN	James Savage
K1THP	Dave Karpiej	NY2HF	Dennis Lane
K1VDF	John Blevins	W1ATV	Walt Yatzook
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	W1CTN	David Arruzza
KB1CIW	Bob Stevens	W1DMM	Dan Murphy
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KB1GWP	Joseph Rish, Sr.	W1NHS	Fred Ring
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	W1POP	Fred Liedke
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	W1SKP	Skip Paquette
KB1MMS	Ronald Slack	W1VCU	Nelson Denison
KB1SIT	Teresa Stevens	W7FUR	William Spokes
KB1TJD	Gianne Jenkins	WA1JKR	John Rogus
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen	WA1VXH	Chris Siebert
KC1BAQ	Joseph Hamm	WB1GGP	Jerry Sheppard
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