

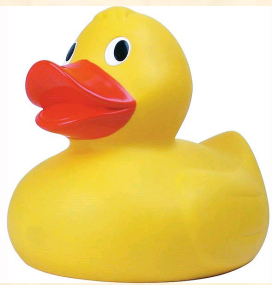
MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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KEY KLIX

JUNE 2023 QRP



WELL THE LAST DUCK HAS FLOATED DOWN THE RIVER, THEY HAVE BEEN PUT TO REST FOR ANOTHER YEAR AND I AM TOTALLY "DUCKED UP" WHICH IS WHY I PUT TOGETHER A KEY KLIX "QRP" VERSION SO THE PRESIDENTS COLUMN AND THE SECRETARIES MINUTES WILL REACH YOU BEFORE THE BUSINESS MEETING. THE FULL VERSION WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY, SO IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO PLACE IN THE KK, NOW YOU HAVE A FEW EXTRA DAYS....

The June Business Hybrid meeting will be this Thursday June 8th in Person and also on ZOOM for those unable to attend. Time is 7pm at 143 Hope Hill Road in Wallingford(the OEM) and on ZOOM

Meeting ID: zoom.us/ j/ 96670990175

Password: 157710



Where is Everybody Else?

The Meriden Amateur Radio Club boasts about 142 members including the two new applicants to be sworn in at the June 2023 Business Meeting. Well, at least there are 142 dues-paying members listed on the Club Roster. Generally, there are 35 members, give or take, who are visible and routinely participate in Club activities. Occasionally, a Zoom Business Meeting will get up to 40 people. This leads to the question of where are the other 100 members?

I have never quite been able to understand where these individuals are, and what motivated them to become and remain, members of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club if they don't participate in Club activities. I am Net Control on Saturday mornings for the Coffee Cup Net, and we get 17 to 20 check-ins each week. This is two to three times the check-ins the other MARC Nets often attract. Why so few? Saturday morning at the OEM may have 20 to 25 members on a good day, Business Meetings see about 30 to 35 attendees; Activity Meetings see a similar number. Fox Hunts report about 10-15 participants. These numbers represent a small percentage of the dues paying members. Interestingly these numbers are not specific to MARC. Another Amateur Radio Club with over 400 members, reported that about 50 members actually attended their club meetings.

So why are the other hundred plus people paying dues if they don't seem to want to participate in club activities? Please realize that I am very, very grateful to have these "silent" members in the Club. I just have this nagging feeling that despite our best efforts, our Club is failing them in some way. We are not providing them with opportunities or the type of events that they are looking for. I wonder if we, as a Club, are being perceived as being oblivious and unaware of the need to provide the additional activities these people are longing to see. Maybe not?

Perhaps they wish to join and pay dues just because they like to be members of a Club, and eventually will become more involved. Perhaps they just want to maintain some degree of connection with the amateur radio hobby. Some may still join because the dues are small \$15-\$20 a year and feel, "why not"? . Others may wish to maintain a connection and feel satisfied with a minimal degree of involvement just knowing they belong to a large group. Others join with the idea that they will at some point become actively involved and want to maintain contact until they are ready to commit and become more active. Others may wish to become active, but are unable to because of work commitments, family commitments, or physical disabilities inhibiting their mobility. Some may be financially unable to actively participate in the hobby. Perhaps they just do not have enough money to put into purchase of radio equipment or into erecting an antenna. Some may have moved to a new QTH where putting up an antenna is not permitted. This topic is worthy of some discussion.

I am going to bring my concerns and questions to the membership present at the next Business Meeting. The topic will be on the Agenda and I will ask for thoughts and ideas on how we can reach out to these hundred or so MARC members who are not active. My goal would be to get some of them involved in MARC activities at least to some degree, so that they can continue to enjoy the hobby we all love. If you have thoughts on this matter, please bring them to the next business meeting where we can all discuss this topic. In the meantime, I am grateful for the involvement of the 40 or so people who do participate routinely and look forward to increasing our numbers as we go forward. The old adage of if some is good, more is better seems to apply here. We are a strong and welcoming Club, we should be able to find a way to connect with our less involved members – NOT to harass or annoy those who wish to join, pay dues, and leave it at that. But to reach out to those who might need a little encouragement to become more active. It's worth a try.



Secretary Report & Minutes of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club Bart Toftness N1BRL , Sect.

BUSINESS MEETING MAY 11, 2023 ZOOM

Business Meeting May 11, 2023 in person and via Zoom videoconference

Meeting was called to order by President Ed Snyder, W1YSM at 19:05 EDT

Present at the live in person meeting (10) were AB1DQ, KB1MFJ, KC1DOY, K1LHO, KA1AU, KB1JL, WA1ZVY, N1BRL, KC1OYN, and W1YSM. Attending via Zoom (33) were K1STM, NR1B, K1VDF, K0OZ, N1BRI, NZ1J, W1YSM, KB1JL, KB1EHE, KB1IFZ, W1IKW, N1ZN, W3APC, K1JCF, N1LES, N1GNV, KC1KQH, W1BJG, KC1QLS, KC1QWH, N1NGV, KC1ISI, N1API, WA1TRY, K1RCT, KC1NQE, WB1GFI, WV2LKM, W1DQ, W1EDX, WB1DQT, WB1GYZ, and Spencer.

Announcements (W1YSM), This evenings meeting is finally in hybrid form with members in person and others present on Zoom. The club radio room is available to all members on Sundays by appointment.

Secretary's Report (N1BRL), the April Business meeting minutes were approved by a majority vote. One new applicant was approved for membership, Kevin Gallagher N1NGV. MARC received a request from Kay Savetz, K6KJN for permission to include our KeyKlix in the Digital Library of Amateur Radio Communications, DLARC. Separate in person and Zoom polls were taken to gauge the direction of club interest for more in depth discussions before accepting or declining the DLARC request. In person attendees were evenly split 5 for and 5 against while the Zoom members poll showed 82% voted 'yes for more discussion' with most of those concerned with divulging "sensitive" Club Information as well as Officer oversight.

Treasurer's Report was read by Rick KC1OYN. The complete Treasure's report included a review of MARC finances. The QSL Manager KA1AU request of \$10 to fund the QSL Bureau was approved by majority vote. K1LHO and WB1GFI will review the clubs insurance policies and report on coverage. The complete report is available to members upon request to the Treasurer.

Station Manager's Report (K1RCT), The Station Activity Manager reported Saturday morning activities at the OEM include about 20 to 25 people. K1LHO and NR1B are configuring the south station, 991A, for FT8 use with Grid-Tracker. A 2meter / 70 CM antenna has been installed on the OEM trailer for CERT use. The Station Activity Manager reported on the many various activations using the club call sign. The full Station Activity Manager's report is available upon request.

Standing Committees, The May Activity Meeting will be Field Day Plans, June will be Dr. Ed Moxon talking about Marconi Radio on Cape Cod and July will be the annual 'Lark in the Park'. The scholarship committee reports there are 2 applicants this year. The Repeater committee reported a brief Echolink outage.

Other Activities, The CW class continues to meet each evening while the club struggles to get members interested in contesting in general. N1API announced the next Castle Craig 10-10 activity will be the QSO Party in August. W1NRG will take the CERT Trailer to Wharton Brook State Park for a POTA Activation on 2 June from 10AM to 2 PM. The Constitution/Bylaws Revision Committee has organized the suggestions and will begin to meet soon to work on what to bring to the membership for discussion and consideration.

Continuing Business The monthly VE Sessions continue to attract multiple examinees including walk-ins. WARG/EMCOM has monthly training sessions for CERT and there is talk about another training session in the fall but not to conflict with the Park & Rec Dept. licensing class. The amateur radio license classes will be in the fall starting 20 Sept.

Communications Initiative, W1YSM proposed the idea of using a professional service to resolve the stalled website redesign along with the reflector, forums and social media. The discussion about this will follow the conclusion of the constitution/bylaws revision project.

Projects (New and Continuing), A summary of the past 7 months of the MARCONI Project has been submitted to the ARRL along with the operational guidelines for 6 of the 7 projects. Copies of these reports are available by request to W1YSM.

The weather balloon project is beginning to assemble a core group of club members. A motion was made and seconded to allocate an initial budget of \$500 for the balloon project which was tabled for a vote at the next meeting.

K1RCT is planning a June ham flea market for the club and members to offer some items for sale.

KB1MFU, this year's Field Day Captain has published signup sheets and assignments.

SKYWARN Training will be May 17 at the Wallingford Library with more than 80 people expected.

This evening's hybrid meeting seems to be working well without the need to purchase more elaborate equipment other than perhaps a couple wireless microphones to be used in the remote corners.

The Ham Radio FCC Exam sign/banner is in and will be displayed at the upcoming VE Session.

The fourth Thursday in July will be Lark In the Park. A poll will be distributed to elicit member's preference for Marcus Cooke or Wharton Brook.

Voting Summary for the April meeting

April meeting minutes were approved.

One new member was approved, Kevin Gallagher, N1NGV.

The majority voted to approve the QSL manager's request for \$10 to fund the QSL Bureau account.

A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$500 for an initial balloon budget and will be voted next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:55

POST MEETING NOTE: Following the meeting the officers unanimously agreed to have LITP at Marcus Cooke Park this year and hold the poll. The membership will have an entire year to reconsider where to have LITP for 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Bart Toftness, N1BRL

**VE SESSIONS AT THE OEM, 143 HOPE HILL ROAD WALLINGFORD
EVERY 2ND SATURDAY, NEXT ONE IS SATURDAY JUNE 10TH 2023**

MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

AB1DQ	James Surprenant 26 R	KC2MLH	Adam Castracane 23 R	WB8IMY	Steve Ford 25 R
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac 23 S	KC3UKG	Storm Murrell 23 R	WJ1B	Harold Kramer 24 S
K0OZ	Brian Boccuzzi 23 S	KD0BMW	Marty Crandall-Grela 23 R	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann 23 S
K1BTR	Bryan Ragaini 24 R	KE1AU	Robert Kaczor 23 S	xKB1HEA	Loreen Heavens 23 R
K1DMS	Dave Sack 23 S	KE1AY	Donald Mitchell 23 S		Spencer Rygiel Y
K1JCF	Joe Farrel 24 S	KO4EEL	Tom Williams 23 S		Dave Devito 23 S
K1LHO	Mike Ash 23 S	KR1U	Bob Eslinger 23 S		Lucas Molloy Y
K1LYP	John Yusza 24 S	KS1WK	Seth Kolasinski 23 R		
K1MMK	Mike MacKenney 27 R	KX1USA	Rob Messercola 23 R		
K1MTD	Mary Duval 23 S	N0HIO	David Koerner 23 R		
K1MVM	Mike Macri 23 S	N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer 23 S		
K1PET	Debbie Purchia 23 R	N1API	Al Kaiser 24 S		
K1RCT	Rob Cichon 23 R	N1BRI	Brian Beegan 24 R		
K1SCI	Stuart Isaac 23 R	N1BRL	Bart Toftness 25 S		
K1STM	Anne West 23 S	N1FNE	Rod Lane 24 S		
K1TDO	Todd Olsen 23 R	N1GNV	John Bartscherer 23 S		
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver 24 S	N1NGV	Kevin Gallagher 23R		
K1VDF	John Blevins 23 S	N1GY	Geoff Haines 25 S		
K1WJL	Dave Swedock 23 S	N1IBE	Wade Martell 23 S		
K4AVM	Andrew Olsson 23 R	N1JEO	Joel Corneal 23 S		
KA1BED	Bill Green 24 R	N1JMX	Jeff Martin 28 R		
KA1KJV	Bob Trussell 23 S	N1JRC	John Collin Jr. 23 R		
KB1EHE	Eric Knight 23 R	N1LES	Joe Murray 23 R		
KB1HAX	Bill Reyor III 23 R	N1OKF	Bob Parisi 23 R		
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews 23 R	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone 23 R		
KB1JL	Eric Olsson 23 S	N1XXU	Andy Purchia 23 R		
KB1KTZ	Carl Fosse 23 S	N1YLN	Edward O'Lena 23 R		
KB1LWS	Jeanne Gherardi 23 S	N1YLO	Andrew Fiertek 23 R		
KB1MFU	John Ramadei 24 R	N1ZN	Jim Savage 24 S		
KB1PZS	Robert DelGreco 23 R	N2RTS	Tyler Schroder 23 R		
KB1RHQ	Gene Caputo 23 R	N2TAG	Dave Taglianetti 23 R		
KB1TBL	Dave Laliberte 23 R	NA1L	Dale Cliff 23 R		
KB1TMC	Clare O'Lena 23 R	NA2AA	David Minster 23 R		
KB1TTV	Jonathan Martin 26 R	NN1DX	Robert Munro 24 R		
KB1YFJ	Glenn Couture 23 R	NR1B	Bill Huggins 23 S		
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni 23 S	NZ1J	Dave Tipping 23 R		
KC1HQX	Preston Byrne 23 R	UT3UY	Anatoly Kirilenko 23 R		
KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson 23 R	W1AJK	Andrew Kazimer 23 R		
KC1KQH	John Kasinskas 23 S	W1BJG	Judy Wilkins 24 R		
KC1MEB	Bean Lefebvre 23 R	W1BOB	Bob Lobley 23 R		
KC1MJZ	Michael Berube 23 R	W1BRY	Don Chepurna 23S		
KC1NQE	Shawn Warren 23 R	W1DQ	John Elengo 23 S		
KC1NRD	John Lujick 23 S	W1EDX	Paul Stasieluk 23 S		
KC1NXP	Andy Paolillo 23 R	W1IKW	Iain K White 23 R		
KC1OCF	Karl Polak 23 S	W1LV	Steve Morley 23 S		
KC1OCS	Richard Dewick 24 S	W1POP	Fred Liedke 23 S		
KC1OGL	Paul Randazzo 24 S	W1PRK	James Procaccini 23 S		
KC1OWD	Kevin VanKeuron 24 R	W1RCI	Ron Isaac Jr. 23 R		
KC1OYN	Rick Becker 23 R	W1TK	Ronald Wakefield 23 R		
KC1PBQ	Randy Rivest 23 R	W1UFO	Mike Cei 23 R		
KC1PEN	David Henry 23 R	W1UKX	Greg Gherardi 23 S		
KC1PHK	Lincoln Nichols Y	W1YSM	Ed Snyder 24 R		
KC1PSM	Elizabeth VanNostrand 23R	W2OFR	Mark Dickson 23 R		
KC1PU	Bob Woodtke Jr. 23 R	W3APC	James Cook 23 S		
KC1PXX	Dave Alfredson 23 R	WA1EXA	Mark Petruzzi 23 S		
KC1PYT	Jeff Gazsc 23 R	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin 23 S		
KC1QHO	Mike Beaudry 23 R	WA1JKR	John Rogus 24 S		
KC1QLS	Ray Cirno 23 S	WA1K	Jack Chapman 23 R		
KC1QQV	Gary Getrost 23 R	WA1MAC	Paul Clark 23 S		
KO1J	Randy Whitehouse 23S	WA1RAB	Bob Martha 23 S		
KC1QWH	Steve Rygiel 24 R	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich 23 R		
KC1RBY	Sergio Frutuosa 23 R	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin L		
KC1RHB	Jared Martin 23 R	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin 28 S		
KC1RLQ	Eric Barbour 24 R	WB1CLT	Steve Duess 23 S		
KC1SA	Stephen Allen 23 R	WB1DQT	Bill Bacon 23 S		
KC1SJE	Mike Barr 23R	WB1GFI	Stan Hiriak 23 S		
KC1SLV	Joshua Wrinn 24 R	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur 23 S		
KC1TAD	Tom Dipinto 23 R				

