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MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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**Business Meeting Thursday Nov 13, 7:30pm at the Cook Hill Firehouse/ Medical Reserve Bldg.
37 Hall Road Wallingford**

Activity Meeting Night Cancelled for November and December

Business Meeting Elections—Annual Meeting Notice

Thursday Nov 13, 7:30pm at the Firehouse

The November 13 Business Meeting is the “Annual Meeting” and as per our by-laws it is the election of officers for 2015. The process is to present the nominations of officers and also request from the floor any additional nominations. The election is then held by a vote of the members attending. All officer positions are always open to anyone wishing to run. If you are interested in running for any office please let John K1VDF know that you would like to run for an office. Or you can be nominated at the November meeting. Our current secretary Paul K1SEZ is stepping down from his position and Steve KC1AXJ has tossed his hat into the ring.

The Elections Committee (John K1VDF) reports the following slate of candidates (so far)

President.....Bill W1KKF and Jim N1ZN (Incumbent)

Vice President.....John N1GNV and Al N1API (Incumbent)

Secretary.....Steve KC1AXJ

Treasurer.....Haggie KB1HCC (Incumbent)

Station Act's Mngr.....Rich WA1TRY (Incumbent)

Nominations can be made that night. We highly suggest that you refrain from talking to NBC, CBS, ABC and CNN when leaving the polling booths, We do not want any early projected winners before all votes have been counted. And we ask the candidates to request that the Super-Pac's do not flood us with robo-calls and gigantic mailers... (However Rigs, antennas and coax cable May be acceptable.....)

Activities for November and December

The activity meeting for November is traditionally cancelled because it falls on Thanksgiving and as much as we love the club, Turkey rules Ham that day.

The Business meeting and Activity Meeting are somewhat replaced by the

Annual Christmas Party which will be on Thursday Dec 11 at the

Brothers Restaurant , 33 North Cherry St., Wallingford

Arrive after 6PM for cash bar. Dinner served at 7PM.

Menu:

Garden salad, Penne w. Marinara Sauce, Baked Sole, Sausage & Peppers,

Chicken Marsala, Potato, Vegetable, Bread Basket, Butter, Fudge Roll,

Coffee, Tea & Decaf.

Cost for the dinner is the payment of your 2015 dues. Significant other cost is \$5.\

MARC welcomes new member:

The Meriden ARC welcomes Gary Blasedale, KJ4PV as its newest member. We will do a complete Write up on him next issue but He is active on the two meter repeater and is a regular at our meetings.....

Anyone interested in the MARC sponsoring and equipping a balloon launch expedition with an on-board HT sending the AV signals and maybe APRS data link? I am talking to the STEM Academy folks on this topic, also.

Check out the Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APgH1yIp3HQ>

K1SEZ Paul Ciezniak

Simulated Emergency Test Saturday Nov 8th Message from KC1BAQ Joe Hamm

The ARRL Connecticut Section is performing a statewide simulated emergency test (SET) on Saturday, November 8th. Haggie (KB1HCC) and I are organizing radio operations at the clubhouse in the morning and we will need your help playing some fun emergency radio drills. The exercise will be from 8AM-4PM. This test will be a surprise scenario from the ARRL with incidents unfolding throughout the day and require us to perform various communications tasks needed in a real emergency. If you are able to participate, please let me know. I will be organizing volunteers for a morning and an afternoon shift. Each shift will last four hours, but we still welcome your participation at any level. Some may choose to stop by for a brief visit and others may wish to play on the radio all day. So come have some fun and polish up your emergency communications skills!

SET 2014 – Net Schedules

Below is the current net schedule during the SET. I will be updating the W1NRG Forum with this and other info as it becomes available.

1) CT SEC/SM Command Net on the KB1AEV system

- on the Even Hours

- i.e., 0800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600 on Saturday and 0800, 1000, 1200 on Sunday.

2) Regional Resource and/or Tactical Nets on the KB1AEV system or Regional/Local repeaters

- on the Odd Hours

- i.e., 0900, 1100, 1300, 1500 on Saturday and 0900, 1100 on Sunday.

3) SKYWARN Nets on the KB1AEV system or Regional/Local repeaters

- on the Even Half Hours

- i.e., 0830, 1030, 1230, 1430 on Saturday and 0830, 1030 on Sunday.

4) NTS Local Nets on Regional/Local repeaters

- on the Odd Half Hours

- i.e., 0930, 1130, 1330, 1530, 1730 on Saturday and 0930, 1130 on Sunday.

5) Formal HF Nets will be run on 3.965 MHz and/or 7.280 MHz

- immediately after each of the scheduled CT SEC/SM Command Net closes

- i.e. approximately 0815, 1015, 1215, 1415, 1615 on Saturday and 0815, 1015, 1215 on Sunday. Intervening informal HF Net operations will be at the discretion of the HF Net NCS.

Joe Hamm, KC1BAQ Wlfd Emergency Coordinator, Region 2 CT. Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CT ARES)

Club News:

John K1VDF is enjoying his new (to-him) ICOM 265 VHF Transceiver that he purchased at the Nutfest, he is seriously considering adding a 6 meter beam on the tower.....Congrats to Dave W1CTN and Al N1API for killer scores during the recent CQ WW SSB Contest, Dave W1CTN did 2,434,876 pts and Al N1API did 1,148,367.. Also reporting in were Rob KC1ACN with 20,000 pts. Heard on the bands were Dave K1WJL, Mike K1MVM, Mike K1LHO and apologize for not hearing you.....Rich WA1TRY should be settled in his new Hacienda in Vernon with 300 Acres, 4-180 foot towers and three complete contest stations.....

John K1LYP has his new Hy-gain tribander up on his new tower.....Joe KC1BAQ is doing a great job as EC for Wallingford.....N1GNV is accumulating his "Frequent Driver Miles" as he travels up and down the east coast for his Q. S. radio business...Congratulations to XYL Linda Wawrzeniak on her surprise "XX"th Birthday Party and to Bill W1KKF for not spilling the beans.....Welcome to Gary KJ4PV on being the newest member of the club....Your Editor recently purchased a new slide to digital converter and uncovered some gems in the archives...some of them are on the photo's page.....If you have any shots of your station, antenna, mobile rigs, anything interesting, please pass it on ,to K1WJL.... K1WJL has his tower tipped over, stripped the top clean, bought a new thrust bearing and just when things were going full bore, his spinal stenosis kicked in big time—Murphies Law at its finest.....

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

October 2014

The business meeting opened at 7:30 EDST on October 9, 2014 with 16 people in attendance. See call sign and names listing on the last page. A quorum was present. The meeting was opened and chaired by President, Jim, N1ZN.

Announcements – none

Introductions – All present at the meeting announced their name and call sign and signed the log sheet.

Secretary's Report – The September 2014 meeting minutes were written up and published on the W1NRG website. It was again noted that Paul K1SEZ will be stepping down from the post of Club Secretary in the upcoming MARC election event. At least one member has indicated an interest in serving as Secretary.

Treasurer's Report – Haggie, KB1HCC, reported on the status of the MARC treasury. There were no questions or discussions, and everyone seemed pleased at the club's solid financial status.

Contributions – A check for \$100 from the town of Meriden was given to Paul, K1SEZ in September for a class that he conducted in ham radio given in August 2014 at the SCOW-Meriden YMCA camp. It was turned over to Haggie KB1HCC for deposit in the MARC treasury in September.

Correspondence –No correspondence received or noted.

Scholarship –Nothing discussed.

Club Station & Facilities – There was no report on the club station this month, but there were several mentions of the ongoing pursuit of the free telephone poles to be erected on the grounds of the fire house that we use for our meetings. There will be a learning activity at the October meeting to introduce the excellent contesting software, N1MM Logger given by Dave, W1CTN. This free software will be introduced at the MARC for use during the upcoming contests hopefully by year's end. A new PC may be needed with a modern OS for use with the club's rigs.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – The upcoming Nutmeg Hamfest preparations were discussed in general. It was noted that the Inside Vendors will have stickers for identification this year, making it easier to monitor their entrance and work inside the main room. The flea market parking spaces will be opened officially at 6 am; the main hall will open at 8 am. Hand-stamping will be used to identify paying attendees. The Nutfest tickets will be numbered for tracking purposes.

Nets - All nets are doing well

- HF-SSB 28.375 Tuesdays at 8:00 PM, Primary NC John K1VDF
- VHF-FM 147.36R Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, Primary NC Todd K1TDO
- VHF-SSB 50.175 Mondays at 8 PM, Primary NC Jim N1ZN

Hamfests – The Nutmeg Hamfest executive committee is in final preparations for Sunday, October 12th. It will again be held at the Sheraton Four Corners hotel in Meriden. Besides hosting the Connecticut ARRL state convention again, we will be featuring presentations by Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, CEO of the ARRL who will speak on the topic of "Where the Bands Come From", and also Joel Hallas, K1ZR, of "The Doctor is In" articles in QST magazine who will speak on antenna design and construction details.

Key Klix- Dave K1WJL said the October issue of Key Klix will be published shortly on the MARC website.

Castle Craig – nothing to report

Membership – no new members; current membership is 47, including the two complementary members.

Interference and Technical – no report

Repeater – Bill, W1KKF, confirmed the repeater financial account at \$980.93 and that everything was working well.

Instruction & Testing – No comments.

Candy Store – no report

Club Media – no report

EmComm – no report

New Business – The town's request for verification of the MARC's liability insurance has been handled and our Treasurer will submit a copy of this year (2014)'s certificate. It was noted that Lentini Communications business was relocating to a smaller space location in the same building they currently occupy.

Bill, W1KKF, will be getting quotes for a replacement MARC wall banner with the corrected club colors and insignia details.

Bill also confirmed the start of a Morse code class starting on Monday, October 13th that he will be teaching at the Fire House location.

Everyone was reminded of our annual Election of Officers coming up at the November business meeting. The MARC annual Christmas dinner will again be held at **Brothers Restaurant** in Wallingford (just across the tracks from the AMTRAK station) on December 11, 2014 at 6 pm.

Meeting Adjourned by voice vote about 8:26 to continue informal discussions around the coffee and pastries.

Submitted: Paul Ciezniak, K1SEZ, Secretary PJC

Meeting Attendees on October 9, 2014. 1. K1LHO, Mike 2. K1LYP, John 3. K1PU, Mark 4. K1SEZ, Paul (secretary) 5. K1VDF, John 6. K1WJL, Dave 7. KB1HCC, Haggie (treasurer) 8. KC1ACN, Rob 9. KC1AXJ, Steve 10. KE1AU, Bob 11. KE1AY, Don 12. N1API, Al (vice president) 13. N1ZN, Jim (president) 14. W1CTN, Dave 15. W1KKF, Bill 16. WV2LKM, Steve

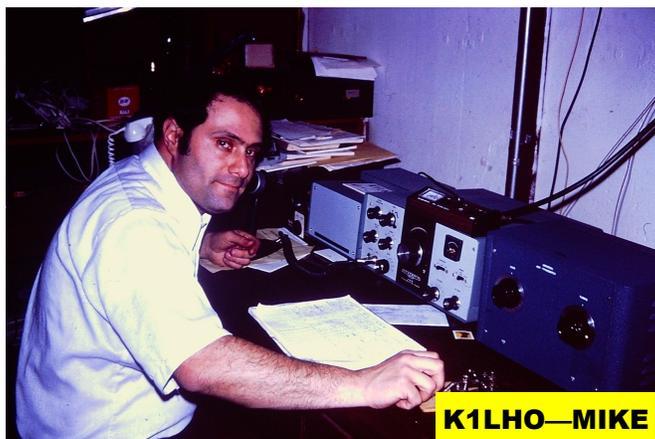
BLAST FROM THE PAST TIME.....WHILE CONVERTING SLIDES OVER TO DIGITAL, I UNCOVERED THESE GEMS..... APOLOGIES TO ANYONE WHO GOES INTO DEPRESSION BECAUSE THEY REALIZE THEY ARE OLE FARTS NOW.....



W1KKF—BILL



WY1U—TIM



K1LHO—MIKE



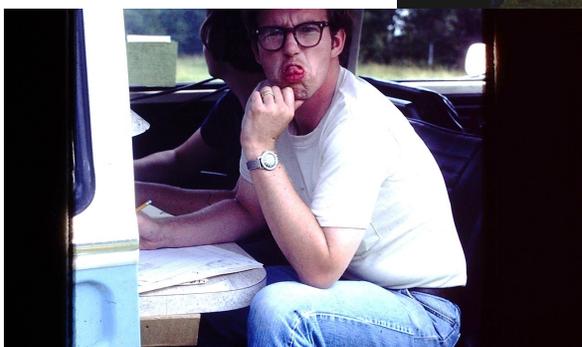
NICE SHOT OF FRANK W1FD



CHINESE FIRE DRILL AT FD/ CIRCA 1980'S



K1WJL FD-MOBILE



K1VDF STILL HAS NOT CHANGED...



**JOHN K1VDF & JIM WA1VGP
IN WJL FIELD DAY-MOBILE**



Vintage Radio K1TG

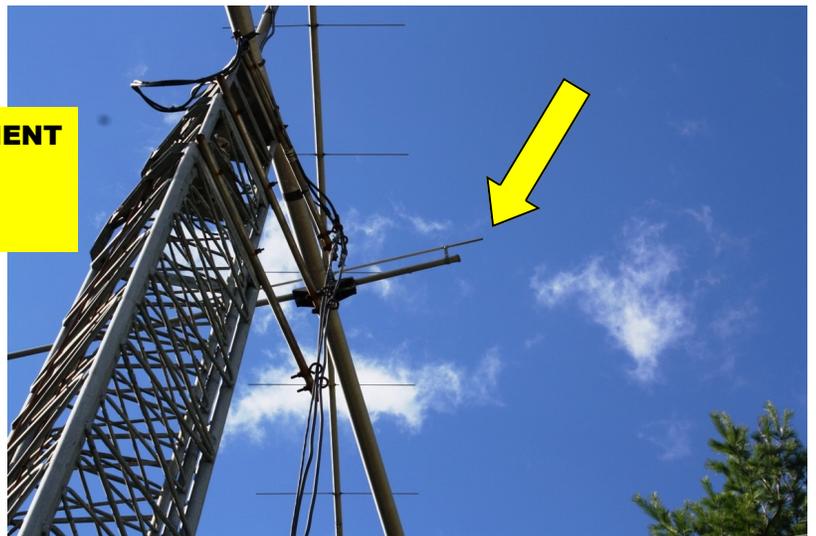
ROGER K1TG

**ANTENNA PARTY AT GEORGE—N1AN QTH
WE PUSHED THAT TOWER UP BY HAND**



K1WJL'S QTH.TOWER TIPPED OVER 11/1/2014

**K1VDF'S TOWER & ANTENNA—DRIVER ELEMENT
KNOCKED OFF..... & TWO METER BEAM
MISALIGNED**



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MEETINGS:
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

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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

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AND FOLLOW THE LINKS

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



MARC MEMBERS

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| AB1HB | Charlie Dudac | N1API | Al Kaiser |
| AF1HS | Art Fregeau | N1BF | Patrick Dionne |
| K1LHO | Mike Ash | N1GNV | John Bartscherer |
| K1LYP | John Yusza | N1GY | Geoff Haines |
| K1MVM | Mike Macri | N1HCA | Susan South |
| K1PU | Mark Mokoski | N1LGH | Barbara Stone |
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| K1TDO | Todd Olsen | N1OKF | Bob Parisi |
| K1TG | Roger Kuchera | N1VTE | Sarah Kaczor |
| K1THP | Dave Karpiej | N1ZN | James Savage |
| K1VDF | John Blevins | W1CTN | David Arruzza |
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| KE1AY | Donald Mitchell | KJ4PV | Gary Bleasdale |