



MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OCTOBER 2015

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BUSINESS MEETING, THURSDAY OCTOBER 8, 2015, 7:30 pm,
ACTIVITY MEETING THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 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

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL

NUTMEG HAMFEST

& ARRL CONNECTICUT STATE CONVENTION

Sponsored by The Meriden Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2015

8AM TO 2PM

Sheraton Four Points Hotel

275 Research Parkway, Meriden Ct 06450

HUGE TAILGATING / FLEA MARKET AREA

HUGE INDOOR FLEA MARKETS & EXHIBITS

SEMINARS—VE EXAMS

9:00am--**ARRL FORUM** WITH BETSEY DOANE K1EIC, CTSECT. MAN.
& TOM FRENAYE K1KI NEW ENGLAND DIV. DIRECTOR

10:00am-- ETHEL KRAMER KB1NMO, BOB VALLI KB1ZBH AND
JOHN YUSZA Jr. K1LYP PRESENT

NET PROFITS (WHAT ARE NETS AND WHY YOU SHOULD BELONG)

11:00am---TOM ALLISON WB1GCM ARRL LAB ENGINEER PRESENTS
ARRL PRODUCT REVIEWS

(HOW THE LAB TESTS SUBMITTED PRODUCTS PRIOR TO PUBLISHING)

EVENT STARTS FOR THE PUBLIC AT 8:00 AM

Message from Volunteer Coordinator Jim Savage N1ZN:

We need at least 12 volunteers. Primarily selling tickets at the two entrances to the hall and at the entrance to tailgating. Need some to be there at 5:00AM for the tailgaters. The rest around 6:00 and 7:00am. If you can't come early we need a couple of volunteers at the end of the show to help a couple of the vendors loading up. Volunteers can sign up on the forum or send me an email with the time they can be there. N1ZN@ARRL.NET

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October Activities Meeting

Our October activity meeting will be non other than our own Mark Mokoski K1PU who will present a program on how he has utilized Solar Power at his home. This should be very timely and relevant considering the flood of TV ad's on Solar Power replacing shingles on your homes. Date is Thursday October 22, 7:30pm at the Firehouse/Medical Reserve building...

Elections—Annual Meeting Notice

The November 12 Business Meeting is the “Annual Meeting” and as per our by-laws it is the election of officers for 2016. 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.

The current officers, Pres. Bill W1KKF, Vice Pres Al N1API, Sect Steve KC1AXJ , S.A.M. Rob KC1ACN are running for re-election and Dave K1WJL is running for Treasurer to replace Haggie KB1HCC who will be relocating to North Carolina in the near to distant future.

This meeting will also be for nominations and voting for the MARC Ham of the Year and the W1ICQ Elmer of the year Award.....

Activities for November and December

The activity meeting for November is traditionally cancelled because it falls on Thanksgiving week and as much as we love the club, TU1RKY rules HA1MM that day.

The Business meeting and Activity Meeting are somewhat replaced by the Annual Christmas Party which will be on Thursday Dec 10 at the Brothers Restaurant. Doors open at 6PM for Social Hour with cash bar. Dinner served at 7PM.

Menu: (some items may change slightly as we have used last years menu)

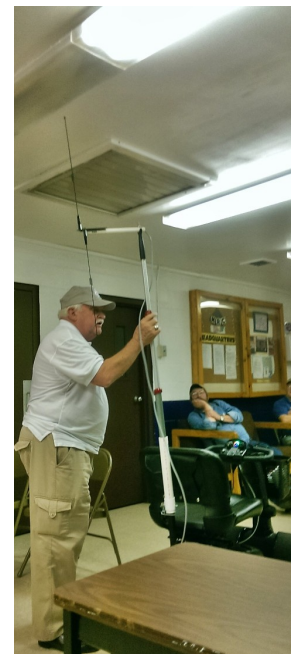
Garden salad, Penne w. Marinara Sauce, Baked Sole, Sausage & Peppers, Chicken Marsala, Potato, Vegetable, Bread Basket, Butter, Fudge Roll, Coffee, Tea & Decaf.

Cost for the dinner is the payment of your 2016 dues. Significant other cost is \$5.

Geoff (N1GY) demonstrated installation of the Jetstream dual band transceiver (JT270M) on his scooter with two dual-band stinger antennas. Nice job Geoff. Safe travels!

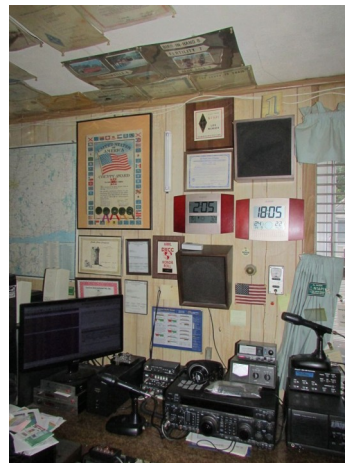


At the September Activities meeting



N1API

by
Bob WB1GYZ



Al Kaiser, N1API started twirling radio knobs at a very young age, because his father was first licensed as W1JAX in 1935. In 1965 Al enlisted in the Navy and became a radioman. He served two years at Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico, and two years with the oiler USS Waccamaw. During this time he decided that one day he would become a ham radio operator.

From 1971 to 1989 Al found civilian employment working on railroad air conditioning systems, was promoted to mechanical inspector, and retired in 2010. During that time Al tried CB radio when it was in vogue, but by 1978 had become frustrated with it. In 1979 he had the good fortune of meeting Dave, K1WJL who helped him earn a ham radio license. In May of '79 Al sat down to a testing session for combined Novice and General class licenses at the FCC examining center at Hartford, which led to Al being assigned N1API, He has since upgraded to Extra.. His original ham equipment consisted of a converted Knightkit CB 5 watt radio with a roof mounted beam antenna. His latest equipment consists of a Yaesu 1000MP MK-V main rig, Yaesu 857D, and 3 element StepIR beam mounted on a U.S. Tubular 55 foot tower.

In his many years in ham radio Al has earned numerous operating awards such as: DXCC (worked all countries which now number 350.) including many 10 - 10 operating awards, Worked All Counties (many times over) and several contesting awards from the CQ and ARRL DX Contests. He has earned so many awards that they cover almost all the wall space of his shack.

When asked about the future of the hobby Al feels that digital will probably expand and push out the older modes. He'd also like to see an expansion of ham bands to alleviate crowded conditions. And, speaking of conditions, I asked him how he manages to keep track of all the constantly changing solar indexes. He said: Just keep it simple by remembering that the more flux, the better. High A and K indexes are bad for HF communications, so the lower they are, the better. As for sunspots, they start forming deep within the sun and take many years to migrate to the surface.

Al holds the positions of VP of Meriden Amateur Radio Club, Northeast Director of the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club and Chapter Head of the Castle Craig Chapter of Ten-Ten International..



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

The business meeting opened at 7:33 PM EDST on October 8, 2015 with 16 people in attendance.

Officers present: Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Haggie (KB1HCC) and Steve (KC1AXJ).

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

Announcements – The next meeting, an activity meeting, is October 22nd. Mark (K1PU) will detail his solar power home at this meeting.

Taste of Wallingford has been moved to 10/17 & 10/18 due to weather issues last weekend.

November 2014 Sweepstakes ARRL certificate was shown to those present. Steve (KC1AXJ) is keeping this until we get a file cabinet in the 'shack'.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – September's Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed at meeting and accepted.

Haggie is stepping down as Treasurer and will be moving to Sanford, North Carolina in the near future. Dave Swedock (K1WJL) has offered to complete this year as Club Treasurer. A motion was made to place Dave in the role; the motion was voted on and accepted. Effective date for Dave as Treasurer is October 8, 2015. The club secretary will draft a letter to the bank to replace Haggie and add Dave as a signatory. Best wishes Haggie.

Contributions – None reported.

Correspondence – November Sweeps certificate from the ARRL, US Islands QSL card, American Cancer Society and Vanguard statement.

Program & Entertainment – The club is still searching for a replacement for Rich (WA1TRY) for the Program & Entertainment chairman. Nothing to report.

Scholarship – Don (KE1AY) reported the document has been re-written. Dan Murphy (W1DMM) has it for final correction then will be placed on the website when completed.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob (KC1ACN) reported via email that nothing to report.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – Next meeting is October 22nd where K1PU will present his solar powered home.

Nets –

10M – 10 to 12 check in's this past week.

6M – 6 to 8 this past week.

2M – a handful of check in's this past week.

Castle Craig –

10-10 One Day Sprint this Saturday.

Hamfests –

October 18th, next Sunday, is the Nutmeg Hamfest and ARRL State Convention and we are still looking for volunteers. Let Jim (N1ZN) know if you can help out. If you have items you'd like to place on the club table to sell let Al (N1API) know.

Key Klix – Missed this month, Dave will get this issue out prior to Nutmeg Hamfest and ARRL State Convention. Anyone with pictures to be placed in KK, send them off to Dave (K1WJL).

Membership – 60 total, no new additions.

Interference and Technical – No problems reported

Repeater – Nothing to report other than the account was closed out and funds put into the club treasury.

Instruction & Testing – Don (KE1AY) reported some folks pre-registered for the session at the Nutmeg Hamfest and ARRL State Convention.

Candy Store – Still have hats for \$10.

EmComm – Mike Meadows (KC1AYL) and Douglas (WA1SFH) are the coordinators, nothing reported

Misc Old Business –

Operate W1AW was cancelled due lack of interest.

October 21, 2015 – EMCOMM statewide test.

November 14 & 15 – Simulated Emergency Test

December 10 – The MARC annual Christmas dinner will again be held at Brothers Restaurant in Wallingford (just across the tracks from the AMTRAK station) on December 10, 2015 at 6 pm. Cash bar at 6PM with buffet starting at 7PM. Cost to attend is your dues, bring your significant other for an additional five dollars.

ARISS – Paul (K1SEZ) was not present so no update.

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New Business –

A new flag for the Wallingford Amateur Radio Group has been made, John (N1GNV). This was discussed at the activity meeting last month and will be used in addition to our Club MARC flag.

Scholarship Mutual Fund – An investigation into perhaps funds that would have a higher yield is being done. Some IRS rules make it that we must use at least 5% of the fund each year (for non-profit funds). Bill (W1KKF), Don (KE1AY), Dave (K1WJL), and Haggie (KB1HCC) will meet next week to decide the best choice for a fund, or funds, and dates when funds should be withdrawn.

Pat (N1BF) reported Conrad Sheldon (K1EC) was in the area for a wedding and said “hi” to the club. Conrad was very active in the club in the past.

November is the annual meeting and will be held on November 12, 2015. This is the month to elect officers for 2016, Ham of the Year, and Elmer of the Year.

Meeting was closed at 8:15 PM

Meeting Attendees on October 8, 2015

Call Sign	Name
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
N1BF	Patrick Dionne
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow
KB1JL	Eric Olson
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1ZN	James Savage
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin



Bill W1KKF delivered this placard recently that was awarded to me at the MARC Christmas Party. For health reasons, I was not able to attend the December event. I very much appreciate the accolades from the MARC members. Where else can one get positive recognition Just for having fun. I will continue to enjoy and follow the club’s activities and hopefully be come active again when the health situation changes.

Thanks to all again.

GL es 73, Dan W1DMM

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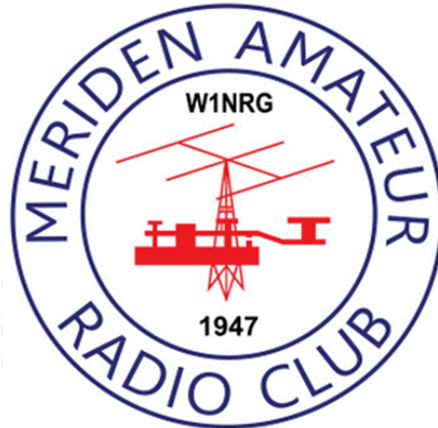
CLUB NETS

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



WEBSITE:

WWW.W1NRG.COM

FORUM/BBS:

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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

AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	N1API	Al Kaiser
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	N1BF	Patrick Dionne
K1IIG	Steve Tripp	N1GNV	John Bartscherer
K1JTH	John Hart, Jr.	N1GY	Geoff Haines
K1LHO	Mike Ash	N1LGH	Barbara Stone
K1LYP	John Yusza	N1NAN	Helen Spokes
K1MVM	Mike Macri	N1OKF	Bob Parisi
K1PU	Mark Mokoski	N1VTE	Sarah Kaczor
K1RJC	Rick Castaldo	N1ZN	James Savage
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak	NY2HF	Dennis Lane
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	W1ATV	Walt Yatzook
K1TG	Roger Kuchera	W1CTN	David Arruzza
K1THP	Dave Karpiej	W1DMM*****	Dan Murphy
K1VDF	John Blevins	W1DQ	John Elengo
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	W1KKF*****	Bill Wawrzeniak
KA1NXX	Jan Rogus	W1NHS	Fred Ring
KA1SE	Luke Laurentano	W1POP	Fred Liedke
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KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	W7FUR	William Spokes
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	WA1JKR	John Rogus
KB1MMS	Ronald Slack	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin
KB1SIN	Bill Brooks	WA1VXH	Chris Sievert
KB1TJD	Gaianne Jenkins	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin
KB1ZMK	Dan Busa	WB1GGP	Jerry Sheppard
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen	WB8IMY	Steve Ford
KC1BAQ	Joseph Hamm	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	WY1U	Tim Mik
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell		
KJ4PV	Gary Bleasdale		