

# MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

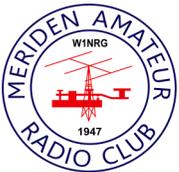
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## 1947 -- 2022 CELEBRATING ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

In the past few years, a few of the MARC's elite members (well actually in age and seniority) have been sifting through a plethora of historical data from Frank Darmofalski W1FYG / W1YY/ W1FD. Before he passed away, he summoned W1KKF Bill and Rich WA1TRY to come see him at the Elim Park facilities where he entrusted them with records & data dating back to pre-WWII. Bill W1KKF knowing he was not in the best of health, appointed Rich as the Club Historian to maintain the safety of those records.

Today Rich WA1TRY along with Dave K1WJL ( the most senior member (historically not age) after Bill W1KKF's passing) are assembling an historical progression of the MARC from those pre-WWII days of the old "Meriden Radio Club" which slowly migrated into the present day Meriden Amateur Radio Club.

It is important to some of us, while we understand others cant be bothered with the past, to document and remember what they did. Frank W1FD was a truly dedicated and passionate amateur radio operator as you will see and we thank him for saving the records .... Rich WA1TRY is another truly dedicated and passionate ham and historian. Rich has been researching old newspaper archives from the Meriden area and has come up with some interesting tidbits of Meriden's radio history such as this article from the Meriden Daily Journal dated June 14th of 1914...

Title: Meriden Boys to Become Links in Wireless Club  
Friday, June 14th 1914 - Meriden Daily Journal

Did you know that the first known persons in the city of Meriden to be publically acknowledged as "radio" enthusiasts goes back to an article in the "Meriden Daily Journal" in 1914 (ON THE NEXT PAGE) when a young Laurence Southwick, living with his parents on Curtis St. Meriden, CT along with two friends joined a newly formed club in Hartford called the "Hartford Radio Club". They were one of the first (in Meriden) of 150 new Connecticut based members of the "Hartford Radio Club".

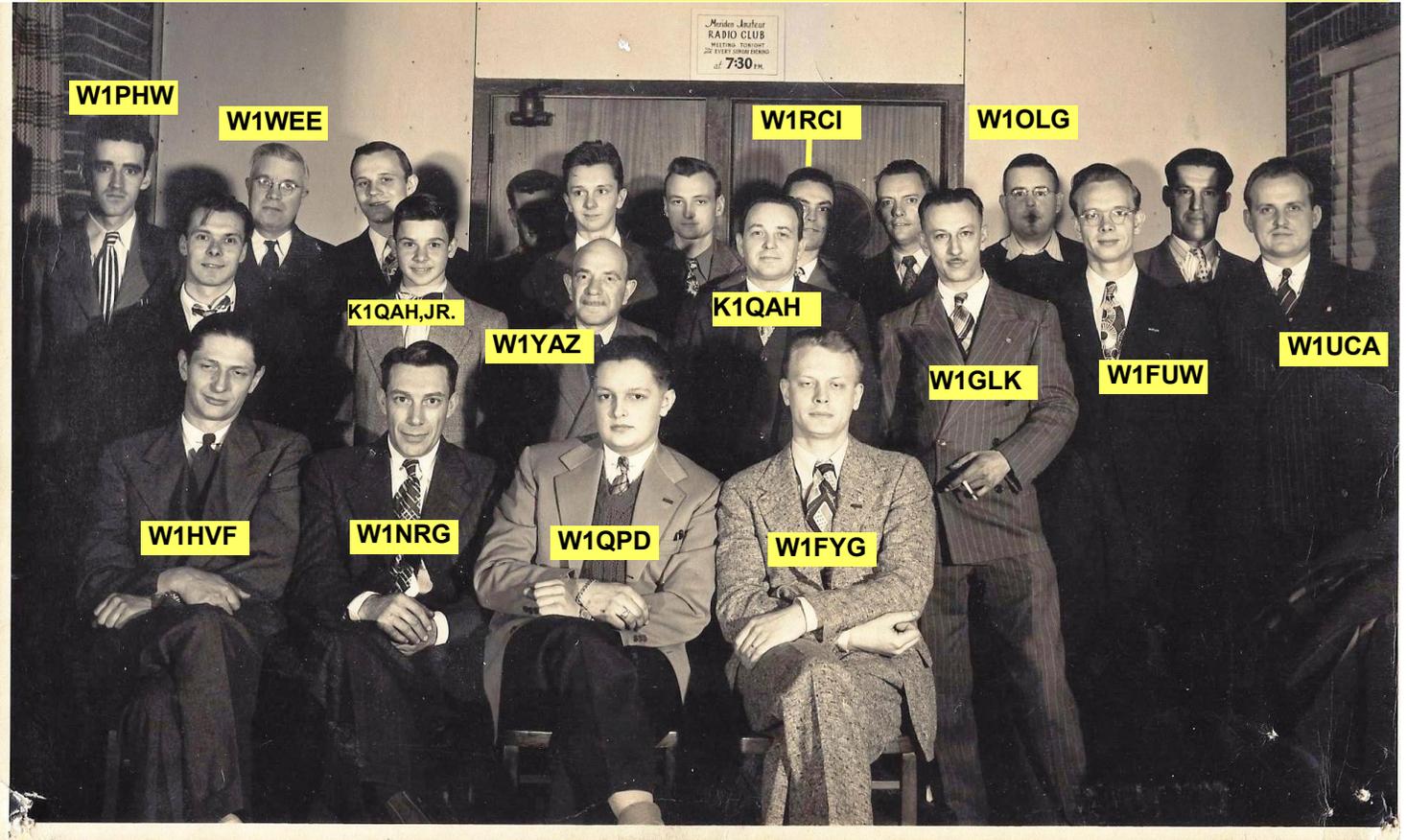
In 1912 the FCC was formed and from that time on, all "ham radio" operators had to be licensed. The new Hartford Radio Club, was formed in 1914 by **Hiram Percy Maxim**, son of Sir Hiram Maxim (inventor of the gun silencer). It's purpose was to have free wireless messages radiated through a nation wide organization of amateur operators.

One of those first radio enthusiast from Meriden to apply for membership was Laurence Southwick along with Godfrey Rockefeller, second son of William G. Rockefeller, who is the correspondent at Greenwich and is the most prominent operator admitted to membership up to date. Young Rockefeller and his brother, Stillman had been taking lessons from John Barrett, a jeweler and an expert amateur operator. There was already a good amount of "spark" communications in the city of Meriden prior to that date in 1914. And those are just a few of the first "hams" to become officially involved with newly formed "Federal Communications Commission" (1912) and later the "Hartford Radio Club" in 1914.

In case you didn't know .. "The Hartford Radio Club" within the next year, would go on to become what we now know as the ARRL.

And now you know the rest of the story. (apologies to fans of Paul Harvey)

*73, Rich - WA1TRY*



**COMMENTS ON PICTURE:**

- W1FYG /W1YY/ W1FD Frank Darmofalski
- W1QPD Herb Ellmers was first (?) Radio Officer for State Police & was W1FYG's cousin
- W1NRG Erwin Ed Bischert
- W1HVF Howard Wessenberg
- K1QAH Larry Cooke Sr. AKA "Cookie" was also very active in the Meriden Motorcycle Club  
Larry Cooke Jr. SWL later to become licensed & also Meriden's Cannon Man
- W1YAZ Stuart Stockwell
- W1GLK Lewis Jacob was very instrumental in the MARC, initial meetings were held at his house in late 40's
- W1FUW Ed Mierz was also Franks cousin and eventually relocated to Middlefield..
- W1UCA Nick Zadrick
- W1PHW James White
- W1WEE Floyd Steiner was accountant for State. of CT , also worked at the YMCA
- W1RCI Heywood Watts
- W1OLG Leigh Tryon

**PICTURED HERE ARE STU W1YAZ, AL MARTIN W1IFQ WHO WAS OBVIOUSLY KNOWN FOR THIS LARGE CIGARS AND EMIL W1LLH, AT THE DOSSIN BEACH CLUBHOUSE ,IN THE BACKGROUND IS VINNY W1OOC WITH THE HAT AND AN UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER.**



## MERIDEN BOYS TO BECOME LINKS IN WIRELESS CLUB

Laurence Southwick, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Southwick of 119 Curtis street, will make application for membership in the newly formed Hartford Radio club in which 150 amateur wireless operators in Connecticut already are enrolled. Other amateur operators in the city including Wayne Miller and Harry Hightner may apply for membership.

Hiram Percy Maxim, son of Sir Horam Maxim and the inventor of the Maxim gun silencer, is the founder of the club and the plan is to have free wireless messages radiated through a nation wide organization of amateur operators.

Godfrey Rockefeller, second son of William G. Rockefeller, who is the correspondent at Greenwich, is the most prominent operator admitted to membership up to date. Young Rockefeller has been experimenting with the wireless for a year or more. Godfrey and his brother, Stillman, started their investigations with such determination that their father offered to equip a modern station for them as soon as they justified it.

The Rockefeller boys have been taking lessons from John Barrett, a jeweler and an expert amateur operator. Godfrey's outfit is said to be one of the best in the state.

Maxim's organization is based upon the assumption that no government interference or interstate technicality will arise. There are said to be some 300,000 amateur wireless operators in the United States.

"This is one of the unanticipated developments of wireless telegraphy," said Mr. Maxim to-day, "that a man in Maine may sit in his library and talk with his friend in California, with only a few relays in between. We are trying to get the names of all the amateurs in the country. Aside from encouraging the study of scientific matters by young men, the movement may easily be of inestimable value in flood, storm or war.

"It can be no infringement of the existing telegraph or telephone companies, because messages will be handled from station to station and delivered entirely by courtesy."

Mr. Maxim talks with Buffalo, Westfield, N. Y., and places in northern Pennsylvania nearly every night. On clear nights he gets St. Louis, with only one relay at Buffalo. He plans some night to have the mayor of Hartford exchange greetings with Buffalo's mayor.

## COME TO- WITH THE LOCAL STATE PARADE

Witness the Best Parade in Conn. All in Neat Uniforms. A line of march—Witness so Britain vs. Torrington and DANCING—At Lakeview Park during the evening.

At Lakeview and Coney Island Parks  
Athletic Events  
Visit the Coney Island Section

Sure to Amuse Both Young and Old

ADMISSION

Parade At 10.45

"Men and Women," a powerful drama of the present day will be the bill and Wednesday afternoon we will present two 50 cent seats good for the evening performance on Thursday. There will be 25 pairs of seats given away.—Adv.

### ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA.

The well known historical drama, Cleopatra and Mark Anthony will be seen in motion pictures at the Star theatre and Alrdome to-day. This powerful story has stirred students of history and human nature in every generation since the famous drama had its origin. Almost everyone is familiar with this great story telling of Mark Anthony's triumph over the fleeing assassins of Julius Caesar at Philippi. It remained for Cleopatra, queen of Egypt, to end his glorious career. She practiced her charms upon him and he was her most willing slave. Caesar, realizing the situation sought to save Mark Anthony from himself but failed. Caesar maddened excited the people against Anthony. Anthony fails to win against them so kills himself. Unwilling to survive the triumph of Caesar, Cleopatra bares her breast to the deadly sting of a serpent. It is a most wonderful pic-



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# Meriden Amateur Radio Club Plans Public Inspection

## Officials Invited To Visit Quarters At Dossin Beach

The Meriden Amateur Radio Club has invited city officials, communications people and the press to inspect the Dossin Beach headquarters, 7:30 o'clock, Thursday evening.

At last night's regular club meeting, it was announced invitations have gone out to Mayor Houston, Frank Sprafke, chairman of the Recreation Commission, Chief of Police Michael B. Carroll, Chief Leonard Petrucelli and Captain Charles Zimmer of the Signal Department. Other agencies interested in message handling are being contacted through Mrs. J. B. Crabtree for the Red Cross; T. Val Hedgpeth, Southern New England Telephone Co.; Stanley Killeen, Connecticut Light and Power Co., and Ernest Markham for aviation.

All city officials and persons representing agencies interested in communication will be welcomed Thursday evening. The club voted last night to open next Sunday's meeting to members' families and the public. Meetings begin at 7:30 and are ordinarily preceded by a half hour of code practice for prospective amateurs.

At the open house Thursday for officials, the club plans to initiate a message from Mayor Houston to Red Cross headquarters in Hartford, transmitting from the club's 10-meter station at Dossin Beach through W1AW, Headquarters Station of the American Radio Relay League to its destination. Officials will have the opportunity to see how the former north-wing bathhouse has been transformed into a message center and meeting place for the 29 members.

A committee headed by Lawrence Cook, and including Floyd Steiner, Emil Grieco and Stewart Stockwell, has been active since the room was made available by the city. They have stacked bathhouse racks behind partitions and fashioned a meeting hall and transmitter room in cream and brown paint. They have laid a wood floor over the concrete, painting it grey and installed two stoves.

After the business portion of last night's meeting, Emanuel Rame showed three reels of sound movies, and coffee and doughnuts have become a social feature of each regular meeting.

The Meriden Amateur Radio Club was organized in February at the Y.M.C.A. It met Sunday evenings there and later at the Rita Restaurant. Through interested city officials the present permanent quarters were made available. The club has a constitution and has posted on its bulletin board official recognition from the ARRL. Several social events were held in the summer and fall, including a picnic at Lake Quonnopaug.

The original slate of officers elected by 12 charter members in February was Frank Darmofalski, W1FYG, president; Howard Wessenberg, W1HVE, activities manager; Edward Bischert, W1NRG, treasurer, and Herbert Ellmers, W1QPD, secretary. Heyward Watts, W1RCI, replaced Mr. Wessenberg, as vice president when W1HVE moved to Newington.

Frank Darmofalski, W1FYG, W1FD (sk) who was one of the founders and first President of MARC (1947) was already filling the role as "Elmer" and teaching Morse Code and radio theory to young Meriden Boy Scouts in 1943. (Meriden Record Newspaper)

Tue, May 11, 1943

# Center Church Scouts Hold Meeting Tonight

The weekly meeting of Boy Scout Troop 6, will be held tonight at 7 o'clock in the parish house of Center Congregational church.

The class in radio code and theory will again be held under the instruction of Frank Darmofalski. All members of the troop are reminded to bring note books and pencils.

Oct 21, 1941

# Radio "Hams" Form Association Here

Officers were elected of the U. H. F. Amateur Emergency association, composed of radio "hams" affiliated with the Aircraft Warning Service at a meeting last night in the state armory. The officer's are:

President—John Bibisi, of Middletown, operator of Station W-1KJT.

Secretary—Frank Darmofalski, of Meriden, operator of Station W-1FYG.

Activity of the association will be the formation of a relay league composed of amateurs in Meriden and vicinity with the purpose of co-operating with the Aircraft Warning service.

The association is raising funds to purchase radio equipment for use in connection with the public service.

IN NEXT MONTHS CONTINUATION WE WILL HAVE THE "HANGING HILLS RADIO ASSOCIATION AND THEN TO THE MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN, FEBRUARY 2022 KEY KLIX**

*Hello, my name is.....*

Many of us are shy, or at least we were shy, before we became amateur radio operators. Hams often have "mike fright", it is being too timid to hit the PTT button and make a contact. Many of us go through this phase but we overcome it. When we do, lo and behold, we go OnAir at will, and call CQ 20M whenever the spirit and propagational waves move us. I, too, went through this phase but now I actually like being NCS for W1NRG- Coffee Cup Net, W1YU Yale Tuesday Net, and the Thursday SkyWarn Net. Indeed, when I walked into my first MARC meeting in April 2016, at the suggestion of AB1DQ, I was quite self-conscious and frankly more than a bit intimidated. Here were all these Hams who had more knowledge about amateur radio in their finger, than I had in my whole body. I took the 3 FCC license exams and passed them in 3 months as I had limited time. At that point, I had very little knowledge of what it meant to be a Ham.

When I walked into the Cook Hill Fire House that April evening, I was painfully aware that the guys were staring at me with facial expressions ranging from "who the hell is he", to "I don't know who he is – maybe he is just looking for the bathroom". When I did muster up enough courage, I walked up to Bill W1KKF (SK) and introduced myself. He did not seem overly impressed, but he was cordial and friendly. After a meeting or two, I volunteered to chair the Activities Committee and offered to purchase a Dunestar Filter, the club needed for the upcoming Field Day. That offer moved me from sitting at the 'outer perimeter chairs', to sitting at the tables in the 'inner group'. I went from "Who the hell is he" to "Hey, Ed, how are you? – any good QSO's recently – great to see ya". They no longer had to look at my name badge to remember my call sign. I remember how much better I felt when the warmth and light of club friendship shone on my name tag. We all feel that way. No one wants to sit alone and feel left out or feel like they are invisible.

As of today 26Feb2022, we have 101 Club members with about 10-15 members still to pay dues. We also have 3 or 4 new applicants to vote in at the March Business Meeting. Since Jan 2021, due to VE sessions, Coffee Cup Nets, 6M and 10M Nets, POTAs, Fox Hunts, Zoom meetings, and many other Club activities, we have attracted a whole group (N=~40) of new members. Now, as the OEM (re)opens, as Zoom meeting participants grow and as our Club expands, we will more often see a new call sign and a new face. It is thus, CRITICAL that if you see a new ham in person or on Zoom – please go over (or get off mute) and say "Hi – I am \_\_\_\_\_ (enter your name and call sign) – welcome to MARC, how can I help you"? That SPARK – SPontaneous Acts of Radio Kindness can make the difference between a one year Club member who 'leaves' the Club after a few months and puts his/her license in a drawer, only to fall off the FCC list of active hams after 10 years, vs. a ham who is a strong active club member an adding to our growing list of welcoming and involved members.

This morning I went to the OEM and saw a group of 6-7 club members including 2 brand-new hams KC1OYM and KC1QLS, learning Morse Code from WB1GYZ, K1LYP, NZ1J, and N1AKN. KC1DOY and K1LHO were observing, too, from the next table. The joy, happiness and excitement that emitted from that group was palpable. THAT'S what amateur radio is all about. Hams helping Hams.

We will be seeing more and more new call signs and faces in the coming year(s). Please if you see someone you don't know, walk over to them, initiate a conversation, and make them feel welcome. N1BRL K1LYP, N1ZN, KE1AY, KB1JL, N1AKN, N1API and others, all do this whenever a new Ham leaves a VE session – whether the applicant passed or not. That's why we hand out welcome packets. A small SPARK goes a long way. I am proud to say our club members, do this naturally. Occasionally, however, we forget how lonely it can be sitting by yourself – not knowing anyone. We need to be alert and proactive in welcoming new members. Keep this in mind as we grow and grow. Who knows, the next club member we vote in, just may have an extra Dunestar lying around.

Ed W1YSM, President, MARC

# CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

**March 10th Business Meeting 7:30 pm on ZOOM**  
 Check for email from Rob K1RCT for meeting credentials

**March 24th Activity Meeting 7:30pm on ZOOM:**  
 Shawn Warren KC1NQE will do his presentation on the History of Communication. All are welcome.

### New members from the Feb Business Meeting

We welcome the following members voted in at the business meeting:

WA1EXA Mark Petruzzi West Yarmouth Ma.

KC1NLE Jose Rodriguez Newington

KC1QHO Mike Beaudry Guilford

We have the following candidates for membership at the March business meeting..

KC1QLS Ray Cirno Cheshire

N1YLO..Andy Fiertek Berlin

W1BJG Judy Wilkins Bethany

WA1K Jack Chapman Cromwell

If your 65 or over, dues are \$15/year if your just a kid, (anyone up to age 64) its \$20 per year.  
 We have a PAYPAL acct, please visit our website to et a link.....  
 Or you can mail a check to POB 583, Meriden CT. 06450

**VE Sessions at the OEM... The Following dates are scheduled for 2022:**  
 March 12, 2022.                      April 9, 2022.                      May 14, 2022.                      June 11, 2022.  
 July 9, 2022.                              August 13, 2022

## CLUB NETS BOTH ON THE AIR AND VIA ZOOM

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

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Here is a list of contests and contest-like operating events that we may want to participate in.  
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

The Meriden ARC W1NRG will be planning a **Nutfest on Sunday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Hotel in North Haven, CT from 6am -1pm.** We will have an associated VE Session, exhibitors, flea market, didactic talks. Of course, **an ARRL forum is a key component.** More info to follow  
Ed Snyder, MD W1YSM

The Director of Volunteers at the Hole in the Wall Camp (the camp started by Paul Newman for sick children) is doing a bicycle race fundraiser on May 7, 2022 at Lyman Orchards in Middlefield and would like Ham Radio Ops to help with communications during the race. We are in the preliminary stages of developing a plan to participate with this group. More info to be disseminated as we learn more.

#### ARLB007 FCC: Amateur Service Licensees May Not Use Radio Equipment to Commit Criminal Acts

The FCC Enforcement Bureau has re-issued an earlier reminder that licensees in the Amateur Radio Service, as well as licensees and operators in the Personal Radio Services are prohibited from using radios in those services to commit or facilitate criminal acts. The FCC did not indicate what, if anything, prompted the renewed Enforcement Advisory or if it was just a routine announcement.

The Enforcement Advisory can be found in PDF format online at, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-22-181A1.pdf>.

"The Bureau recognizes that these services can be used for a wide range of permitted and socially beneficial purposes, including emergency communications and speech that is protected under the First Amendment of the US Constitution," the FCC said. "Amateur and Personal Radio Services, however, may not be used to commit or facilitate crimes."

As it did in advisories in 2021, the Enforcement Bureau is reminding amateur licensees that they may not transmit, "communications intended to facilitate a criminal act" or "messages encoded for the purpose of obscuring their meaning."

"Likewise, individuals operating radios in the Personal Radio Services, a category that includes Citizens Band radios, Family Radio Service walkie-talkies, and General Mobile Radio Service, are prohibited from using those radios "in connection with any activity which is against Federal, State or local law.

"Individuals using radios in the Amateur or Personal Radio Services in this manner may be subject to severe penalties, including significant fines, seizure of the offending equipment, and, in some cases, criminal prosecution.

"To report a crime, contact your local law enforcement office or the FBI," the FCC advised.



#### Heil Sound

The Fairview Heights, Illinois-based manufacturer of professional microphones, has announced the successful transfer of ownership from Bob and Sarah Heil to current President and CEO, Ash Levitt, and Director of Operations, Steve Warford. Sarah Heil has retired, but Bob will continue to do outreach work and product design within the amateur radio space under the title Founder and CEO Emeritus.



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

**Bart Toftness N1BRL , Secretary**

### **BUSINESS MEETING FEB10, 2022 ZOOM**

Business Meeting Feb 10, 2022 via Zoom videoconference

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

Normal introductions were omitted as all attendees (34) are self-identified in 'Zoom', N1LES, N1BRL, KB1JL, KC1DOY, W1IKW, KC1OYM, K1VDF, K1JCF, W1YSM, K1LYP, KC1OYN, WV2LKM, K1RCT, N1GNV, NZ1J, K1WJL, KE1AU, W1DQ, K1LHO, WB1GYZ, N1API, K1STM, N1ZN, KC1NQE, KB1MFU, W1EDX, KC1SA, KB1EHE, KB1IFZ, KC1PBQ, KC1KQH, KC1QHW, N1JEO, and WA1TRY.

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. Contact N1BRL for MARC Membership certificates. Fred Kemmerer AB1OC is the new ARRL New England Division Director. The theme for 2022 is MARC's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Diamond & Gold Challenge, a Commemorative Logo, banners, publicity at town events and an article in QST or ARRL Club News.

Secretary's Report (N1BRL) January business meeting minutes were approved by majority vote. Three new membership applications were each approved by majority vote. Mark Petruzzi WA1EXA, Jose (Jay) Rodriguez KC1NLE and Michael Beaudry KC1QHO.

New applicants who pass their license exam at a MARC VE Session will receive their second year of membership free.

MARC membership certificates are available to all members by request to the secretary.

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 reported on the club usage of the Zoom account. The club call sign W1NRG was activated by N1API during the recent Ten-Ten QSO Party. Winter Field Day operation from the OEC was cancelled due to the snow storm but members did operate from their home QTH. The SAM received several complaints about the content being delivered by the club reflector. Once he has received 3 quotes for professional updating of the club website he will present them to the club.

The full SAM report is available upon request.

#### Standing Committees and working groups

Entertainment/Activities, Ed W1YSM has been the chair for the Entertainment/ Activities committee for several years and the time has come for someone else to assume the role. Plans have already been made for most activities through June of this year at which time he will step down from that role. Ed will be available to help a new person ease into that roll so contact Ed, W1YSM to become the new chair for that committee. Upcoming activities include March 24, KC1NQE with a brief history of Amateur radio and April 28 A History of W1NRG. Tentative plans for May 26 'planning for Field Day' and June 23 'Passing/Taking Traffic'.

Technical/Interference had nothing new to report.

Scholarship, A motion to offer the scholarship to students of both Wallingford and Meriden public schools each year was passed by 'near unanimity'.

Publicity, KB1JL reminded the membership that noting our Field Day activity on Facebook entitled us to the 'Publicity' score credit.

Repeater Committee had nothing new to report.

MARC Business Cards, N1BRL donated a trial run of MARC business cards for the members to evaluate or use. They will be available to members at the EOC and included in the New Ham Packets at our VE sessions.

Saturday/Sunday Morning Activities, Saturday and Sunday mornings continue to be packed with activities including Fox hunts, Coffee Cup Net, and SOTA/ POTA activations by club members. A new CW class by Bob, WB1GYZ on Zoom has attracted a solid following. The hardy group of students quickly decided why not do this every evening instead of only 3 times a week. Well done "Flaps".

Club Nets, The Tech Net is always looking for additional topics and presenters.

Contest Activations: A signup list will be sent by email for the ARRL DX contest.

Castle Craig, Ten-Ten International membership has expired and in order to get credit for the recent W1NRG Ten Ten activation the Station activity Manager will pay the dues from his budget. Next month we will vote on the motion for the club to pay this \$25 expense.

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

WARG/EMCOM/Aux Com, Officers and others will meet monthly in advance of the Celebrate Wallingford event. The trailer upgrade is on hold.

Key Klix Dave, K1WJL appreciates the contributions so keep them coming so he can continue to publish the best club newsletter.

The 'Diamond and Gold Challenge', Eleven members contributed logs for the months challenge.

Old Business, The Big E will be 16 Sept to 2 Oct with one day being Connecticut Day where we will participate in showcasing amateur radio. The Nutmeg Hamfest is officially 9 Oct. at the Best Western in North Haven. Details about the MS Walk are pending.

New Business, There was discussion to gage club interest in supporting the "Hole in the Wall Bike Race" in May. ARRL Funding Proposal ideas should be sent to W1YSM.

The motion to approve a second Zoom administrative account for approximately \$15 per month was passed. With 25 members present there were 15 or more for, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions.

K1RCT proposed a presidential monthly budget of \$150 per month. The motion was tabled until next month.

The Station Activities Manager has received several complaints regarding the content of reflector emails so there will be a special leadership meeting to discuss a resolution and present it to the membership.

#### Voting Summary for the September meeting

January meeting minutes were approval.

A motion to extend the scholarship to public school students in both Meriden and Wallingford each year was approved by near "unanimity".

A motion to purchase an additional Zoom administrative account was approved.

A motion for a presidential monthly budget was tabled until next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:37

Respectfully submitted,  
Bart Toftness, N1BRL



**OFFICIAL 75TH BANNER WITH OUTDOOR MOUNTING READY FOR WHEN THE GROUND THAWS OUT... THANKS TO TED KC1DOY**

I finally remember what Zoom meetings remind me of.



# FOX HUNTING & POTA IS ALIVE & WELL IN THE WINTERS OF NEW ENGLAND & PARKS IN VA.



### The Return of the Fox Box

Instead of our usual 'live' fox hunt on Sunday morning, the weekend of February 19/20 Dave Tipping NZ1J placed a fox box somewhere in Wallingford using his fox box which transmitted 1 watt on 146.565MHz for 45 seconds, each time it was activated via a DTMF '1'. The fox stayed in place for 24 hours, starting at noon on Saturday. The "somewhere in Wallingford" was my home located in a quiet neighborhood near the south border with North Haven. This was a challenging fox to find. More so than usual because there was only the one 1-watt fox. There was no 10mW or 1mW transmitter to aid in homing in when one got close. The first hunter to find this box hidden in plain sight was Rob Cichon K1RCT in just under 2 hours. Shortly thereafter we had a collaborative hunter team, comprising of Eric Olsson KB1JL, Bart Toftness N1BRL, and Joe Farrell K1JCF, triumphantly arrive.

Later Saturday afternoon, our intrepid fox hunting friends Noah Ludecke N1NIS , and Derek Langlois KC1EUM succeeded finding the fox about two hours after starting. Sunday morning came and the fox box came to life once again. The hunt was on. I was crestfallen when no hunter spotted the fox and the box stayed silent. Dave retrieved the fox at noon on Sunday. This adventure was over. This was my first experience with Fox Hunting. I learned many things. I got to see what the fox box contains and what the antenna looks like. I learned how to activate it with a DTMF tone. I got to experience how long it took participants to find this fox. I saw the delight from the hunters upon completion and I can only speculate on the exasperating choice to discontinue the hunt by some unknown intrepid hunter.

The parts of the hunt I didn't observe are the hunters tools. I will need to tag along on a hunt and learn this part of the discipline or, perhaps, an expert hunter can utilize a tech net and we all can catch the fox hunting bug.

Thanks for the adventure Dave.

Rick Becker KC1OYN



NOAH N1NIS

DEREK KC1EUM



Kristin KC1ISI activating Richmond (VA) National Battlefield Park (K-0713) for POTA ON March 3. Her brother K4AVM is in the background, also activating the park on another band. They also activated Spotsylvania National Battlefield Park (K-0717) the next day.



## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MARC MEMBER KC1OYN RICK BECKER

The Boy Scouts of America (Scouts BSA) is holding a Jamboree in Connecticut called **CONNJAM 22**. This statewide Jamboree occurs only once every 3 years (or 4 years during a pandemic).

We have an awesome opportunity to share Ham Radio with the 2500 Scouters (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, and adult Leaders/Parents) that will participate on-site at the Orange County Fairgrounds.

We need volunteers willing to spend a few hours on a Saturday in May (May 14, 2022) demonstrating our great hobby. The hard work has been done for us as most of the planning and organizing is done. We will be supporting the effort already underway.

**Saturday - May 14, 2022**

**Hours: 7 am - 4 pm**

(Morning or Afternoon shifts if needed - Friday afternoon Set-Up available)

**CONNJAM will be held at the Orange Country Fairgrounds. Home of the Orange Country Fair held every third weekend in September. 525 Orange Center Rd, Orange, CT 06477. <https://orangefair.com/index.htm>**

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

1) **CW Operators** to teach scouts to send their name in Morse Code- This is one of the most popular Radio Activities for Scouts and other youth. **Need 5 volunteers**

2) **Foxhunting** Need **3 more volunteers** and equipment for each.

3) **VHF/UHF GOTA Stations. (POTA, SOTA)** Need **6 volunteers and equipment for 3 stations** to make contacts on select

repeaters.- Give Scouts the opportunity to make contacts and have On-The-Air conversations.

4) **Winlink Peer to Peer Stations** Planning on having 2 Field Stations - Need **4 operators** (2 per station).

5) **Off-Site VHF/UHF Operators** Need **15 Home based/Mobile Operators** to sign-up and get scheduled throughout the day to monitor select repeaters for 1 (or more) hour shifts to have conversations with Scouts.

FIRST: **A BIG THANK YOU** to these **3 Amateur Radio Clubs**

\* **Woodmont Amateur Radio Association (WARA)** is sending 6 members and equipment for the GOTA HF and Satellite stations.

WARA will be bringing their Club trailer and also a very large GOTA shelter. - They will be occupying a space of about 60' x 60'

\* **Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club (GNARC)** is providing 8 CW Practice Keys to be used at this event.

• **Greater Bridgeport Amateur Radio Club (GBARC)** is helping with equipment and volunteers for Fox Hunting and Winlink (Peer to Peer) Communications.

CONNJAM 2022 is a **BIG EVENT**, and we need about **30 hams** to make this happen

### **Handouts for the Scouts**

The plan is to have information available at each Amateur Radio Activity Site. We will be using ARRL hand-outs, and will have Club Information available.

### **On-Site Volunteer Requirements**

1) BSA Youth Protection Training - <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

2) Council's Self Declaration "Covid-19 Pre-Event Checklist".

On a personal note, I have participated, as an adult Scout Leader, for the last 3 CONNJAMs (2012, 2015, 2018).

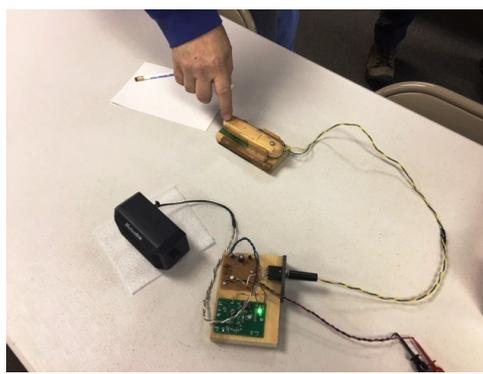
This is truly a tremendous event, a really fun time.

If you would like to participate, kindly reply to my personal email [rickb@snet.net](mailto:rickb@snet.net) and I'll get you all the information needed and coordinate with the **Amateur Radio Activities Coordinator for CONNJAM 2022, Douglas Sharafanowich, WA1SFH** (Adult Scout Leader: Troop 701 Milford). for the Meriden Amateur Radio Club.

Thank you for helping.

73 Rick Becker KC1OYN

# SATURDAY MORNING AT THE EOC BEGINNING TO LOOK NORMAL AGAIN!



Saturday, 26 February, started out with an indoor foxhunt, of sorts. John, K1LYP and Jeff, N1AKN detected an RF signal originating within the EOC building itself which was very near our repeater frequency. They managed to discover the culprit but, once the rest of us arrived, they decided to let us try our hand at tracking it down.

Using our HT's, we began sweeping the meeting room and narrowed it down to the radio room area. Jeff suggested using a paper clip in place of the rubber duck to gain attenuation. I tried it and managed to obtain enough directionality to trace the signal to a printer located in the office area adjacent to the radio room. Switching off the printer proved that it was the source.

This was a fun experience for all of us as well as a learning experience for some of our newest members who followed along in the search. I think I'll try making a paper clip antenna of my own just in case we ever do something like this again.

Bob, WB1GYZ, has been running code classes for a while now with great participation from our members. This has taken place on Zoom but today he ran a session for those gathered at the EOC. Here he can be seen sending to the group who would then repeat back what they had copied. Each person would take a turn giving one word of the code group that Bob had sent. Later, Bob would have a few of them take turns sending to the group. Full sentences were also sent and everyone seemed to copy reasonably well. My hat is off to all of them!

DE TED KC1DOY



# MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

AB1DQ	James Surprenant	22R	KC1OST	Bryon Heath	22R	NR1B	Bill Huggins	22S
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	22S	KC1OYM	Brian Boccuzzi	22R	NZ1J	Dave Tipping	22R
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	22S	KC1OYN	Ricky Becker	22R	W1AJK	Andrew Kazimer	22R
K1JCF	Joe Farrell	23S	KC1OYR	Brent Moyer	22R	W1BOB	Bob Loble	22R
K1LHO	Mike Ash	22S	KC1PBQ	Randy Rivest	22R	W1DQ	John Elengo	22S
K1LYP	John Yusza	23S	KC1PHK	Lincoln Nichols	Y	W1EDX	Paul Stasieluk	22S
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	23R	KC1PSK	Todd Dibiasi	22R	W1IKW	Ian K. White	22R
K1MVM	Mike Macri	22S	KC1PXX	Dave Alfredson	22R	W1BJG	Judy Wilkins	22R
K1PET	Debbie Purchia	22R	KC1QHO	Mike Beaudry	22R	W1LV	Steve Morley	22R
K1RCT	Rob Cichon	23R	KC1QHW	Brian Beegan	22R	W1POP	Fred Liedke	22S
K1SOX	Brian Freeman	22R	KC1QLS	Ray Cirmo	22S	W1RCI	Ron Isaac Jr.	22R
K1STM	Anne West	22S	KC1TAD	Tom DiPinto	22R	W1TK	Ron Wakefield	22R
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	22R	KC1PU	Bob Woodtke Jr.	22R	W1UFO	Mike Cei	23R
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver	23S	KC1SA	Stephen Allen	22R	W1UKX	Greg Gherardi	22S
K1MTD	Mary Duval	22S	KC2MLH	Adam Castracane	22R	W1YSM	Ed Snyder	22R
K1VDF	John Blevins	22S	KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	22S	W3APC	James Cook	23S
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	22S	KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	23S	WA1EXA	Mark Petruzzi	22S
KA1KJV	Bob Trussell	22S	KR1U	Bob Eslinger	22S	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin	22S
KB1EHE	Eric Knight	22R	KX1USA	Rob Messercola	22R	WA1JKR	John Rogus	22S
KB1FYL	Bob Carruthers	22S	N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer	22S	WA1K	Jack Chapman	22R
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	22R	N1API	Al Kaiser	22S	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich	22S
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	22S	N1BF	Patrick Dionne	21R*	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
KB1LWS	Jeanne Gherardi	22S	N1BRL	Bart Toftness	23S	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	28S
KB1MFU	John Ramadei	22R	N1FNE	Rod Lane	22R	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	22S
KB1TJD	Gainne Jenkins	22S	N1GNV	John Bartscherer	22S	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	22R
KB1TMC	Clare O'Lena	21R*	N1GY	Geoff Haines	22S	WJ1B	Harold Kramer	22S
KB1TTV	Jonathan Martin	26R	N1HCA	Susan South	22R	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	21S*
KB1YFJ	Glen Couture	22S	N1IBE	Wade Martell	22S	WY1U	Tim Mik	22R
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni	22S	N1JEO	Joel Curneal	22R			
KC1GMD	Ralph Ring	22R	N1LES	Joe Murray	22R			
KC1HDB	Jeff Martin	28R	N1OKF	Bob Parisi	22R			
KC1HQX	Preston Byrne	22R	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone	23S			
KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson	22R	N1QYB	William Wilecki Jr.	22S			
KC1KQH	John Kasinskas	22S	N1XXU	Andy Purchia	22R			
KC1NLE	Jose Rodriguez	22R	N1YLN	Edward O'Lena	21R*			
KC1NQE	Shawn Warren	22R	N1YLO	Andy Fiertek	22R			
KC1OCF	Karl Polak	22S	N1ZN	Jim Savage	22S			
KC1OGL	Paul Randazzo	22R	N2RTS	Tyler Schroder	22R			
KC1OMP	Damian Fries	21S*	N2TAG	Dave Taglianetti	22R			
KC1OSR	Gunnar Steinle	22R						

- The members with asterisk have contacted the treasurer and committed to retain membership.

### MEMBERSHIP STATS

TOTAL MEMBERS..... 107  
 REGULAR(UNDER65).....  
 SENIOR(65 & UP ).....  
 LIFE..... 1  
 STUDENT(18 & UNDER).....1

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

### CLUB DUES STRUCTURE (JAN-DEC)

UP TO 64 YRS OF AGE--\$20/YR SENIOR DISCOUNT 65 & UP--\$15  
 ANY MEMBER WHO IS A LICENSED HAM, 18 & UNDER WILL BE GIVEN FREE DUES.

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