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MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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MAY 2014

May Meetings

**Business Meeting Thursday May 8, 7:30 pm @ the Cook Hill Fire House
(Medical Reserve Corp Headquarters) 37 Hall Road, Wallingford, CT 06492**

Activity Meeting Thursday April 22, 7:30pm Cook Hill Fire House
Marc member Steve Allen KC1AXJ will present a talk on all you want to know about Drones, Which might include a demonstration weather permitting. The agenda also calls for our esteemed Secretary Paul K1SEZ presenting on Digital Communications.

June Meetings

Business Meeting Thursday June 12, 7:30pm @ the Cook Hill Firehouse

Activity Meeting Thursday June 22—Cancelled in lieu of Field Day
Field Day June 28 to June 29 at Marcus Cooke Park, 287 Old Rock Hill Road, Wallingford on the East Side, very close to I-91 but in that very typical New England style, you cant get there from here. Directions will be in the next KK.

AngelRide Volunteers Needed from Joe Hamm KC1BAQ

The 11th AngelRide will be held on Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, 24 May and Sunday, 25 May 2014. This will be the seventh year that Amateur Radio has assisted with this immensely successful charity Bicycle ride that benefits children with serious diseases (cancer, leukemia, etc.). Last year the ride raised over \$750K for the kids!

The Saturday ride starts in Norfolk at the Yale School of Music and goes east 85 miles to Ashford through CT ARES Regions 5, 3, and 4. The riders stay overnight at Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. The Sunday ride starts in Ashford and goes south 50 miles to Mystic, all in Region 4. Amateur Radio operators will deploy along the course to assist with event logistics and to enhance rider safety.

If you can help this year, please send an email to me at N1CLV@mac.com indicating which day(s) you are available - thanks!

Also, for insurance and accountability purposes, you need to register at the AngelRide Volunteer website. Please follow this link and sign up for ARES on Saturday and/or Sunday:

<http://www.angelride.org/volunteer/about-volunteering/>

While volunteers are encouraged to also fundraise for the event, this is NOT a requirement. But you will still need to, to create a CrowdRise account for tracking purposes.

Thanks for your support!!

Help needed at the ARRL Convention

Help is needed for the Centennial Convention. This comes from Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike KI1U: "We're in need of volunteers for the centennial convention. Specifically I'm in need of volunteers to assist with parking at HQ and communications. The parking volunteers will need to be able to safely park vehicles and capable of working for a 4 hour shift in whatever weather July may throw at us. An Amateur Radio license is not needed for these volunteer positions.

The communications volunteers will need to meet a few more qualifications. They must have a license and plenty of on air experience, familiar with local geography, good people skills, SKYWARN trained, familiar with APRS, and familiar with a wide range of communications i.e. phone, radio, cellular, text messaging, social media, etc. Anyone who is accepted as a volunteer will receive free admission to the convention (lunch, banquet, and breakfast not included). If anyone is interested they can email me for details." Email ki1u@arrl.org."

Convention help also needed for Ten-Ten International Booth

AI N1API our resident 10-10 expert also would like to note that the 10-10 booth at the Hartford Convention will need some volunteers to assist staffers with handing out materials, watching the tables while other volunteers are taking breaks, etc. All volunteers welcome for whatever time they can assist with. Contact AI N1API for further details.



FIELD DAY 2014

We will have a full write up for the June issue but at this time we know John K1LYP will be bringing and manning the 6 (and 2mtr ??) station, Bill W1KKF is in charge of the CW operation and we are still looking for someone to be in charge of the SSB station. Contact President Jim N1ZN or VP AI N1API, or Bill W1KKF if interested. Lots of help needed, please pitch in....

Club news..... Have you ever received a phone call or email from someone stating that they were mugged in Las Vegas and need \$\$ to get home?? Scam?? Well if you listen to Chris WA1VXH, you might want to pay attention as that happened to him, He is back and safe.....Bill W1KKF has that old age "Tire" syndrome, not just around his mid section but on his riding lawn mower..seems like not too many places want to fix those small tires.....John N1GNV & Mike K1MVM made the trek to Dayton.... Joe KC1BAQ has been attending ARES meetings and is to be commended for getting involved with this important facet of Ham Radio.

Note from the editor

We are still gearing up and it will be slow but please feel free to send me anything you have on your activities, station or personal notes relating to Ham Radio.

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