

Business Meeting, Thursday May 12, 7:30pm Club House

Activity Meeting, Thursday May 26 7:30pm Club House

Activity will be a technical presentation, complete with slides on the W1KKF Repeater by Bill W1KKF and John K1VDF.

John K1VDF will also lead us at a future date on a field trip to the antenna site *on top of the water tower*, please bring your climbing belts and safety rope. John has a special walker equipped with a climbing harness.....

Club News

Congratulations to Eric KB1JL and Rob KC1ACN who recently passed their extra Class exam at a recent VE session hosted by our club and proctored by Don KE1AY, Al N1API and Ed W1YSM(His first VE Session)...Steve KC1AXJ is now KC1SA, Rob KC1ACN is looking at a new 1X2 call sign and KB1JL has some thoughts also...The new Dunestar Filter has been received by Rob KC1ACN and will be implemented in short order.....Todd K1TDO is enjoying the low bands with his new rocket antenna and HF equipment on loan from super nice guy N1GNV....Bob WB1GYZ is experimenting with QRP CW in the milli-watt region...The Club move to the new QTH at the Yalesville Fire House is moving at a snails pace but could occur at the speed of light if and when the planets align...Field day is coming up soon at either the new Yalesville Firehouse location, the present Medical Reserve Building or if we have another vote, Staten Island where we hang the G5RV off the Statue of Liberty.....Al N1API is packing his bags for another Railcar Trip to a County Hunters Convention, this time in Kentucky in the summer when he will miss the 10-10 summer QSO Party.....

The Great W1KKF Repeater Fox Hunt of 2016

Not since the infamous club Fox Hunts of the MARC back in the 1980's has fox hunting been so prominent and timely as these past few weeks. Ask Eric KB1JL, why John K1VDF almost lit a cigarette lighter to Bill K1WJ's nose at the end of one of those foxhunts.

It all started when a constant carrier suddenly appeared on 147.36 and began timing out the repeater. The signal was very weak but was located in close proximity to the repeater. The first theory was someone keyed their handheld up and we waited for the batteries to die....a few days later that theory died but the signal did not...The mobile fox hunt began in earnest with members criss-crossing the Wallingford countryside finally getting strong signals around the area of the intersection of Parker Farms & Gaylord Road. A few good leads emerged early but were ruled out and the hunt continued until it was finally narrowed down to a group of apartments within Ashlar Village. It was a stroke of pure luck that the security guard at Ashlar was also a good friend of Bob WB1GYZ and he managed to use a handheld scanner to isolate the apartment, talk to the tenant and found out he was an elderly ham who inadvertently keyed up. It was non-malicious and we will not identify the old timer...Active participants were Bill W1KKF, Bob WB1GYZ, John K1LYP, Rob KC1ACN, & Eric KB1JL.

And of course a multitude of engineers on the reflector...we think its time to dust off those antennas and start up some foxhunts again....

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Yale University Radio Club had MARC Ties.....

Meriden Amateur Radio Club members James Surprenant, AB1DQ and Ed Snyder, W1YSM were recently elected as officers of W1YU, the Amateur Radio Club at Yale University. James was elected to the office of First Vice President and will be responsible for managing relations with the ARRL and other amateur radio organizations and clubs and will also be responsible for overseeing education, training and other programmatic activities. Ed was elected to the Secretary/Treasurer position. As Secretary, he will keep all club meetings and member records and administer changes to the club constitution. As Treasurer, Ed will receive and receipt all monies paid to the club, keep accurate accounts, pay bills with proper authorization and report on the clubs financial status twice a year.

James is employed as a grant accountant and Ed is a professor of Laboratory Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine and the Director of Apheresis/Transfusion Services at Yale New Haven Hospital. W1YU has been dormant in recent years and Ed and James are hoping to provide leadership in reviving the club as a vibrant and active student organization. Membership in W1YU is open to all Yale students, alum, and all faculty or administrators, active or retired.

VE Status via AI N1API

This past week I discovered that my VE Badge did not have an updated sticker on it. I emailed the VEC questioning if the badge stays concurrent with your license. I received an email back telling me that I've done 25 sessions and my last one was in 2000. Because I had not been active as a VE my badge was not automatically renewed in 2014. The VEC wants you remain active. Each "grant" on your badge is good for 5 years, and they expect you to do sessions during that term. They did not specify how many but stated, "It is expected that VE's will continue to be active in administering the exams, maintaining their knowledge and skills in the ARRL Volunteer Examiner program."

My accreditation was placed on "administrative hold" which they explained, "This is not termination, nor a suspension. It just wasn't automatically renewed in 2014". In order to re-accredit my certification as a VE I was required to resubmit the one page application found on Page 19 of the VE manual. Also I needed to complete the 40 question open book test *again* on pages 20 through 22 of the manual. Finally, they needed a copy of my current license. The latest edition of the manual can be found at: <http://www.arrl.org/ve-manual>

The instructions in their email were: "Review the Table of Contents and Front pages, especially Chapter 2 of the VE Manual. Then once you've read the manual and have completed the required application document or documents, please fax or mail/courier the requested forms to:ARRL / VEC225 Main Street Newington CT 06111-1494 or Fax to: 860-594-0339 Faxing allows a "quicker head-start" in the processing. If the application is faxed, we will still need to have the one page application form mailed in to us. (See <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/become-a-ve.html>"I would suggest that if you are a VE you check your badge for a current dated sticker. If has expired email the VEC at vec@arrl.org and inquire if you can get a renewed sticker. I don't know how long they would honor an out of date badge without having to re-certify but I'm guessing 2 years is too long. If it has just expired you may be given a renewed sticker. I would advise you to then get to a session ASAP!

Myself I've been at the club table for the Nutmeg Hamfests and that's my excuse for not doing a session in so long. It looks like I need to get someone to watch the table for a couple of hours and get to a session at least every couple of years, more if necessary. We should probably cycle our VEs through sessions so that they stay certified, possibly going in and grading a couple of exams or assist handing out or collecting exams. The manual says that even if the VEs don't actually grade exams or sign CSCEs they are listed as volunteers if they participate. (Knowledge by osmosis?)

I'd also like to suggest that the club do a VE session in April or May at the meeting location. This would give us 2 sessions a year and if published early enough we could get candidates from out of our local membership area who need a test session. It would also give more VEs a chance to participate. Had I known that I needed a few session under my belt to be renewed I would have jumped in more often rather than wait until my sticker expired and I found out I needed to go through the whole process again.

AI - N1API

Chris WA1VXH, is looking for the FCC /URL password for the FCC database. As the Trustee He requires this. Please email wa1vxh with the info. Thanks WA1VXH



Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) April 2016

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on April 14, 2016 with 22 people in attendance. Officers present: Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Dave (K1WJL), Steve (KC1SA), Rob (KC1ACN).

The meeting was opened and chaired by President, Bill (W1KKF).

Announcements – Next meeting is 4/28/2016 activity meeting, nothing planned yet. As an FYI the New England QSO party is May 7th and 8th and is headed up by K1KI. This Sunday is the MS walk in Cheshire and the ARRL SSB Rookie Round up is this Sunday.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The March 2016 Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read. There were no corrections or questions on the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – A report was given by Dave (K1WJL) and accepted.

Contributions – A donation from Ed (W1YSM) to the club intended to purchase a Dunestar filter. Many thanks to Ed for the generous donation to the club, Ed is very appreciative of the club help and assistance and welcoming him to the Amateur Radio world.

Correspondence – Membership dues, Investment statements and our Liability Insurance.

Program & Entertainment – MARC is still looking for someone to take this vacant Chairman spot.

Scholarship – No applications have been received yet. Some discussion was had pertaining 'what if' no one applies. Jim (N1ZN) will send out emails to the Wallingford Guidance Counselors. May 1st is the dead line for applicants.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob (KC1ACN) reported the Dunestar has been ordered and the invoice was to Dave (K1WJL). Rob also discussed the tower at the old club site; Bill (W1KKF), John (K1VDF), John (K1LYP) and Rob (KC1ACN) have had discussion on the new firehouse antennas, the 40 foot tower (from SCOW site) with the T6 and VHF / UHF on top of that would suffice. The standing tower at the SCOW building looks good, the tower on the ground at SCOW looks to have surface rust. Further investigation needs to be done on the rust on the tower that is down, the club will use the better of the two towers. Haggie (KB1HCC) is conversing with the antenna team listed above about converting the towers to a tilt over installation. Rob also reported that Al (N1API) has a computer that Al will donate to the club for station PC at the new facility. Bill (W1KKF) has had conversations with Ernie on the new facility but we'll have to wait a bit on that as Ernie wants the Fire Chief involved on decisions however Ernie is out of the area until next week.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – Nothing planned yet for this coming meeting.

Nets –

10M – John (K1VDF) reported 12 per week 28.375 on Tuesday at 8PM local time.

6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported usually get a little more than 10 check in's (hi hi). 50.175 8PM local on Mondays

2M – Todd (K1TDO) has good turn outs, meets 7PM on Tuesdays on the W1KKF repeater

Castle Craig – The summer 10-10 QSO party is August 6 and 7th, Al (N1API) is looking for someone to kick off a net prior to the event, KC1SA tentatively has stated he can run the net prior to the kick off and to pass out the club's 10-10 number during the event. Our 10-10 club membership expires next month and is \$25 for a five year membership. A motion was made and voted on to renew our membership which was unanimously agreed on to pay our membership for the next five years.

VE session – There will be a testing VE session on Saturday April 30th at 1PM at the Cook Hill location.

Key Klix – Excellent job Dave. Dave is always looking for articles and pictures.

Membership – 66 members, still 6 members that have not paid.

Interference and Technical – Rich was not present

Repeater – Not discussed

Hamfest - There was a meeting last week of the Hamfest committee. At the moment the topics to be presented at Hamfest are Skywarn and a talk on Balloon launching.

Instruction & Testing – Not discussed

Candy Store – Hat, \$10.

EmComm – No inputs.

Misc Old Business –

Field Day – Jim (N1ZN) is field day chairman. The club will operate as 2F unless we have to put up an antenna. The certificate to use Marcus Cooke Park will be turned back in to the since we'll be operating from the fire station. John (N1GNV) is taking care of food.

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Rob (KC1ACN) is working on the PhotoShop document for changing the Elmer of the year award wording.

Rob (KC1ACN) is working on an interface to get the club rigs to function in true RTTY mode. This is a computer interface that allows RTTY and CW operation from N1MM+.

New Business –

990N forms. If you are non-profit making less than \$50k / year then this form can be filled out on line. Dave will file on line this form with the IRS. Dave will supply a copy of the confirmation of the 990-N to Bill (W1KKF) and Steve (KC1SA).

Chris (WA1VXH) suggested there be more bonding between MRC and our club.. Badges will be made at the May Activity meeting.

New England QSO party from the club house, show of hands had six folks interested in operating at the club house. Rob (KC1ACN) will pull this together.

Meeting was closed at 8:31 PM

Meeting Attendees on April 14, 2016 ,AB1DQ, K1LHO, K1LYP, K1MVM, K1PU, K1VDF, K1WJL, KB1JL, KB1ZMK, KC1ACN, KC1SA, W1YSM, KE1AU, KE1AY, N1API, N1GNV, N1ZN, W1DQ, W1KKF, WA1VXH, WA1ZVY, WV2LKM



10-10 NEWS VIA N1API

This year for the first time I believe since I joined 10-10 after getting my license in 1979 I will not be able to participate in the Summer 10-10 QSO Party. I will be traveling back from Germantown, TN (Memphis), after attending the MARAC convention, who knows / may be the one who finds Elvis. The dates for the party are August 6th and 7th. It runs the full 24 hours and there are no mandatory rest periods. More information and rules are at: <http://www.ten-ten.org/index.php/activity/2013-07-22-20-26-48/qso-party-schedule> Despite not being able to participate, I'd still like to see the chapter make a good showing in the QSO party. I believe I have someone willing to run the kick-off net on Friday. Actually it can be run any-time during the weekend if enough like.

I hope everyone will get on and make a many QSOs as possible. 10 meters can surprise you. I've done Winter QSO Parties and made 50 contacts and expecting to do poorly in the summer event made 250 or more QSOs because the short skip, or "E" skip opened up or even double hop to the west coast. Never count 10 out! With me not working the QSO Party W1NRG with it's 29650 is available to give out. If the club wanted to try an effort from wherever we are located that could be done. Or if someone wanted to try from home that works too. It does not have to be a 10-10 member either. The rules were changed that a non-member could operate a club station in the party. You would need to do a couple of things. First you need to let the Trustee, WA1VXH know that you will be using W1NRG that weekend.

Also you will need to log your contacts. Logging is simple Date and UTC time, Name, State or DX Country, and 10-10 number if the station has one otherwise it's zero for the number. You can log to paper, or a program if you have one, N1MM has a 10-10 module I've never used it so I am unfamiliar with it. You can also log to Win1010 on the club's laptop. You will need to make arrangements with the SAM KC1ACN to get the laptop if you need it. I can show you how to open the contest and log. It is very simple, I'll set it all up before hand. All you will need to do is turn on the computer open the program and select the contest. If it is a known call, (say you put in N1API), or 25468 in the call sign field, the fields populate with all the information, you do need to verify it in QSO and enter. It will log it and score two or one points depending on if the station has a number or not. For unknown calls you will need to fill the name state and number in if they have one. You do have some help as the Callbook information shows in a window for a known call but you should always hear the information in cause the first name is different, IE Rick instead of Richard or he is portable someplace away from home. After the contest I would need the paper log, ADIF from N1MM or your logging program or the club computer to get the log off. Anyone interested in doing W1NRG # 29650 please let me know so we can figure out how you want to log and any information you need to work the QSO Party.

I hope to see some "impressive" scores when I get back, (and a chance for some to take 1st Place in the the 1st Call area away from me and possibly get in the Top 10 in the News).

AI - N1API



CT-ARES REGION 2

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FROM THE KK EDITOR....THIS WILL BE A
REGULAR FEATURE OF THE KK, IT MAY
TAKE A BIT TO GET FORMAT DOWN TO A
WORKABLE STYLE FOR THE MARC

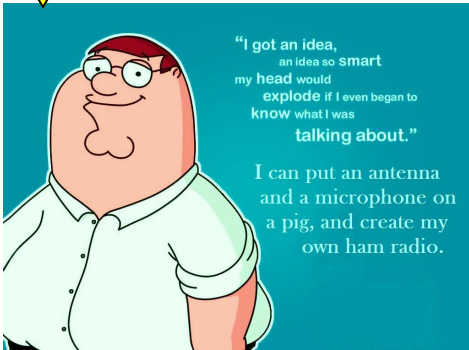
From Mike Meadows KC1AYL, Wallingford EC

- - - - -TOUR DE CURE- - - - -biggest Public Service Event in region 2 June 12- - - - -

Can you please put in a request for assistance for operators for 12 June for the Tour de Cure in Durham? It's going to be a somewhat long day so bring lunch, water/drink, mobile radio/ HT. Preferably mobile radio, due to local terrain. Currently we're in the process of operations planning and we'll be meeting mid May to discuss plans a bit further for ops then, placement, SAG assignment, etc. So stay tuned for an email from me with further information. Hopefully I'll be able to get to one of the MARC meetings this summer- my schedule hasn't changed, but I'm taking some Fridays off coming up so I'll be able to at least be able to stay up past sunset on Thursdays! ;)



FOUND ON THE WEB
BY WA1VXH



THE K1TDO ROCKET ANTENNA INSTALLATION CREW,
W1KKF, WB1FYL, KC1ACN & K1TSO



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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

CLUB DUES STRUCTURE (JAN-DEC)

UP TO 64 YRS OF AGE--\$15/YR
 SENIOR DISCOUNT 65 & UP--\$10
 ADDITIONAL FAMILY MBRS---\$5



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CLUB REPEATER W1KKF/R

147.36MHZ +600 OFFSET
 NO PL TONE (OPEN REPEATER)

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