

MAY 2015

MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB







Business Meeting Thursday May 14, 2015, 7:30 pm,
Activity Meeting Thursday May 28, 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

Joe KB1GWP is recuperating in the Hospital, everyone wishes him a speedy recovery and speedy return to the Tuesday night net.............Congrats to Dave W1CTN finished #7 in N.E. Unlimited Class SSB Sweepstakes in Nov. 2014, giving credit to the MARC....Dave K1WJL has resumed rebuilding the Tower & rotator assembly and will hopefully start on the Rebuilding the Quad soon....John K1VDF also has plans to repair the antenna & do some maintenance on the tower.....Congrats to Mark K1PU on being elected Pres. Of the CT. Chapter of the QCWA at their May Meeting, also attending were Dave K1WJL and John K1VDF...Todd K1TDO & Bob KB1FYL are working their way up the Music Charts with their new CD "Best of Bob Cat & the Night Owl by Bob Cat & the Night Owl", word has it that N1GNV has taken a good supply to Dayton for a show special??

......Speaking of Dayton, is there anyone left in town to attend the MARC meetings??....Al N1API ran up a score in the recent New England QSO Party....Jim N1ZN looks like he finished first in the recent MS Walk in Cheshire, picture on the next page, I would have even put on a clean sweatshirt for that.....

FROM DON KE1AY

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

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

The business meeting opened at 7:30PM EDST on April 9, 2015 with 18 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 is April 23 and is an activity meeting.

Town is getting closer to getting the poles into the ground. The property was staked off but then the stakes disappeared...hopefully that a good sign.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – March's Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site. No questions were raised.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed at meeting and accepted.

Contributions – None

Correspondence – 1 membership (KB1SIM), Insurance papers and Vanguard mutual fund statement were received. Program & Entertainment – Rich (WA1TRY) reported plans; Hints and Kinks activity meeting, a trip to W1AW for late summer / early fall time frame, videos of events and hands on activities all will be events the club will be holding. Scholarship – Don (KE1AY) reported applications from students should be coming in starting this month which have been out for applicants to fill out since January. Recipient decision will be made in May.

Club Station & Facilities – Rich (WA1TRY) reported the station manager should take care of liability and equipment insurance paperwork. A goal is to have a cabinet in the 'shack' where all the club documents will be held for the club secretary to maintain and where VE session documents will maintain as well. VE docs will be under Don's (KE1AY) control

The town is asking for inventory of all equipment, Rich (WA1TRY) is doing this.

Jim (N1ZN) gave Rich the equipment insurance and liability insurance paperwork from last year. Haggie (KB1HCC) paid the liability insurance (email was received by Haggie). This proof of insurance is needed by the town. A small discussion was had explaining the goal of our antenna at the station. The first step is a G5RV, and then we work from there. It was recommended to give the town a drawing of how RF and Ground will be accomplished in the shack.

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

Next activity meeting is April 23. Topic for this meeting is Hints and Kinks with Rich (WA1TRY).

Nets -

10M – 11 or so sign in typically

6M – 6 to 8 or so sign in are typical

2M – Last week's net (4/7) didn't occur

Generally if a Net Controller is unable to hold a Net at the allotted time then a club member should volunteer to fill in if possible.

Castle Craig – Pretty guiet. Al (N1API) awaiting next bars that were applied for.

Hamfests – Applied for convention status (Approved by ARRL). Bill (W1KKF) is awaiting the official letter of convention status. Moved date to one week after Columbus Day weekend (October 18, 2015) at the same location as last year (Four Points by Sheraton in Meriden). The next Nutfest committee next meeting is 4/16/2015.

Key Klix – Excellent job Dave. Everyone present thought the document is top notch.

Membership – 50 members + 3 complimentary.

N1ZN found K1RJC membership from 2014. A motion to accept K1RJC as paid dues for 2015 (will get Key Klix) was made and accepted.

Club total membership stands at 54.

Interference and Technical – Rich (WA1TRY) reported we have a lot of broken cables and such to be repaired. Jim (N1ZN) reported some spikes/static across 10m and 6m. John (K1VDF) stated he read some commercial lighting balast which can causing some noise issues noting that residential ballast don't.

Repeater – Nothing reported

Instruction & Testing – Nothing to report.

Candy Store – Hats are available for \$10 each (nice grey hats). Also, Gold Medal Ideas has our logo and can supply jackets with your call sign and club logo.

EmComm – MS Walk is April 19th. Still looking for volunteers, start time is 8:30am but being at the Cheshire High School at 7:30am is requested if volunteering. Contact Chris (WA1VXH) if you would like to volunteer for this event.

Misc Old Business -

Audit of treasury is done and all in order. Only comment was in the future large disbursements of money should have a more detailed description of what the money is intended for (not just miscellaneous).

Plaques are done (Rich – WA1TRY). These will be displayed in the shack when completed.

Field Day posters were discussed and a copy was handed out. At the next meeting business meeting Steve (KC1AXJ) will have multiple copies. The Field Day event will be posted on WPTV and will be broadcast 3 weeks prior. Steve will send copy of smaller version for lamination on to 8 ½ x 11 to Jim (N1ZN). Steve will inquire about posting at schools. It was suggested, due the advertising, to have a sergeant at arms at field day to watch equipment.

WPTV will air the following:



The folks at WPTV took the field day event and our website information and created this banner that will air a day or two prior to our club meeting days.

DMR committee – Chris (WA1VXH) reported on of networks in the state (29 repeaters currently in CT) and ARES direction and frequency. The committee needs to come up with some proposals for the club to vote on. Topic was tabled until next month.

ARISS contact. Paul (K1SEZ) reported no update at the moment and we perhaps won't hear on this for a few months.

Operate W1AW (field trip). Seems to be doable and no issues foreseen as reported by Rich (WA1TRY).

New Business -

Storing docs in file cabinet in shack was suggested and a cabinet will be made available once the shack is in order. New club rig. A Committee was formed (Dave – W1CTN, Rich – WA1TRY (chair), Rob – KC1ACN, Jim – N1ZN, Al N1API) to investigate rigs and make recommendation to club.

Field day go box preparation work. Rob (KC1ACN) and Rich (WA1TRY) will get go boxes ready for field day at club house on 4/11.

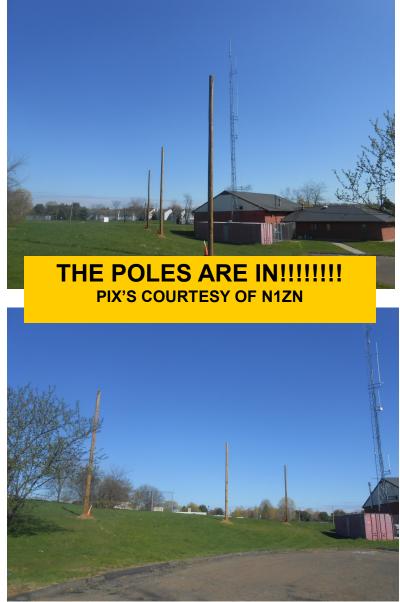
Meeting was closed at 8:19PM

Meeting Attendees on March 12, 2015

K1LYP	John Yusza	KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
K1PU	Mark Mokoski	KE1AY	Don Mitchell
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak	N1API	Al Kaiser
K1VDF	John Blevins	N1ZN	Jim Savage
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	W1CTN	Dave Arruza
KB1JL	Eric Olsen	W1KKF	Bill Wawreniak
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon	WA1VXH	Chris Sievert
KC1AXJ	Steve Allen	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann

N1ZN BEING INTERVIEWED AFTER WINNING THE CHESHIRE MS 25K ROAD RACE.





INFORMATION PAGE

W1KKF BILL WAWRZENIAK PRESIDENT-

V.P-N1API AL KAISER

SECT. -KC1AXJ STEVE ALLEN

TRES. KB1HCC HAGGIE WINSLOW

S.A.M.-WA1TRY RICH AUBIN **MEETINGS:**

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CLUB NETS

6 MTR NET **MONDAYS 8PM** 50.175MHZ

N1ZN JIM

TUESDAYS 7PM 2 METER NET 147.36 /RPT K1TDO TODD

TUESDAYS 8PM **10 METER NET** 28.375MHZ **K1VDF JOHN**

10/10 CASTLE CRAIG CHAPTER **CONCURRENTLY WITH CLUB NET** 28.375MHZ TUESDAYS 8PM N1API AL



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WWW.W1NRG.COM

FORUM/BBS:

GO TO WWW.W1NRG.COM AND FOLLOW THE LINKS

CASTLE CRAIG 1010 WEBSITE:

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

MARC MEMBERS

AB1HB Charlie Dudac AF1HS Art Fregeau K1IIG Steve Tripp K1LH0 Mike Ash John Yusza K1LYP K1MVM Mike Macri K1PU Mark Mokoski K1SEZ Paul Ciezniak K1TDO **Todd Olsen** Roger Kuchera K1TG Dave Karpiei K1THP K₁VDF John Blevins K1WJL **Dave Swedock KA1NXX** Jan Rogus KA1SE **Luke Laurentano KB1CIW Bob Stevens KB1FYL** Robert W. Carruthers **KB1GWP** Joseph Rish, Sr. **KB1HCC** Jonathan Winslow **Eric Olsson** KB1JL **KB1MMS Ronald Slack Teresa Stevens KB1SIT KB1TJD** Gaianne Jenkins KC1ACN **Rob Cichon** KC1AXJ Stephen Allen Joseph Hamm KC1BAQ **KE1AU** Robert Kaczor **KE1AY Donald Mitchell KJ4PV** Gary Bleasdale

N₁BF N1GNV N1GY N1LGH N1NAN N₁OKF N₁VTE N1ZN NY2HF **W1ATV** W1CTN W1DMM W1KKF W1NHS W1POP W1SKP W1VCU W7FUR **WA1JKR WA1TRY WA1VXH** WB1GGP **WB1GYZ WB8IMY** WV2LKM

N1API

Al Kaiser **Patrick Dionne** John Bartscherer **Geoff Haines Barbara Stone Helen Spokes Bob Parisi** Sarah Kaczor James Savage **Dennis Lane** Walt Yatzook **David Arruzza** Dan Murphy **Bill Wawrzeniak** Fred Ring Fred Liedke **Skip Paquette Nelson Denison** William Spokes John Rogus **Rich Aubin Chris Sievert Jerry Sheppard Bob Biancur Steve Ford** Steve Waldmann