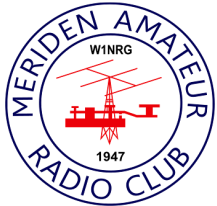


# MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# KEY KLIX



1947 -- 2019

## SEPTEMBER 2019



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# The President's Net Control Corner

Ed WIYSM, President MARC



## "We have always done it that way"

Marc was founded in 1947. The memory of this period of the club's history exists today in call signs, memorial awards, scholarships and MARC amateur radio lore. We cherish these memories and rightfully so. These people and their activities provided the basis for the strong MARC group we are today in 2019, some 72 years later. However, all things change.



Charles Darwin (1809-1882) the Naturalist and Biologist is best known for his work on the Science of Evolution. His work related to the evolution of plants and animals. Social Darwinism is the application of evolution to individuals, groups and institutions. It has among its tenets Darwin's three choices faced by living organisms that are equally applicable to institutions such as MARC- Adapt, Migrate or Die.

I choose Adapt. Number 1 is the best approach when faced with reality and is the subject of this column. Number 2, we have already done. Number 3 (SK), is best postponed for as long a time as possible. Adaptation is what I am all about. So far, since I have been in the Club and during my brief period as President, we have addressed / are addressing, the following key issues collectively as a Club—many are a work in progress.

Increased dues and changed the dues structure to put us on a stronger financial foundation.  
Changed the Constitution and Bylaws to be more welcoming to women, for example, with other issues yet to be addressed.

Changed the funding of the Christmas party

Increased our interactions with the Town of Wallingford (OEM) to be more community friendly (WARG).

Established WARG as a Committee of MARC

Increased our involvement in CERT and MRC

Established routine Saturday Morning Club activities

Agreed to establish a Tech-Net using the W1KKF Repeater

Established a December Activities/Pseudo Business Meeting.

Expanded Club recruitment activities -especially targeting younger members

Reached out to other Amateur Radio Clubs to explore joint activities.

Established MARC as having a major leadership role in CT SKYWARN

Consider moving Lark in the Park to the OEM

Reorienting Business Meetings to have club members have a larger say in club activities vs. having decisions made by Administrative decree- i.e., become more democratic.

worked on expanding the VE program, appointment of a second VEC, with the ultimate future goal of monthly VE sessions.

As we face 2020 and beyond, I am excited about our growth and future. We stand on the threshold of being one of the, if not the best and most active Amateur Radio Club in Connecticut.

I hope you agree and will work with the Club leadership to promote MARC as we face new challenges. One thing I can assure you, we will face these challenges together.



Everyone's voice is important, and everyone's voice will be heard.

Like the Roman god Janus who looked simultaneously to the Past and to the Future we will move MARC forward. In this fashion, we will not only grow the Meriden Amateur

Radio Club, but we will be paying homage to our Founders who created MARC in 1947. In doing so we will ensure that we are being good stewards of their legacy, for many years to come.

73,  
Ed W1YSM, President MARC



**Secretary Report & Minutes of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club**  
**Dave Tipping NZ1J , Secretary**  
**BUSINESS MEETING, AUGUST 8, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 19:30 EDT by President W1YSM

**Introductions / Members Present:** Introductions were made by 25 members in attendance.

**Announcements:** The club has an ad that will run in the Boxborough program. If enough members are interested, we can get a van or bus for the trip to Boxborough on Sep 6th. A reminder to keep privacy concerns in mind when taking photos or video at club events.

**Secretary's Report:** The July Business Meeting minutes were published in the August Key Klix and were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** K1WJL presented the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted.

**Station Manager's Report:** The Dune Star has been repaired and is back in service. Jeff, N1AKN, repaired the Astron power supply. The log-periodic antenna is now available at both HF stations. Each station now uses an external antenna tuner. A 6 meter beam is now connected to the FT-991a on the VHF bench. We're still waiting for a quote for the antenna, boom mount, and headset adapter that the Town will purchase.

**Activity Committee:** The August Activity Meeting will be Jeopardy for Hams.

**Saturday Mornings:** About 18 people visit the club on Saturday mornings.

**Station Activations:** WVE Islands is August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We'll be at Fireworks Island on the 24th.

**Nets:** K1VDF's 10 meter net, N1ZN's 6 meter net, and K1TDO's 2 meter net continue to get between 4 and 14 check-ins each week. The Nutmeg Net is currently on the 147.36 repeater four nights per week.

**Castle Craig:** Anyone who operated in the 10-10 Contest should send in their logs so that the club gets credit.

**Scholarship:** No activity this month.

**Membership:** We have 78 members paid through the end of 2019. Paul, KA1MWX, was voted in at this meeting.

**Interference and Technical:** No issues to report.

**VE and Instruction:** An exam session is scheduled for September 14.

**Nutfest:** The Nutmeg Hamfest is planned for October 13 at the Sheraton Four Points.

Four speakers are scheduled and there will be a VE session.

**Key Klix:** The August Key Klix has been distributed. Articles and photos for upcoming issues are always welcome.

**EMCOM / AUXCOM:**

We'll be operating at Community Lake on August 24<sup>th</sup> for Wallingford Community Day.

Anyone interested in CERT training can sign up for the eight session class beginning in October.

**YL/XYL Committee:** No new activity.

**Candy Store:** The club website has details about Gold Medal Ideas and MARC clothing and badges.

**Christmas Party:** This year's party will cost \$23 per person. Payment can be made to the Treasurer.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

An activity meeting for December 5<sup>th</sup> was approved. There will be pizza and the focus will be on looking back on 2019 and looking ahead to 2020. A new Training Net was approved to run on the 147.36 repeater on Wednesdays. \$318 was approved to pay for food at June's Field Day and July's Lark in the Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:46

Respectfully Submitted, Dave, NZ1J August 18, 2019

**Special Business Meeting at activity meeting August 22, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 19:30 EDT by President W1YSM

**New Business:** In accordance with the club by-laws, this special business meeting was convened to vote on a single issue. The meeting was requested in writing and the membership was notified in advance, as required by the by-laws. A motion was made for MARC to join the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC). The motion was voted on and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 19:42

Respectfully Submitted, Dave NZ1J August 22, 2019



# ACTIVITY NIGHTS & EVENTS, ED W1YSM (ACTING ACTIVITIES MANAGER)

# 2019

SEPT. 26	DRONES – A PRIMER	STEVE KC1SA
OCT. 24	SUNSPOTS	MIKE KC1KRC
NOV 28	THANKSGIVING - NO ACTIVITIES MEETING	
DEC 5	MARC YEAR IN REVIEW + YEAR AHEAD PIZZA / SODA	
DEC. 12	CHRISTMAS PARTY - NO ACTIVITIES MEETING	

### September Business meeting....Thursday September 12 7:30pm @ EOC

The September Business Meeting will commence at 2130Z (7:30pm EDT) at the EOC with Pres. Ed, W1YSM presiding.

### September Activity meeting..... Thursday September 26 7:30pm @ EOC

Steve KC1SA will present a program on “ A Primer for Drones”. which should be interesting considering the rise in popularity of these flying devices that can hover, take video, race, and a multitude of other covert activities.....

### Save the Date... Sunday October 13, 2019 Nutmeg Hamfest at the Sheraton

The committee is looking for ideas on Speakers / Seminars, Activities etc, all constructive criticism will be greatly appreciated..

### Club News

We extend our condolences to James AB1DQ and his family on the recent loss of his father.

### New Member

We welcome KA1MWX Paul Stasieluk of Wallingford as the newest member of the MARC.

### Rob K1RCT announces a new TechNet on Wednesdays at 7:30PM on the W1KKF repeater

We will host a Network concerning technical matters including Licensing Exam Pool Questions (and answers), Technical questions about the Topic of the Week and take new queries which the newly-licensed may have or those listening via scanner (or otherwise) may have. This TechNet is about trying to get Those contemplating getting licensed & the newly-licensed to the next license level by discussing pertinent questions, exam pool questions or Technical/Licensing questions.

I have posted via Radioreference.com our new net for those listening via scanner only: <https://forums.radioreference.com/threads/amateur-radio-tech-net-in-central-ct.394226/>

Experience Amateurs also needed to discuss their feedback on the Topic of the Week and answering licensing

Queries! Please check in & contribute to our newest Net!

## SK CC

Straight Key Century Club

*This is to certify that*

**Meriden Amateur Radio Club, W1NRG**

*is a member of the*

## Straight Key Century Club

*and is entitled to all of the rights, privileges, fame, glory and fun normally due members of this illustrious society.*

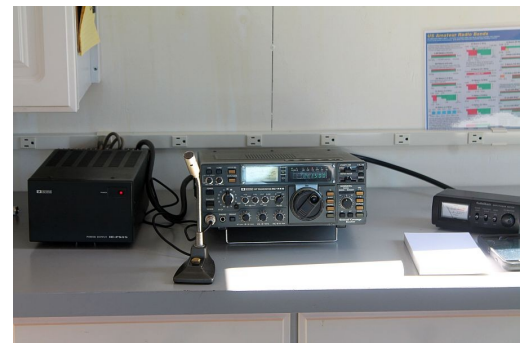
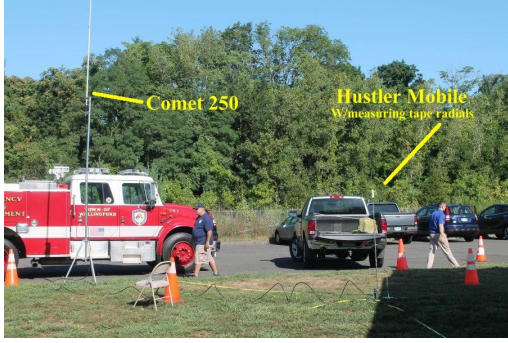
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Award Date: 23 August 2019

**MARC IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE  
STRAIGHT KEY CENTURY CLUB  
(NOT SILENT KEY C.C.)**

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# WALLINGFORD'S COMMUNITY DAY ACTIVITIES AND OUR FIREWORKS ISLAND EVENT (RAN CONCURRENTLY)



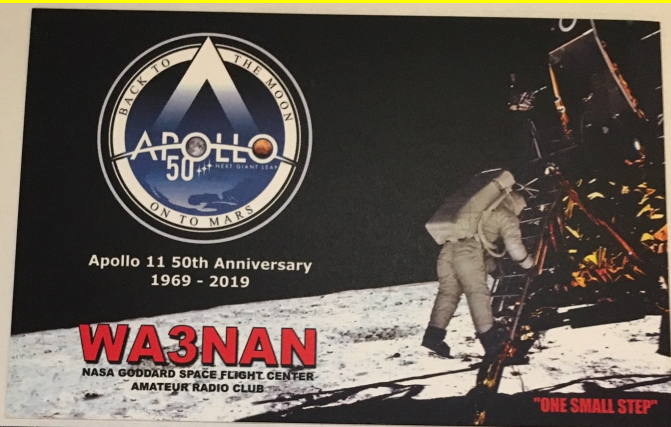
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# FIREWORKS ISLAND



**PRESIDENT ED W1YSM PROUDLY DISPLAYS HIS NEWEST AND NOW MOST CHERISHED QSL**



Apollo 11 50th Anniversary

**1969 - 2019**

Confirming QSO With: **W1YSM** Date: **2019/07/16** UTC: **23:15**

BAND: **20M** MODE: **USB** RST: **59**

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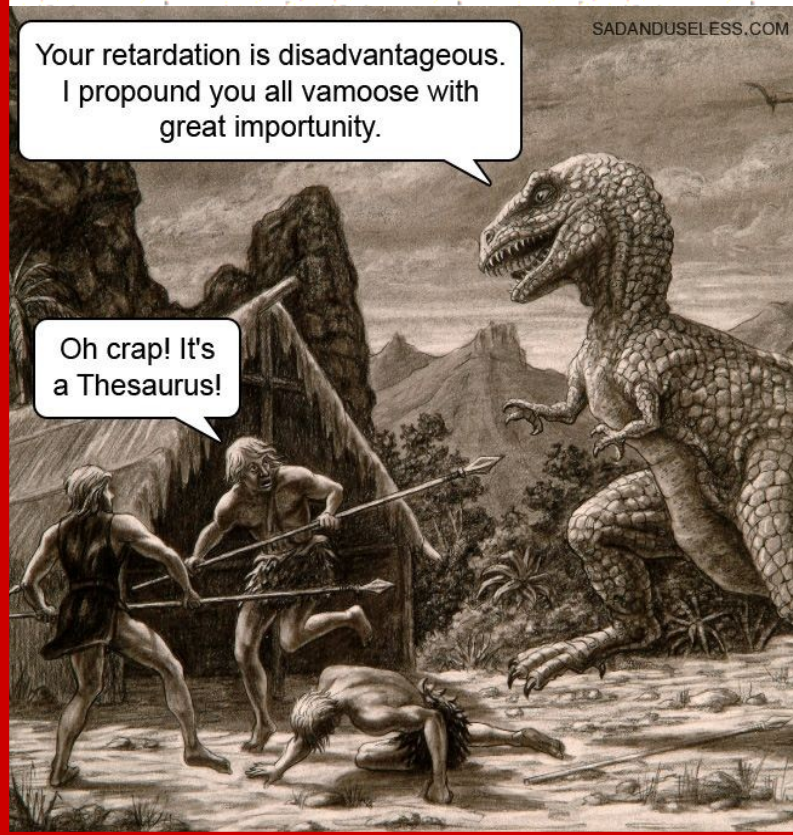
**W3NAN** NASA GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

**NASA** **Goddard**

**FROM K1WJL, YOUR EDITOR... DEDICATED TO ALL THE ENGLISH MAJORS IN THE MARC**

Your retardation is disadvantageous. I propound you all vamoose with great impertunity.

Oh crap! It's a Thesaurus!



**THE 2019 BOXBORO CONVENTION**



**THE NEW LETTERHEAD DEBATE OF 2019**

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MEETINGS: NORMALLY  
 7:30PM ON THE 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH,  
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**CLUB NETS**

**6 MTR NET** MONDAYS 8PM  
 50.175MHZ N1ZN JIM

**2 METER NET** TUESDAYS 7:30PM  
 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)**

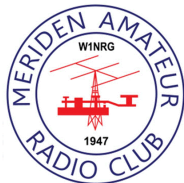
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**CLUB REPEATER W1KKF/R**  
 147.36MHZ +600 OFFSET  
 NO PL TONE (OPEN REPEATER)



AB1DQ	James Surprenant	19	KC1IHK	Scott Mowerson	19	W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak	L
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	19	KC1IIL	Matt Mowerson	19	W1LV	Steve Morley	19
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	19	KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson	19	W1NHS	Fred Ring	19
K1IIG	Steve Tripp	19	KC1KQH	John Kasinskas	19	W1NNZ	William Kosche III	19
K1JCF	Joe Farrell	19	KC1NS	Nancy Tipping	19	W1POP	Fred Liedke	21
K1LHO	Mike Ash	19	KC1SA	Stephen Allen	19	W1UFO	Mike Cei	19
K1LYP	John Yusza	19	KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	19	W1VCU	Nelson Denison	L
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	20	KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	19	W1XK	Stan Kugler	19
K1MVM	Mike Macri	19	KE4EYA	Ralph Ring	19	W1YSM	Ed Snyder	19
K1PU	Mark Mokoski	19	KR1U	Bob Eslinger	19	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin	19
K1RCT	Rob Cichon	19	N1API	Al Kaiser	19	WA1JKR	John Rogus	20
K1STM	Anne West	19	N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer	19	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich	19
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	19	N1BF	Patrick Dionne	19	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver	20	N1BRL	Bart Toftness	19	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	19
K1THP	Dave Karpiej	19	N1GNV	John Bartscherer	19	WB1GGP	Jerry Shepard	19
K1VDF	John Blevins	19	N1GY	Geoff Haines	21	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	19
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	19	N1HCA	Susan South	19	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	20
K1XJ	Kevin Buchanan	19	N1KGY	Chuck Ayers	20	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	19
KA1MWX	Paul Stasieluk	20	N1LGH	Barbara Stone	19		Ron Rogers	20
KB1EHE	Eric Knight	19	N1MOB	Dan David	19			
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	20	N1NAN	Helen Spokes	19			
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	19	N1OKF	Bob Parisi	19			
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	19	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone	19			
KB1MFU	John Ramadei	19	N1POP	Greg Ploski	19			
KB1ORB	Mark Noble	19	N1YLN	Edward O'Lena	19			
KB1TMC	Clare O'Lena	19	N1ZN	James Savage	19			
KB1YFJ	Glen Couture	19	NZ1J	Dave Tipping	20			
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni	19	W1DJB	Dylan Barrett	19			
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KC1HDB	Jeff Martin	18						
KC1HFO	John Stoidis	19						