

MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



KEY KLIX



OCTOBER 2017

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Celebrating our 70th Year Anniversary

BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY OCT 12 / ACTIVITY MTNG THURSDAY OCT 26

******ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 7:30PM**** ON THE 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH, AT THE HOPE HILL FIREHOUSE 143 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD**

******WHEN SPECIFICALLY ANNOUNCED, A SPECIAL ACTIVITY MAY START AT 6:30PM******

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ACTIVITY NIGHT & EVENTS, DE W1YSM

Thursday Oct 26 QSL manger (Eric Williams – KV1J) from ARRL
Thursday Nov 23 cancelled due to Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday Dec 28 cancelled due to Christmas Holidays



Business & Activity Meeting / Event

The Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday Oct 12, 7:30pm at the Club House, and our activity meeting will be on Thursday Oct 26 , and QSL manger Eric Williams, KV1J from THE ARRL will speak on the QSL Bureau & procedures.

SKYWARN Net on the air

Ed W1YSM reports The New Haven/Middlesex County SKYWARN Net is on the Air EVERY THURSDAY AT 1900 ET ON W1WPD Repeater, 442.5-00 (DCS 073) LINKED TO 145.29 repeater in Killingworth. You do NOT need to have a SKYWARN Spotter Number to check in, This follows up on the SKYWARN training held at the Club in May.

NUTMEG Hamfest Sunday October 22 at the Sheraton Four Points Inn

Hard to believe that one year has passed but its time again for our annual Nutmeg State Hamfest & Convention. It will be on Sunday Oct 22, although the date has bounced around a bit due to circumstances beyond our control. This is our largest fundraiser and accounts for a good part of the operating budget for the MARC. We need a good core of volunteers to man the ticket booths, outdoor & indoor, crowd control, etc. Jim N1ZN is the volunteer coordinator and will take all the help that is offered. The event has two components, the outdoor and very popular tail-gating flea market and the indoor event with vendors, programs with various speakers and a VE session. We could use help from like 6am (or earlier) to start setting up & coordinating the outside vendors, and the majority of assistance is needed from just before 8am to 2pm to staff the entry doors for ticket sales and information assistance. The VE sessions and speaker forums also will need a few volunteers basically for setup and direction pointing for the attendees. Just remember that the people working the event might like a chance to meander about themselves for a bit or for a “relief” break . Bill W1KKF, will be manning the PA (Public Address) duties and prize ticket sales Table, John N1GNV is in charge of inside vendor table coordination sales, Jim N1ZN is the Coordinator of volunteers, Mark K1PU is the Outdoor Flea Market commander, Rich WA1TRY will be doing the ticket sales managing and financial advisor and Al N1API will be in charge of the club flea market table where members can bring items to sell and the club gets a small percentage... John K1VDF is operating the Talk-In on the Club Repeater, Hope I did not forget anyone...

Election of Officers for 2018

The MARC will elect Officers for the 2018 term at the annual meeting on November 9. The present slate of officers, Bill W1KKF President, Al N1API Vice President, Steve KC1SA Sect., Dave K1WJL Tres. And Rob K1RCT all have consented to be re-nominated for their positions. Nominations for any candidates can be made from the floor at the annual meeting on Thursday November 9.

Christmas Party

Our MARC Christmas Party is on Thursday Dec 14, at Serafino’s Restaurant, 72 So. Turnpike Road, Wallingford, time 6PM Cocktail Hour, dinner at 7pm. The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP to Steve KC1SA or Dave K1WJL as soon as possible as we have to provide a headcount to the restaurant well in advance of the event. Our guest speaker will be Maria L. Bouffard, the Director of Office of Emergency Management at Yale.

Nutmeg Hamfest

And Connecticut State ARRL Convention
Sponsored by the Meriden Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Sunday, October 22nd, 2017
At the Sheraton Four-Points Hotel
275 Research Parkway
Meriden, CT 06450



We're looking forward to presenting Southern New England's **Biggest and Best Hamfest** including lively and interesting speakers and VE examinations. As always, you'll find a large indoor exhibit hall with new radios and accessories, and informational displays. We'll have a large tailgating/flea market area too. You never know what treasures you'll find, but there's sure to be something you just can't live without!

Celebrating our 25th Year!!
This should be just about peak foliage time in Southern New England.
Plan a road trip for the weekend.
We're an easy drive from NYC, LI, Albany, NNJ, NEPA, Boston, and Springfield.



Great Door Prizes!

First Prize: Yaesu FT-3200DR 2 mtr xcvr
Provided by KJI Electronics

Second Prize: Go Kit with Radio
Provided by Quicksilver Radio

Third Prize: QJE 30Amp Power Supply
Provided by Lentini Communications

Fourth Prize G5RV antenna
Generously donated by Radio Oasis

Many door prizes to be awarded during the event
You must be present to win any prize.

Major Exhibitors Include:

Quicksilver Radio Products
KJI Electronics
Lentini Communications
KBQ Radio -- DMR radios

General Information:

Gates open 6:00 AM for Tailgating and Inside Vendor Setup
New! Earlier opening -- Building open 8AM to 2PM for the general public

Note: No one except inside vendors and staff will be admitted into the building prior to 8:00

Talk-in 147.36 R, +600, no PL

General Admission \$7.00, Under 12 free
Tailgating \$10.00 per space
Inside Tables \$20.00 each

VE Session

Contact Don Mitchell, KE1AY dmitchell1273@SBCGLOBAL.Net
Note: The VE Session will start at 9:30 Sharp!
While we may be able to accommodate walk-ins, pre-registration is strongly recommended

Our Featured Speakers:

Joel Hallas, W1ZR (QST's "The Doctor") will explain Antenna Gain. What do those numbers mean? How do you separate Fact from Hype? Warning: Some cherished myths will be debunked!

Larry Reid, AB1JC has a lively presentation about High Altitude Ballooning, and how Ham Radio fits with it. Find out about another aspect of our great hobby.

ARRL Section Meeting with Connecticut Section Manager Chuck Motes, K1DFS; NE Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI, and Vice-Director Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF

Bring the kids! Special youth activity with Douglas Sharafanowich, WA1SHF

TASTE OF WALLINGFORD / FISHBEIN ROAD RACE REPORT SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

At the swearing ceremony we had an excellent turn out representing MARC. The stage was filled, not sure of the numbers but it looked like 50 to 60 people present and about 20 from our club. Many thanks for all those MARC members that came in for the swearing in. And we were all dressed in our nicely matched Yellow T-Shirts. All present received a Certificate from the town and a nice volunteer pin. The swearing in was done by Eloise Hazelwood with Mayor Dickenson speaking about the importance of the organization. Today the race kicked off at 9AM by Sally Darrow from the Wallingford Family Y. Unofficially, about 475 runners participated in the event. The Meriden ARC provided communication support for the event by placing our folks at strategic points in the race to record runners times and provide emergency communication if so needed. We worked with Hunter's Ambulance and the Y, everything seemed to work out great. The weather did provide some challenges for us, about 3 minutes into the race the clouds opened up and heavy rains kept us all cool and wet for this warm October event. The following folks assisted during the race: Paul - K1SEZ, Eric - KB1JL, John - K1LYP, John - K1VDF - last minute Net Control fill in , Rob - K1RCT John - N1GNV, Don - KE1AY, Jim - N1ZN, Steve - KC1SA, Chris, WA1VXH, was to be Net Control but had back issue crop up and John (VDF) filled in . Great job by all. De KC1SA Steve (Thanks to KC1SA & KE4EYA for the pix's)





Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) SEPTEMBER 2017

The MARC July business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EDST on September 14, 2017 at the Hope Hill Road EOC. There were 26 members in attendance.

Officers present: Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Steve (KC1SA), Dave (K1WJL), Rob (K1RCT)

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

Announcements –

- Nutmeg Hamfest Board of Directors at September 21st at 7:30PM (interested club members can attend)
- Taste of Wallingford – October 7th & 8th – EM trailer at Main Street Fire Station.
- Fishbein Road Race – October 8th
- October 21st – Jamboree on the air – Our Radio Room will be open for scouts
- October 22nd – Nutmeg Hamfest

December 14th – Serafino’s Christmas Dinner – 6PM-7PM cash bar, 7PM dinner

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The August’s Secretary’s Report was reviewed at the meeting and published on the W1NRG site and was recorded as read.

Treasurer's Report – Dave (K1WJL) was not present, no treasurer’s report was read.

Contributions – none.

Correspondence –

- Vanguard statements

Check from Vanguard accounts for club general operating funds

Program & Entertainment – Ed (W1YSM) reviewed upcoming activity meeting dates and topics.

Sept. 28 th	7:30PM – 8:30PM	APRS (KC1GLM will present)
October 26 th	7:00PM – 8:30PM	QSL manger (Eric Williams – KV1J) from ARRL to speak
December 14 th		Speaker will be Maria L. Bouffard, the Director of Office of Emergency Management at Yale
		Digital radio mode speaker for January
		KI1U – Emergency Preparedness
		Steve Williams – Skywarn
		Wallingford Fire chief
		KB1EHE - First Net
		K1RCT - YCCC
		DX engineering topics via Skype

Tentative 2018

Scholarship – An article was posted in the paper (Front Porch News) and reposted on Facebook showing Don (KE1AY) and Alan Chen with a write up about the club and Alan. Here’s the link for you to review this on-line. <http://www.myrecordjournal.com/news/frontporch/10763453-154/the-meriden-amateur-radio-club-awards-scholarship.html>

Club Station & Facilities – K1RCT reported;

- Purchased software to back up profiles on the left hand 991A rig (“CW” rig)
 - WAE contest - Made 50 contacts and two QTCs
 - The VHF bench has a PC installed with new OS installed
- K1VDF donated a raid striping array

Nets –

- 6M – Al (N1API) reported for Jim (N1ZN) reported. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time, USB mode.
 - 10M – John (K1VDF) reported the net has been active with check-ins. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time, USB mode.
 - 2M – This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time, FM mode.
- Weathernet – Ed (W1YSM). Thursdays at 7PM on the 442.500 linked to 145.290 repeaters.

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Castle Craig –Next event is a one-day sprint on October 10th and the winter QSO party in February.

Key Klix – Dave (K1WJL) is always looking for articles from members so keep the information rolling into Dave.

Membership –One new member joined this evening;W1RPN – Seth Kolasinski Welcome Seth!
The membership roster now stands at 90.

Interference and Technical – Nothing reported

Repeater – Not discussed.

VE Sessions – The September 12, 2018 VE session date will need to be changed. Don (KE1AY) will update this to 9/15/2018. John (K1LYP) is now a VE, Eric (KB1JL) has applied as well.

Hamfest – FT3200 2 meter rig, Go-Kit with Radio, 30A power supply and G5RV have been purchased as door prizes.

Guest Speakers/Topics:

Larry Reed (AB1JC) – On the air in the stratosphere – Amateur Radio & High Altitude balloons.

Joel Hallas (W1ZR) – Antenna Gain, what's it mean to me?

The event is October 22, 2017 at the Four Points in Meriden. Looking for volunteers to help at the event, see Jim (N1ZN) if you can give an hour or two during the event. Assisting at the event gets you free admission. Lend a hand and help support the club. If you have something to sell, Al (N1API) handles the club table. This event is also the Connecticut Section Convention for the ARRL.

Candy Store – Gold Medal Ideas is our club vendor of hats, shirts, jackets, etc. A link was added to our landing page for Meriden ARC on their web page.

Here's the link to Gold Medal Ideas: <http://stores.goldmedalideas.com/ygs>

AuxComm – Chris (WA1VXH) reported;

Fishbein Race / Celebrate Wallingford – Need volunteers for the race, we were short 1 person for the race. At the meeting folks stepped forward and have the following members assisting the club with the Fishbein Race and Celebrate Wallingford (akaTaste of Wallingford).

Race Volunteers October 8, 2017, 8:30AM to 11AM - Sunday

KC1SA N1GNV K1RCT K1SEZ N1ZN K1LYP WA1VXH – Net Control

Celebrate Wallingford Volunteers October 7th - Saturday

11AM to 1PM WA1VXH & WA1ZVY

1PM to 3PM KC1SA & N1OKR

3PM to 5PM K1LYP & NZ1J

5PM to 6PM K1LYP & ??

Celebrate Wallingford Volunteers October 8th - Sunday

12PM to 2PM WA1VXH & K1RCT

2PM to 4PM KB1JL & N1GNV

4PM to 5PM KC1SA & ??

Old Business:

70th Anniversary

Open format much like the 13-Colonies, Sept 30, 8PM local time, ends October 1st, 8PM

Announcements have went out to QST and CQ, Is in the October QST, W1NRG is the call sign we will use.

Must sign up if you are going to operate, Watch the reflector for information about the club shack opening for the event, Mark (K1PU) is the coordinator, Send K1PU@ K1PU.com and email if you'd like to operate from your QTH.

You will get a W1NRG-x call sign to use. Certificates given,PDF only, QSO person sends us their E-mail address and we send them a PDF certificate, Sent if SASE sent in, The QSO person sends us a QSL card with a SASE envelope and we send hardcopy certificate. Members Certificates will be given too.

Boy Scout letter Shawn (KB1ZNT)

This is the Scout reservation in Killingworth, Mark Clifton is the Park Ranger, No ham station has been put up. Shawn is the trustee of the license. Recommendation to table this next year and ask KB1ZNT what progress was made.

U.S Islands Awards event. John B (N1GNV) reported; 39 QSOs 660 points

JOTA (Jamboree on the air)

Bill (W1KKF) to call Douglas (WA1VXH) to see where this stands for Scouts operating at our station.

Rig check out

Rob (K1RCT) has a check procedure for the radios for folks to walk through
Contact Rob if you want to go through the process.

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New Business

FRS channel 1

A short discussion on supporting FRS frequencies by the club. N1GNV will donate an FRS/GMRS radio to the club

SET (Simulated Emergency Test) - ARES October 14th

Conflicts with other trainings happening at the OEM building that day,

Emergency Management / CERT / ARES

Not just a certificate, you are willing to be deployed to emergency situations Contact Chris (WA1VXH) or Steve (KC1SA) if interested in volunteering

Swearing in

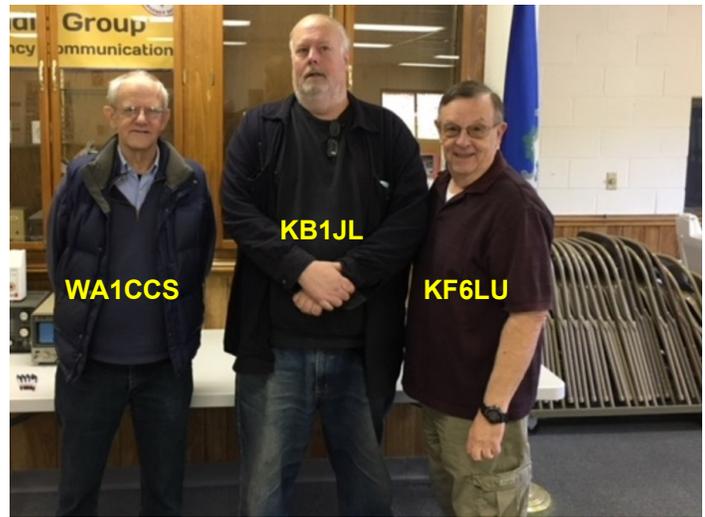
Saturday, October 7th at noon in front of Town Hall This is what Len spoke of back in January “The Swearing in Ceremony”.

CW Single Lever Paddle

KC1SA will investigate and present to the club options at the next business meeting

This will be used in addition to the lambic Bencher Paddle we currently own (give operators an option)

Meeting was closed at 9:00 PM.



A Real Ham Reunion

Back in 1964, three Wallingford Teens passed their ham license test at the same time and received the followed calls, Norm Bliss WN1CCQ, Eric Olsson WN1CCR and Andy Buza WN1CCS. Andy , now KF6LU was in town for a class reunion and met up with Eric now KB1JL at the clubhouse. John K1LYP was active in the Civil Defense group where they had tested for the novice class license some 54 years ago. Andy relocated to California and is now an ICU RN in the LA area. Norm WA1CCQ has relocated to Springfield and unfortunately for us, Eric now KB1JL “is still here”. This is the first time they have been together since the 1960’s.



Wallingford EOC/
WARG trailer in action
at the Taste of WLF.D.
Heavy rain on tin roof,
church bells and
church choir next door
With speakers pointed
at them made for a
Very Delightful Fun
Experience.....



INFORMATION PAGE

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SECT.....KC1SA STEVE ALLEN
TRES.....K1WJL DAVE SWEDOCK
STATION A.M...K1RCT ROB CICHON

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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
NEW DUES STRUCTURE AS OF 1/2018
UP TO 64 YRS OF AGE—\$20
SENIORS 65 & UP—\$15

WEBSITE: (USE LOWERCASE)
www.w1nrg.com

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www.w1nrg.com/forum/
 or go to website and follow links

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



AB1DQ	James Surprenant	17	KC1AYL	Mike Meadows	17	W1DQ	John Elengo	18
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	17	KC1CYC	Harry Shaefi	17	W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak	L
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	18	KC1EVI	Gerard Carriera Jr.	17	W1LV	Steve Morley	17
K1IIG	Steve Tripp	17	KC1FJJ	Rich Nagy	17	W1NDT	Bob Lombardo	17
K1JCF	Joe Farrell	17	KC1GEV	Carl Nilson	17	W1NHS	Fred Ring	17
K1JTH	John Hart, Jr.	17	KC1GLM	Robert Speers	17	W1POP	Fred Liedke	18
K1LHO	Mike Ash	17	KC1HDB	Jeff Martin	18	W1RPN	Seth Kolasinski	18
K1LYP	John Yusza	18	KC1HFO	John Stoidis	17	W1SKP	Skip Paquette	17
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	17	KC1NS	Nancy Tipping	18	W1UFO	Mike Cei	17
K1MVM	Mike Macri	17	KC1SA	Stephen Allen	17	W1VCU	Nelson Denison	L
K1PU	Mark Mokoski	17	KD1JG	Robert Cartier	17	W1YSM	Ed Snyder	17
K1RCT	Rob Cichon	17	KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	17	W7FUR	William Spokes	17
K1RJC	Rick Castaldo	17	KE1AV	Dave Sanford	17	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin	17
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak	18	KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	17	WA1JKR	John Rogus	17
K1STM	Anne West	17	KE4EYA	Ralph Ring	17	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich	17
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	17	N1API	Al Kaiser	17	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
K1TG	Roger Kuchera	17	N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer	18	WA1VXH	Chris Sievert	17
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver	17	N1POP	Greg Ploski	17	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	17
K1THP	Dave Karpiej	17	N1BF	Patrick Dionne	17	WB1GGP	Jerry Sheppard	17
K1VDF	John Blevins	17	N1GNV	John Bartscherer	17	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	17
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	17	N1GY	Geoff Haines	19	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	17
KA1TMN	Steve Hull	18	N1HCA	Susan South	17	WJ1B	Harold Kraemer	17
KB1CIW	Bob Stephens	17	N1JRC	John Collin Jr	17	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	17
KB1EHE	Eric Knight	17	N1LGH	Barbara Stone	17	WY1U	Tim Mik	17
KB1FYL	Bob Carruthers	17	N1NAN	Helen Spokes	17			
KB1GWP	Joseph Rish, Sr.	17	N1OKF	Bob Parisi	17			
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	17	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone	17			
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	17	N1VTE	Sarah Kaczor	17			
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	17	N1ZN	James Savage	17			
KB1SIT	Theresa Stephens	17	NY2HF	Dennis Lane	18			
KB1TJD	Gaienne Jenkins	17	NZ1J	Dave Tipping	17			
KB1TTV	Jonathan Martin	17	W1ATV	Walt Yatzook	17			
KB1YFJ	Glen Couture	17	W1DMM	Dan Murphy	L			
KB1ZMK	Dan Busa	17						