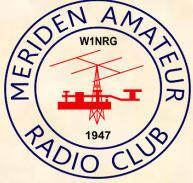


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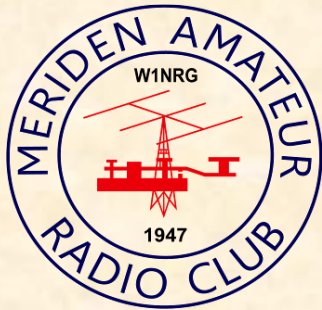
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STATION ACTIVITIES MANAGER



K1RCT ROB



BUT THAT'S MY JOB

Being President of MARC means many things to me. It means bearing great responsibilities and obligations towards making the best possible decisions for Club members. It means being mindful of opportunities to grow --- yet, not too much, or too fast, or too slowly. It means dealing with multiple personalities and strong points of view. It means having to listen more than you speak – a goal I am still working on and still failing to achieve. It means listening to criticism and even the (very) occasional kudo. Regardless, I try to do my best, staying up late hours almost every night, trying to keep MARC moving forward. There are rewards – twice this week we were told we were the strongest and most active Amateur Radio Club in the State. I believe we are strong with a robust membership BECAUSE we have so many irons in the fire. Good for us.

So, the question is what else are we doing this year to move the envelope and grow. Here is:

My Annotated MARC To Do List:

Complete the task of generating 7 MARCONI Operational Guidelines and sending them to the League. So far, 6 are completed. The 7 program Directors are all helping here (NZ1J, KC1NQE, WB1GYZ, K1RCT, N1ZN, KB1JL, K1LYP)

Start the 2nd Phase of MARCONI – trying to reinvigorate NARL – the Newington Amateur Radio League. This club needs to grow and become active – like it was many years ago. The idea of a Club Elmering a Club is semi-novel but will take a bunch of work. Lead hams are W1YSM and N1BRL

- **Coordinate the effort to Launch a Club Weather balloon (Ray KC1QLS) is taking the lead**
- **Coordinate the Park & Rec FCC License Course – lead is AB1DQ**
- **Coordinate the Nutmeg Hamfest (N1GNV and WA1TRY)**
- **Organize Field Day (Captain TBA soon; *in Field* site KC1NQE)**
- **Start the Constitution/Bylaws Committee and guide it through its given task**
- **Consider assisting with Closer to Free Yale Bike Ride for Cancer Care**
- **Host a SKYWARN Session May 17 at OEM**
- **Facilitate MARC involvement with Served Agencies YMCA, HITWG, MS Walk, Town of Wallingford – (All coordinated by KB1JL)**
- **Promote involvement in the BIG E (again) thanks to KC1OYN**
- **Support CERG/WARG activities (lead by KB1JL)**
- **Several other seasonal activities: Town Strolls, Town “Tastes”,**
- **CQ Santa, Scholarships, Holiday Party are waiting in the wings.**
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Yup, it's a lot of things. I am pleased, grateful and proud, that so many Club members are participating in all these efforts. If you ask me what I view my job at MARC is, my answer might surprise you. It is not to write agendas, order coffee mugs, run meetings, contest on 20m, run the Coffee Cup Net, form committees, or eat roadkill (although I do).

No, my main job is to plan. I thank you all for your efforts on the Club's behalf. Planning, however, is just one part of the dichotomy – the other part for which all Club members are needed, is execution.

We didn't get recognized as the best club in the state by sitting on our hands and chewing the proverbial rag. The Officers and I are grateful for the support of the membership and we are humbled by your trust in our leadership. We try to earn, and to be worthy of, this trust every year.

So why do we do as much as we do? Because we can, because we should, and because we ought to. Fasten your seat belts – it will be an active Spring. I wouldn't have it any other way.



Secretary Report & Minutes of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club

Bart Toftness N1BRL , Sect.

BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 9 , 2023 ZOOM

Business Meeting March 9, 2023 via Zoom videoconference

Meeting was called to order by President Ed Snyder, W1YSM at 19:00 EDT

Normal introductions were omitted as most attendees (33) are self-identified in 'Zoom' N1API, W1YSM, K1VDF, W1DQ, W1BJG, KC1OYN, KC1DOY, KB1JL, W1EDX, K1LYP, WV2LKM, KE1AU, N1BRL, KC1ISI, WA1FFT, N1GNV, WA1ZVY, WA1TRY, N1ZN, N1BRI, AB1DQ, KC1RBY, WB1GYZ, KB1MFU, K1JCF, NZ1J, K1RCT, K1LHO, KC1QWH, KC1OCS, W3APC, KC1NQE, and K1WJL.

Announcements (W1YSM), business meetings at 7PM will continue on Zoom at least until spring. Our Special Service Club Status with the ARRL is noted in QST with a letter from Bud Kozloff, W1NSK ARRL CT Section Manager. The radio room is available on Sundays by appointment, contact any officer for details. Wearing of name badges with call signs is encouraged. The Governor proclaimed CT Amateur Radio Recognition Week for April 16 -22.

Secretary's Report (N1BRL), the February Business meeting minutes were approved by a majority vote. Three new members were each approved for membership David Minster NA2AA, David Laliberte KB1TBL, and Joshua Wrinn KC1SLV. There was no correspondence to report.

Treasurer's Report. was read by Rick KC1OYN. The complete Treasure's report included a review of MARC finances, membership dues, the annual audit and review and renewal of Insurance Policies. The complete report is available to members upon request to the Treasurer.

Station Manager's Report (K1RCT), The Station Activity Manager reported increased Saturday morning activities at the OEM. The computers, operating systems and software are all updated. The full Station Activity Managers report is available upon request.

Standing Committees. The activity for March will be Bud Kozloff W1NSK the new ARRL Section Manager. The April activity meeting is expected be a presentation on a balloon launch by Ray KC1QLS. The scholarship information has been sent to the local high schools.

Other Activities. A new refresher CW class was suggested in anticipation of Field Day. K1LHO will lead Contest Activations. Suggestions for revisions to the Constitution/Bylaws are due by the end of March. All of the club's on the air nets continue to be active.

Continuing Business. The monthly VE Sessions continue to attract multiple examinees both new and upgrades. WARG/EMCOM has monthly training sessions for CERT which has now combined with the Medical Reserve Corp. The Education Initiative will have classes in the fall in cooperation with the Park & Rec Dept. It is expected to be 8 weeks with a VE Session for the members of the class.

The MARCONI Project with its 7 components is moving forward with most of the documentation completed and ready for submission to the ARRL.

An informal online poll during Zoom was conducted concerning a design for name/call sign badges resulted in a split decision.

Marc's participation in "Closer to Free" will be investigated by W1YSM.

A spring ham flea market event is being considered.

A complete list of this year's activities for MARC was distributed to members via the Reflector.

Voting Summary for the June meeting

February meeting minutes were approved.

3 new members were each approved, NA2AA, KB1TBL and KC1SLV.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:49

Respectfully submitted,

Bart Toftness, N1BRL

MARC BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Thursday APRIL 13, 2023 7:00p – 9:00p

Meeting ID: zoom.us/j/96670990175

Password: 157710

BUSINESS MEETING START TIMES NOW 1900 – 7PM

CALL TO ORDER

Ed W1YSM

SILENT KEY CEREMONY FOR KE1AY (Don)

Ed W1YSM

ANNOUNCEMENTS (W1YSM@arrl.net)

Ed W1YSM 10m

BUSINESS/ACTIVITIES MEETINGS START AT 1900 (7PM)

IN-PERSON BUSINESS MEETINGS START IN MAY – ALSO ON ZOOM

Business Cards/Membership Certificate available (N1BRL)

Special Service Club – Certificate coming during Field Day

Lawn sign at OEM

2023 New ACTIVITIES (See accompanying list)

Sunday Radio Room Open House OEM (BY APPOINTMENT)

Wearing Name Badges w/ Call Signs “encouraged”

Gov. Proclamation CT Amateur Radio Week (April 18 WARD)

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Approve March 2023 Minutes

Bart N1BRL 30m

Membership – (N=~135)

New Applicants N=7 **(VOTE)**

Correspondence

TREASURER’S REPORT

Rick KC1OYN 5m

Review of Finances MARC/Nutmeg Alliance

Dues

Audit (of Club Finances) Committee

Review of Insurance Policies

Requests for Financial Reimbursement **(VOTE IF NEEDED)**

STATION MGRS REPORT

Rob K1RCT 5m

STANDING COMMITTEES -

Entertainment/Activities

Ed W1YSM 4m

April - Balloon Launch

Ray KC1QLS

May – Field Day Plans

June - TBA

July - LITP

Technical/Interference

Rob K1RCT/John K1VDF 1m

Scholarship -

Jim N1ZN 1m

Repeater Committee

Mike K1LHO 1m

OTHER ACTIVITIES

CW Training / "CW Net"	WB1GYZ	1m
Contest Activations	K1LHO	1m
Club Nets (OnAir and Zoom) Tech/Net Status	NCS's	1m
Castle Craig 10-10	AI N1API	1m
KEY KLIX	Dave K1WJL	1m
Nutmeg Hamfest 2023	Rich WA1TRY/ John N1GNV	3m
Revise Constitution/Bylaws - Call for Changes <u>DUE APRIL 30</u>		2m

CONTINUING BUSINESS

VE Session 2 nd Saturday	N1ZN	2m
WARG/EMCOM	KB1JL	5m

EDUCATION INITIATIVE 10m

Welcome to MARC	Bart N1BRL
WLFRD Pk & Rec; Adult CE	James AB1DQ

Obtaining an Amateur Radio FCC Licensure

8 weeks at OEM/ Ends with VE Session

COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVE UPDATE N1GNV/KC3UKG 10m

Reflector	KC1ISI
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Web Page

Forum

Social Media

FUTURE OF THE INITIATIVE Rob K1RCT

PROJECTS (New and Continuing) 15m

MARCONI Project – Status (Phase I/ Phase II)

POTA- KC1NQE	4. SATELLITE -	K1RCT
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FOX HUNT NZ1J	5. VE SESSIONS-	N1ZN
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CW WB1GYZ	6. SERVED AGENCIES -	KB1JL
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7. NCS/Traffic -	K1LYP
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a-2 NARL MEETING

Weather Balloon Project - A (on board Repeater) Ray KC1QLS

--- ARRL Club Grant Application (<\$3,000); multiple clubs?

Balloon Project - B John KB1MFU

SERVED AGENCIES

HITW Gang Bike event May 13	Eric KB1JL
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MS Walk – MAY 7

YMCA

CLOSER TO FREE???

Spring Flea Market; \$ Raising –

FIELD DAY	Rob K1RCT
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Big E	John KB1MFU
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SKYWARN Training May 17 OEM	Rick KC1OYN
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Conference Environment @ OEM	Ed W1YSM
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~\$2500 MARCONI

OTHER

Ed W1YSM	-----REDIRECT
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NEXT MEETINGS:

4/13/2023 Bus Mtg

4/27/2023 Activities Mtg (Balloon)

ADJOURN

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**FIELD DAY OPERATIONS
W1NRG
JUNE 24-25, 2023
PRELIMINARY ASSIGNMENTS v1.3.1.e**

POSITION	NAME	CALL	TASK	CONFIRMED
FIELD DAY CAPTAIN	JOHN	KB1MFU	OVERALL CAPTAIN	X
STATION ACTIVITY MGR (SAM)	ROB	K1RCT	OVERSEE ALL RADIO GEAR	X
PHONE DIRECTOR	KRISTIN	KC1ISI	OVERSEE PHONE OPS	X
CW DIRECTOR	BOB	WB1GYZ	OVERSEE CW OPS	X
GOTA DIRECTOR	STEVE	KC1QWH	SET UP OVERSEE GOTA OPS	X
FIELD DIRECTOR	SHAWN	KC1NQE	DIRECT FD FIELD OPS	X
INFRA-RED STATION	JOHN	N1GNV	DIRECTOR FOOD OPS	X
SATELLITE STATION	ROB	K1RCT	SATELLITE QSO OPS	X
MEET & GREET	TED +	KC1DOY	SIGN-IN SHEET -NAME TAGS / TOUR RADIO ROOM	X
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR	JEFF +	N1AKN	KIDS CPO STATION/MAGAZINES BOUNCER – IN- CHIEF	X
PUBLICITY DIRECTOR			SOCIAL MEDIA / PAPERS	
COMMUNITY RELATIONS	JOHN +	K1LYP	CONTACT TOWN OFFICIALS	X
TRAFFIC NETS/MSGS	JOHN	K1LYP	PASS TRAFFIC/DECODE W1AW	X
SANITATION	ALL	W1NRG	CLEAN UP / REPLACE GEAR	X
ROVER	JOHN	K1LYP	GO WHERE NEEDED (GWN)	X

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IF ANYONE HAS ANY COMPLAINTS...

**I JUST HAD A TOOTH EXTRACTION, STARTED A NEW MEDICATION,
JUST FINISHED WITH THE LIONS CLUB PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH,
4500 RUBBER DUCKS ARE COMING TO MY GARAGE,
MY NEW SUBARU(2021) DECIDES TO ACT UP AND
I AM DOING THREE YEARS OF TAX RETURNS(BEFORE THE 17TH)**

SO I DARE YOU TO COMPLAIN!!!!!!