

# MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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ALL "IN PERSON" BUSINESS AND ACTIVITY MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY POSTPONED AT THE EOC HOPE HILL FIREHOUSE, 143 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD, ZOOM MEETINGS CONTINUE UNTIL AT LEAST SEPTEMBER AND THEN HOPEFULLY WILL BE OFFERED IN A HYBRID MODE.(CONCURRENTLY).

**THE SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS ARE BACK IN FULL OPERATION.**

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## HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Congratulations To our newest member who is actually a returning member, Seth Kolasinski W1RPN twas welcomed back into the club at the August meeting.

THE MARC WAS AWARDED AN ARRL GRANT FOR IT'S MARCONI PROJECT, THE BRAINCHILD OF OUR PRESIDENT ED W1YSM. MARCONI STANDS FOR MOTIVATING AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS TO OPEN NEW INITIATIVES . ED WILL ELABORATE ON THE PROGRESS AND PATH FORWARD FOR THIS EXCITING PROJECT OF THE MARC.

VE SESSIONS AT THE OEC, 143 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALINGFORD.  
EVERY 2ND SATURDAY, NEXT ONE IS SATURDAY SEPT 10TH

THE NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 7:30PM ON ZOOM.

NEXT ACTIVITY MEETING IS ON THURSDAY SEPT 22ND , 7:30PM ON ZOOM  
HISTORY OF THE MARC PART II BY K1WJL & WA1TRY



# Secretary Report & Minutes of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club

**Bart Toftness N1BRL , Secretary**

**BUSINESS MEETING AUGUST 11, 2022 ZOOM**

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

Normal introductions were omitted as all attendees (34) are self-identified in 'Zoom' , KA1BED, W1EDX, KC1OYN, KC1QWH, N1BRL, KC1OCS, W1DQ, WB1GYZ, K1VDF, KC1NQE, K1RCT, N1BRI, N1GNV, W1BJG, N1LES, KB1JL, N1API, K1STM, KC1DOY, W1YSM, KC1KQH, KC1SA, K1LHO, KC3UKG, W1IKW, KC1HQX, K1JCF, KC1PBQ, N1ZN, K1LYP, WV2LKM, KE1AU, K1WJL, and Spencer Rygiel.

Announcements (W1YSM), Business Meetings will be on Zoom through November. Contact W1YSM for the second round of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coffee Cups. Contact N1BRL for Business Cards/Membership Certificates. No news about the ARRL Grant Award yet. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Event Station call will be W1N during 1 to 15 of October (K1RCT). The Year in review meeting will be first Thursday in December and the CQ Santa date will be determined by the town.

Secretary's Report (N1BRL)

July business meeting minutes were approved by majority vote. We recognized one returning member, Seth Kolasinsk, W1RPN. No correspondence to report.

Treasurer's Report (K1WJL) was read by Dave K1WJL. The complete Treasure's Report is available to members upon request.

Station Manager's Report (K1RCT) The Station Activity Manager reported sustained Saturday morning activities at the OEM. There are plans for a Diploma/Certificate for stations that work our Special Event Station W1N during it's activation Oct 1 -15. It will be available for self-completion by way of an email distributed link.

The full SAM report is available upon request.

Entertainment/Activities, Upcoming activities include; August 25 will be the history of MARC volume 1 and September 22 will be history of MARC volume 2. October may be a presentation on the Young Amateurs Radio Club by N2RTS. November is Thanksgiving while December will be the year in review and CQ Santa. We could begin the new year with a presentation on CW by the LI CW club.

Publicity , Technical /Interference, Scholarship and Publicity had nothing new to report.

Repeater Committee EchoLink was down for a short time during a local power failure which exceeded the capacity of the battery backup.

Other Activities, Saturday/Sunday morning continue to be steady at the OEM. The CW class is working on a plan for a CW net. The Diamond & Gold Challenge stats and awards are published on the club *Bulletin Board System* (Forum). The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Event Station Call W1N is scheduled for 1 Oct to 15 Oct. Contact K1RCT for details. KC1QWH announced he is looking for operators to support the Masonic Lodges on the Air Special Event Station W9C, Sept 24 from 10AM to 6 PM. N1API reported on the Castle Craig activities. The CERT team is requested to provide support Oct. 1 and 2 for Celebrate Wallingford.

Nutmeg Hamfest, The state convention will return on October 9 at the Best Western in North Haven. The associated VE Session will be held the day before (8 Oct.) at the OEM. MARC will co-sponsor the ARES Annual Symposium with SARA during the Nutmeg Hamfest.

Big E, Sept 21 will be Connecticut Day at the Big E and MARC will coordinate staffing of the Amateur Radio Booth in the Better Living Center for the day. Contact Rick, KC1OYN for details of volunteering and scheduling.

New Business, K1RCT made a motion which was seconded to request a budget of about \$450 to complete the installation of the Eggbeaters for satellite communications at the OEM. A discussion followed. Next month will have details for the upcoming election of club officers. There was a discussion about the need to have a single person to coordinate the many forms of media exposure by the club. The idea of creating an officer position to be the liaison between MARC and the town was discussed with the consensus agreeing that an elected officer position was not the better way to move forward.

Voting Summary for the June meeting

July meeting minutes were approved.

Returning member Seth Kolasinsk, W1RPN was recognized.

Next month will be the vote on K1RCT's \$450 request

Meeting was adjourned at 21:04

Respectfully submitted,

Bart Toftness, N1BRL



## **The Dog Just Caught the Car – Now What?**

There is an old saying--- many a truth is said in jest. Well that adage applies to this column. MARC just received a Club award from the ARRL. Our submission was found worthy of funding, and we received the requested \$11, 620. Our award entry was entitled, MARCONI – an acronym for Motivating Amateur Radio Clubs to Open New Initiative. [It seemed to be a sign of Devine intervention that the acronym worked out.] MARCONI is designed to position MARC as a “Club Elmer” for other less robust amateur radio Clubs in CT.

To answer a question some may have as to “Why are we doing this?” let’s use an FAQ format.

### **WHY NOW?**

MARC is growing in membership and influence. The opportunity to obtain new gear, and upgrade our equipment was too important to ignore. Also, there is now an “expectation of leadership” directed as us. We needed to step-up, and we did. We are very well thought of in the ARRL thanks to all that we do. We are a poster child for a well-functioning Club. We are now functioning at higher level than previously. We need to continue to show leadership.

### **WHY SO MANY SECTIONS (ELEMENTS = 7)**

MARCONI was designed to reflect what we do routinely – thus we can Elmer other Clubs without MARC members requiring major training or dramatically altering our amateur radio routine. The 7 sections- POTA; FOX HUNTS; CW; SATELLITE COMMS; VE SESSIONS; NCS & TRAFFIC ; SERVED AGENCIES reflect most of our major activities – a little something for everyone. Satellite communications is a newer area we will be exploring with our new equipment. This allows us to help different clubs with different needs -some will want help with VE or CW sessions, others with POTA, etc. We can provide Elmering in all these areas. That was the key to the success of the grant application. We have a LOT of members, and many are NEW and have less rings in their tree trunks (younger). We need to give all our ~140 members something to do in amateur radio and help the Community we live in. MARCONI will help us achieve this goal.

### **CLUB MEMBERS ARE TOO BUSY – WHO WILL DO ALL OF THIS WORK??**

The plan was to do what we already do – and thereby Elmer other Clubs and new Hams who ask us for help. Having other hams join us on POTA or Fox Hunts or CW training classes or satellite outings, does not require MARC members to do anything extra except teach and train. We can easily assimilate other club members into these activities without over-burdening our members. Plus, so many more of our members will have the opportunity to participate in these 7 activities as they choose and wish to consider joining. Seems like a win-win.

### **I ONLY LIKE TO DO 2 OR 3 OF THESE ACTIVITIES**

Great – just participate as you wish and enjoy.

### **HOW CAN WE TRAVEL ALL OVER THE CT COUNTRYSIDE TO DO THIS?**

We do not need to – as they say in the Commercial “The lenders come to Linda.” The other clubs will come to our events and training, in person or via Zoom. If we wish to go to their town to do an event, we certainly can decide to do so. It would be a mutual decision with MARC and the other Club. This is a MARC-based Program

### **IF MONEY IS LEFT OVER, CAN WE KEEP IT?**

No, unused funds need be returned. The trick is to use it all –wisely. And yes, all monies will be segregated from current MARC funds and will be tracked scrupulously.

### **WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO SHOW WE ACCOMPLISHED OUR GOALS?**

The 7 Element Leaders will keep a Log of attendees which will record what club they are affiliated with, call sign, and contact information. We are working on appropriate logs for each Program Element.

### **WILL WE APPLY FOR ANOTHER GRANT?**

If we have a good proposal and ARRL has more money – we certainly can consider it

### **CAN I SEE THE WHOLE GRANT AND THE BUDGET?**

Absolutely, it will be made available for all to see. The officers will address this issue and I will talk about it at the September Business Meeting.

These are just some questions I have anticipated. We will have lots more questions and we will answer every one of them.

For now, CONGRATULATIONS MARC! We did good!

Ed W1YSM

President MARC



# MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

AB1DQ	James Surprenant	22R	KC1OMP	Damian Fries	22S	N1YLN	Edward O'Lena	22R
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	22S	KC1OSR	Gunnar Steinle	22R	N1YLO	Andy Fiertek	22R
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	22S	KC1OST	Bryon Heath	22R	N1ZN	Jim Savage	22S
K1DMS	David Stack	22S	KC1OYN	Ricky Becker	22R	N2RTS	Tyler Schroder	22R
K1JCF	Joe Farrell	23S	KC1OYR	Brent Moyer	22R	N2TAG	Dave Taglianetti	22R
K1LHO	Mike Ash	22S	KC1PBQ	Randy Rivest	22R	NR1B	Bill Huggins	22S
K1LYP	John Yusza	23S	KC1PEN	David Henry	22R	NZ1J	Dave Tipping	22R
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	23R	KC1PHK	Lincoln Nichols	Y	UT3UY	Anatoly Kirilenko	22R
K1MVM	Mike Macri	22S	KC1PSK	Todd Dibiasi	22R	W1AJK	Andrew Kazimer	22R
K1PET	Debbie Purchia	22R	KC1PXX	Dave Alfredson	22R	W1BOB	Bob Lobley	22R
K1RCT	Rob Cichon	23R	KC1QHO	Mike Beaudry	22R	W1DQ	John Elengo	22S
K1SCI	Stuart Isaacs	22R	KC1QLS	Ray Cirno	22S	W1EDX	Paul Stasieluk	22S
K1SOX	Brian Freeman	22R	KC1QQV	Gary Getrost	22R	W1IKW	Ian K. White	22R
K1STM	Anne West	22S	KC1QQW	Randy Whitehouse	22R	W1BJG	Judy Wilkins	22R
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	22R	KC1QWH	Steve Rygel	22R	W1JKP	Kent Astrom	23R
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver	23S	KC1RHB	Jared Martin	22R	W1LV	Steve Morley	22R
K1MTD	Mary Duval	22S	KC1RLQ	Eric Barbour		W1POP	Fred Liedke	22S
K1VDF	John Blevins	22S	KC1RBY	Sergio Frutuoso	22R	W1RCI	Ron Isaac Jr.	22R
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	22S	KC1TAD	Tom DiPinto	22R	W1RPN	Seth Kolasinski	22R
K4AVM	Andrew Olsson	22R	KC1PU	Bob Woodtke Jr.	22R	W1TK	Ron Wakefield	22R
K0OZ	Brian Boccuzzi	22R	KC1SA	Stephen Allen	22R	W1UFO	Mike Cei	23R
KA1BED	Bill Green		KC2MLH	Adam Castracane	22R	W1UKX	Greg Gherardi	22S
KA1KJV	Bob Trussell	22S	KC3UKG	Storm Murrell	22R	W1YSM	Ed Snyder	22R
KB1EHE	Eric Knight	22R	KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	22S	W2OFR	Marc Dickson	22R
KB1FYL	Bob Carruthers	22S	KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	23S	W3APC	James Cook	23S
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	22R	KR1U	Bob Eslinger	22S	W90TW	Deb. Foss	22R
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	22S	KO4EEL	Tom Williams	22S	WA1EXA	Mark Petruzzi	22S
KB1LWS	Jeanne Gherardi	22S	KX1USA	Rob Messercola	22R	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin	22S
KB1MFU	John Ramadei	22R	N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer	22S	WA1JKR	John Rogus	22S
KB1TJD	Gainne Jenkins	22S	N1API	Al Kaiser	22S	WA1K	Jack Chapman	22R
KB1TMC	Clare O'Lena	22R	N1BF	Patrick Dionne	21R*	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich	22S
KB1TTV	Jonathan Martin	26R	N1BRI	Brian Beegan	22R	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
KB1YFJ	Glen Couture	22S	N1BRL	Bart Toftness	23S	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	28S
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni	22S	N1FNE	Rod Lane	22R	WB1DQT	Bill Bacon	22R
KC1GMD	Ralph Ring	22R	N1GNV	John Bartscherer	22S	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	22S
KC1HDB	Jeff Martin	28R	N1GY	Geoff Haines	22S	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	22R
KC1HQX	Preston Byrne	22R	N1HCA	Susan South	22R	WJ1B	Harold Kramer	22S
KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson	22R	N1IBE	Wade Martell	22S	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	22S
KC1KQH	John Kasinskas	22S	N1JEO	Joel Curneal	22R	WY1U	Tim Mik	22R
KC1MJZ	Michael Berube	22R	N1LES	Joe Murray	22R		Greg Ravizza	22S
KC1NLE	Jose Rodriguez	22R	N1MOB	Dan David	22R		Spencer Rygiel.....	Y
KC1NQE	Shawn Warren	22R	N1OKF	Bob Parisi	22R		Ex KB1HEA Loreen Heavens.....	22R
KC1NRD	John Lujic	22S	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone	23S			
KC1NXP	Andrew Paolillo	22R	N1QYB	William Wilecki Jr.	22S			
KC1OCF	Karl Polak	22S	N1XXU	Andy Purchia	22R			
KC1OCS	Richard DeWick							
KC1OGL	Paul Randazzo	22R						

### MEMBERSHIP STATS

TOTAL MEMBERS..... 134

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FORUM / BBS:

[www.w1nrg.com/forum/](http://www.w1nrg.com/forum/)

or go to website and follow links

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### CLUB DUES STRUCTURE (JAN-DEC)

UP TO 64 YRS OF AGE--\$20/YR SENIOR DISCOUNT 65 & UP--\$15

ANY MEMBER WHO IS A LICENSED HAM, 18 & UNDER WILL BE GIVEN FREE DUES.

## MARC OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT**



W1YSM ED

**VICE PRES.**



KB1JL ERIC

**SECRETARY**



N1BRL BART

**TREASURER**



K1WJL DAVE

**STATION  
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K1RCT ROB