

# KEY QRP LIX

## MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



# MAY QRP 2024

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THE SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS ARE HOWEVER OPEN AT THE OEM ALONG WITH THE MONTHLY VE SESSIONS WHICH OCCUR ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OR EACH MONTH

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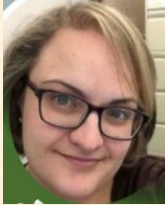
### 2024 MARC OFFICERS



**PRESIDENT**  
**W1YSM ED**



**VICE PRES.**  
**KB1JL ERIC**



**SECRETARY**  
**JUDY W1BJG**



**TREASURER**  
**KC1OYN RICK**



**STATION ACT. MGR,**  
**K1RCT ROB**

**MARC May business meeting, Thursday May 9 on ZOOM only**  
**Zoom credentials for Business Meeting**  
**966 7099 0175 Password 157710**  
**Thursday May 9 7pm ZOOM**

**ACTIVITIES MANAGER BRIAN BEEGAN N1BRI**

**MAY 23 John Ramadei KB1MFU Field Day Logistics**

**VE SESSIONS AT THE OEM, 143 HOPE HILL ROAD WALLINGFORD**  
**EVERY 2ND SATURDAY, NEXT ONE IS SATURDAY MAY 11, 2024**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB WOODTKE EX- KC1PU now K1RWW ON HIS**  
**RECENT UPGRADE TO EXTRA CLASS**

**FROM THE EDITOR:**

**I AM PROVIDING A QRP VERSION BECAUSE I HAD THE FIRST EYE**  
**CATARACT OPERATION , EVERYTHING IS BLURRY AND I STILL CANT**  
**READ THE SCREEN UNLESS I GO TO THESE LARGE FONTS..**  
**IF ANYONE HAS ANY COMPLAINTS PLEASE EMAIL THE COMPLAINT**  
**DEPARTMENT TO ME WITH A 20\$ CASH FILING FEE.....**

**A FULL OR FULLER, MAY KEY KLIX WILL BE MAILED OUT IN THE NEAR FUTURE..**  
**MAYBE.... OR MAYBE NOT?????????????????????????????**

# THE INAUGURAL MARC ROOKIE ROUNDUP

## BART N1BRL

Rookie Roundup got off to a bumpy start when one of the Coordinators (N1BRL) released the wrong starting time for the on air event. Thanks to an eagle eyed Rookie (KC1QLS) and a quick flurry of emails including one to the club reflector to correct the starting time we were back on track. Early on we developed a minor equipment issue that was quickly resolved by Rob K1RCT our SAM. The OEM and radio room were busy all day with Rookies and visitors engaged in the big room while awaiting their operating time slot at one of the two stations.



The bands were shall we say less than favorable but that didn't discourage our cadre of Rookies from pursuing contacts. Each Rookie got a brief introduction the radios and how to operate on the air and then they began to make contacts. All the while there were experienced operators by their side offering guidance and encouragement.



Jim N1ZN (standing) and Bart N1BRL assist Jim KC1TSG with the first Rookie QSO of the day.

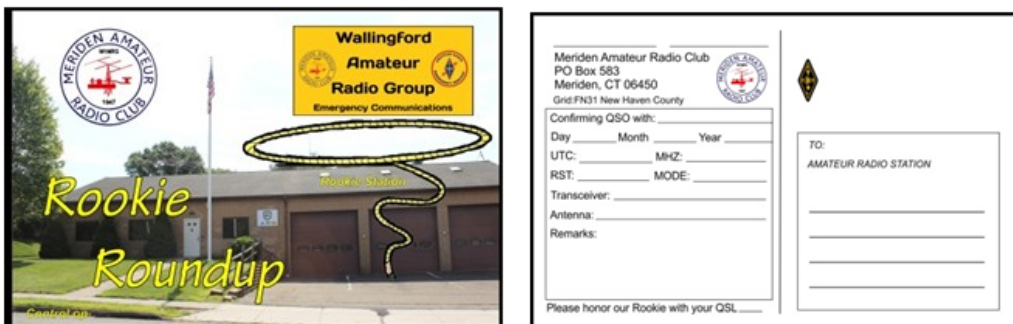
Steve KC1QWH, Co-coordinator, looks on ready to assist this father and son Rookie duo. KC1TST in the rear with K0OZ in the foreground.





We had a full schedule but were still able to accommodate a couple Rookie walk-ins so nobody was left out. We used a 'band operating token' scheme to keep each station on a separate band. That and frequent use of the rig's auto-tuners prevented any smoke from being released in the radio room. Not all the club Rookies were at the OEM because some felt confident enough to operate from their home stations.

Each of the Rookies were encouraged to file their results on the ARRL website so they will be noted there and reported in QST. Bart N1BRL designed and provided special Rookie Roundup QSL cards for all the Rookies to complete and mail as post cards. They can enter their call sign within the lasso on the front.



Rookie Roundup wouldn't be a success without the help several club members in addition to the Rookies themselves. Among those that made this a success are Steve KC1QWH as co-coordinator and Rookie mentor, Kristin KC1ISI was great with hands on mentoring of the Rookies and photos, Rob K1RCT our SAM who just made everything work and prevented disasters, and Jim N1ZN pitched in with support for the Rookie Operators in the radio room. Our Rookies much appreciated the efforts of countless club members who found time to work from home and search for the Rookies on air. Every QSO was exciting for them to add to their log sheets.



John K1LYP expanded his mentoring of new members. He opened his station and hosted the Caron family of four new hams. They received the benefit of John's years of experience and first class station to make dozens of QSOs. John was rewarded for his initiative when he saw their enthusiasm.

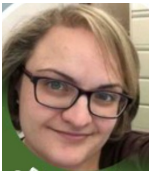
The quality of the Rookie Roundup experience isn't measured solely by the number of QSO's each operator made. Several made their first ever while others with a little more experience made more but everyone was rewarded by the experience. I don't have the exact numbers at this writing but the club's Rookies will have made around 150 QSOs collectively when we tally those at the OEM with those at K1LYP's QTH and those who operated from home. QSOs included several states, some Canadian Provinces and a few DX entities spanning the Caribbean, South America and Europe. One Rookie got the prize from the Cracker Jacks. (do they still have prizes in the box?) Not only did Mike KC1TST make his first ever HF QSO but he got a radio donated by a club member to start his shack.



Once he got the hang of it, it was hard to distract this Rookie KC1TSX from filling his log sheet with contacts.



Left to right, K1VDF, KB1JL, N1LES, W1YSM, W1BRY, K0OZ and KC1TST



# Secretary Report & Minutes of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club

## Judy Wilkins W1BJG Sect.

### BUSINESS MEETING APRIL 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the President of the club Ed Snyder, W1YSM at 19:00 EDT.

Attendees via Zoom: AB1DQ, AB1OC, K0OZ, K1JCF, K1LHO, K1LYP, K1MAL, K1RCT\*, K1VDF, KB1JL\*, KC1DOY, KC1NQE, KC1OYN\*, KC1QLS, KC1QWH, KC1TSX, KC2MLH, KE1AU, N1API, N1BRI, N1BRL, N1LES, N1ZN, NA1L, W1BJG\*, W1BRY, W1DQ, W1EDX, W1IKW, W1YSM\*, WA1EXA, WA1K, WA1ZVY, WB1DQT, WB1GFI, WB1GYZ, WJ1B, Micheal Carfi \*officer

**Special Announcement:** Fred Kemmerer AB1OC from the ARRL was present.

**Announcements:** The radio room is available Sundays by appointment. The activities list is available from the club Secretary Judy at [W1BJG@proton.me](mailto:W1BJG@proton.me). While at club gatherings please wear a name badge. We are working on getting additional coffee cups and name badges. Pricing for badges and cups does not look favorable at the moment. Quarterly town meetings are still in discussion and any suggestion of topics can be sent to W1YSM directly at [W1YSM@arrl.net](mailto:W1YSM@arrl.net). KB1MFU will coordinate Field Day and there may be 2 locations this year. QST asked Ed to write articles for both MARCONI with the help of N1BRL and the Silent Key Ceremony with WB1GYZ.

**SPECIAL:** Silent Key Ceremony for KA1KJV, Robert "Bob" Trussell was completed

**Secretary's Report (Judy W1BJG):** Minutes approved for March. The following applicants were voted in KC1SEN Nick Worroll, KC1UJP Jason Polaski, N1WCL David Blasko, KC1TKH Bill Hulbert. There was a

returning member KC1OYR Brent Moyer.

**Treasurer's Report (Rick KC1OYN):** The current Treasurer's Report was read by KC1OYN. A copy of the report is always available to members in good standing from [treasurermarc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurermarc@gmail.com). There are currently 174 members. There is one club member who has an outstanding check that needs to be cashed. Reminder that dues are now \$25 a year. There is no longer a regular or senior rate. There is a \$2 fee charged for using PayPal. Many donations were made in February by: WA1EXA, N1NGV, N1WCL. The insurance policy for the current repeater was renewed for \$75 for 1 year starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. The invoice for the new repeater Yeasu Fusion came in at \$900 reimbursable to K1RCT. Once the descriptions, model numbers and serial numbers are obtained for all the equipment associated with the new repeater then the insurance will be purchased. KC1OYN, WB1GFI and NA1L are working on the liability insurance; our policy expires on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Our current carrier has stopped issuing liability insurance policies.

**Station Activity Manager's Report (Rob K1RCT):** A full SAM Report is available to any member in good standing from [r.cichon@cox.net](mailto:r.cichon@cox.net). Activity at the club included – club gear instruction presented by N1AKN for dx, rag chewing and own logs. Applied for and purchased Yeasu Fusion Repeater in the amount of \$900 (to be reimbursed).

Supplied updated logs to KE1AU to update Log Book of the World. **Weekly Nets:** 2m averages 8 check-ins, 6m averages 7-10 check-ins, 10m Tues averages 5 check-ins, Saturday morning Coffee Cup net on 2m net averages 28 check-ins.

#### Standing Committees

**Entertainment/Activities (Brian N1BRI):** April – Repeater history and etiquette presented by N1LES. May

activities meeting has been set aside for Field Day KB1MFU

**Technical/Interference (John K1VDF):** Nothing heard.

**Repeater (Mike Ash K1LHO):** No issues. Repeater continues to be 2 minutes off. The new Yaesu Fusion repeater has been ordered.

**Scholarship (Jim N1ZN & Kristin KC1ISI):** Applications were due date April 12<sup>th</sup>. At the moment there are 4 applicants.

**Communications and Community Outreach (Kristine KC1ISI):** Any questions can be addressed to [kc1isi@protonmail.com](mailto:kc1isi@protonmail.com). We are ready to move the new site over to DreamHost from A+. The hosting company QTH was recommended. Officers will be given the opportunity to review the site.

**WARG/EMMCOM (Eric KB1JL):** Lenny has asked for CERT and MARC to assist with Gaylord Gauntlet 5K race in Wallingford in June. Additional medical training will be supplied prior to the gauntlet for manning the first aid stations. MS Walk in the beginning of May. There has been a lot of WinLink trainings at the OEM for MARC/



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**Welcome and Membership Integration (Bart N1BRL, James AB1DQ):** There are 2 packets; new ham and new member packets both are available from [N1BRL@arrl.net](mailto:N1BRL@arrl.net). The Rookie Roundup will be coming up April 21. All eligible members have been notified via email. Please let Bart know if you will be attending.

**CW Code Class (Bob WB1GYZ):** The class is open to new people and has a small group that meets nightly at 7:15pm Zoom Conf ID 83594942316 PW 569899 Practice sessions are now on air.

**Contesting (Mike K1LHO):** SKCCWAS low speed straight key contest.

**Club Nets:** *reported in Station Manager report*

**Castle Craig 10-10 (AI N1API):** If you need further information email N1API

**Key Klix (Dave K1WJL):** Nothing new.

**Other Discussions:** There needs to be a vote for the funding of the new website.

**Member recognition:** Eric Knight wrote a book "Terror at 12.5 Degrees" with ham radio operators as characters.

**Special Guest:** AB1OC Fred Kemmerer – ARRL did receive over \$2 million from the ARDC to extended scholarships and club grants. More than ½ the of the last proceeds were granted to stem learning and youth outreach. Fred stressed the point that ham radio has an ageing problem. The current average age of a licensed ham radio operator is 76. Only 2 out of 10 newly licensed technicians remain after a year. ARRL has free memberships for operators under 21 years old, is actively pursuing bringing ham radio into schools and adding a youth coding competition initiative. The life membership into the ARRL is back. ARRL is working on clearer communications from leadership to members, getting financials more streamlined, rollcall voting, getting the governing documents like the director's workbook public. Our membership did let Fred know about our struggles with getting involved with younger generations. ARISS Contact Proposals were floated as a way to get into schools. Big E discussion was had.

**VE Sessions (Jim N1ZN):** are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

**Tech/Gen Classes:** General class is Monday evenings via zoom with an interest of about 22 people. Fall technician class to be coordinated with Wallingford Parks & Rec.

**MARCONI (Ed W1YSM):** We will be participating with Bruce Blain and Ham Exposition in Marlborough. Potentially submitting another grant for ballooning, schools and satellites.

**Nutmeg Hamfest (Ed W1YSM):** Maloney HS has agreed to October 13th. Expenses are: insurance for one day, custodial fees and rental for the cafeteria and classrooms of ~\$1500

**Field Day (John KB1MFU):** June 22-23, 2024 There is an interest in having an actual field. We need to discuss staffing the overnight activities. Marcus Cook and Leftberry Park are our first suggestions. There is also a discussion of pitching tents near the OEM (not on property). [KB1MFU@yahoo.com](mailto:KB1MFU@yahoo.com)

**Other notes:** A newbie net (rag chew) was brought up for Wednesday evenings on the repeater. Discussion was had and was granted.

Meeting was adjourned 9:04pm



# MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB/W1NRG CLUB ACTIVITIES

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DAY	TIME (ET)	BAND	FREQ (MHz)	NCS	NAME	TYPE	WHEN
MONDAY	2000 – 2100	6M	50.175	N1ZN - JIM	6M NET	OPEN DISCUSSION	MONDAY
TUESDAY	1900 -2000	2M REPEATER	147.36 PL=162.2	KC1NQE/KC1MIZ	2M NET	OPEN DISCUSSION	TUESDAY
	2000 – 2100	10M	28.375	N1API - AL	CASTLE CRAIG 10-10 INTL.	OPEN DISCUSSION	TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY	1900 – 2030	-	ZOOM	W1YSM – ED	MARC BUSINESS MTG	BUSINESS MEETING	2 <sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY
	1900 – 2030	ZOOM	*ID: 925 1153 2783 *Passcode: 000377	N1BRI – BRIAN	MARC ACTIVITIES MTG	TECHNICAL/ LECTURE	4 <sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY
FRIDAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SATURDAY	0900 – 1000	2M REPEATER	147.36 PL=162.2	W1YSM – ED	COFFEE CUP NET	OPEN DISCUSSION	SATURDAY
	0830 - 1200	Hope Hill Rd	143	MARC	OPEN HOUSE	EVERYONE WELCOME	SATURDAY
	VARIABLE	VARIABLE	VARIABLE		POTA/SOTA/OTA's	Activations	SATURDAY
SUNDAY	1930 – 2030	ZOOM	*ID: 982 5667 9514 *Passcode: 686029	OPEN	ELMER'S SHACK	NEW HAM SUPPORT	SUNDAY
	~ 0930 – 1130	2M	MULTIPLE 2M	K1RCT- NZ1J	FIAB (FOX IN A BOX)	HIDDEN Tx Hunt	SUNDAY
DAILY	19:30 – 20:30	ID 835 9494 2316	Passcode 569899	WB1GYZ - BOB	CW CLASS	LEARN CW	DAILY

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## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

AA1EM	Kas Bogusz 24	KC1PXX	Dave Alfredson 24	N1LES	Joe Murray 24
AB1DQ	James Surprenant 26	KC1PYT	Jeff Gazzo 24	N1NSV	Kevin Gallagher 25
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac 24	KC1QHO	Mike Beaudry 24	N1OKF	Bob Parisi 24
AB2T	Jordan Zarembo 24	KC1QLS	Ray Cirno 25	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone 27
KD0Z	Brian Boccuzzi 24	KC1QWH	Steve Rygiel 25	N1WCL	David Blasko 24
K1BTR	Bryan Ragaini 25	KC1RBY	Sergio Frutuosa 24	N1XOU	Andy Purchia 24
K1DMS	Dave Sack 24	KC1RLQ	Eric Barbour 25	N1YLO	Andrew Flertek 24
K1JCF	Joe Farrell 25	KC1SA	Stephen Allen 24	N1ZN	Jim Savage 24
K1LHO	Mike Ash 26	KC1SDA	Richard McHugh 24	N2TAG	Dave Tagliarretti 24
K1LYP	John Yussa 27	KC1SEN	Nicholas Worrell 24	N7VGA	Dennis Hanlon 24
K1MAL	Chris Altieri 25	KC1SLV	Joshua Wilin 24	NA1L	Dale Cliff 24
K1MMK	Michael MacKennedy 27	KC1STF	Julian LoRusso 25	NA2AA	David Munster 24
K1NEG	Nelson Goewey 25	KC1TAD	Tom Dipinto 24	NN1DK	Robert Munro 24
K1PET	Debbie Purchia 24	KC1TCO	Dee Crombleholme 24	NR1B	Bill Huggins 24
K1RCT	Rob Cichon 25	KC1TEV	Mark White 24	NT1S	Tyler Schroder 24
K1SCI	Stuart Isaac 24	KC1THU	Mike Zalladoni 25	NZ1J	Dave Tipping 26
K1SMD	Silas Moeckel 24	KC1TKH	Bill Hulbert 24	UT8UY	Anatoly Kirilenko 24
K1STM	Anne West 24	KC1TRY	Bob Hourigan 25	W1AJK	Andrew Kazimer 24
K1TDO	Todd Olsen 24	KC1TKZ	Mark Bonitatebus 25	W1BJG	Judy Wilkins 24
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver 30	KC1TOW	David Tomlinson 25	W1BRY	Donald Chepurna 27
K1VDF	John Blevins 24	KC1TPN	Rick Foster 24	W1DQJ	John Elango 24
K1WJL	Dave Swedock 24	KC1TSG	Jim Drexler 24	W1EDX	Paul Stasilek 24
K4AVM	Andrew Olsson 25	KC1TSK	Richard Pagano 25	W1IRW	Iain K White 29
KSATA	Steve Goodgame 24	KC1TSL	Charlie Vossbrinck 25	W1LV	Steve Morley 24
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KB1EHE	Eric Knight 24	KC1TSX	Mike Barile 24	W1UKX	Greg Gherardi 24
KB1FEX	Ken Jalbert 24	KC1TSY	Daniel Gessner 25	W1YSM	Ed Snyder 24
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KB1JL	Eric Olsson 24	KC1TWA	William Caron 24	WA1CIA	Matt Mowerson 24
KB1UWS	Jeanne Gherardi 24	KC1TYO	Ken Williams 24	WA1EXA	Mark Petrucci 24
KB1MFU	John Ramadel 24	KC1UIP	Jason Polaski 24	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin 24
KB1TBL	Dave Laliberte 24	KC1UJT	Michael Carli 24	WA1JKR	John Rogus 29
KB1TGS	David Robinson 24	KC2MLH	Adam Castracane 24	WA1K	Jack Chapman 24
KB1TTV	Jonathan Martin 26	KC3UKG	Storm Mumell 24	WA1MAC	Paul Clark 24
KB1YFJ	Glenn Couture 24	KD0BMW	Marty Crandall-Grela 24	WA1RAB	Bob Bartha 24
KC1BQP	Paul St.Amand 25	KE1AU	Bob Kacror 26	WA1SRH	Douglas Sharanfenowich 24
KC1DOY	Ted Ranzoni 27	KF7HXE	Chuck Chatfield 25	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin L
KC1HFO	Johanna Stodts 25	KK7NLS	John Condon Jr 24	WA1WON	Bob Marinoff 24
KC1HQX	Preston Byrne 24	KO1J	Randy Whitehouse 24	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin 28
KC1JK	Scott Mowerson 24	KO4EEL	Tom Williams 24	WB1DMK	William D'Agostino 25
KC1JSI	Kristin Olsson 24	KR1U	Bob Essinger 27	WB1DQT	Bill Bacon 24
KC1KQH	John Kasinskas 24	KS1WK	Seth Kolasinski 24	WB1GFI	Stan Hirlik 24
KC1MJE	Michael Berube 24	KX1USA	Rob Messercola 24	WB1GYZ	Bob Blancar 24
KC1NQE	Shawn Warren 24	NOHIO	David Koerner 24	WB8IMY	Steve Ford 25
KC1NRD	John Lujick 25	N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer 24	W11B	Harold Kramer 25
KC1NUX	Steven Prottz 24	N1APM	Al Kaiser 27	WV2LRM	Steve Waldmann 24
KC1OCF	Karl Polak 24	N1BRI	Brian Beegan 25	WX1W	Mary Duval 24
KC1OCS	Richard Dewick 25	N1BRL	Bart Toftness 25		Spencer Rygiel Y
KC1OGL	Paul Randazzo 25	N1FNE	Rod Lane 25		Lucas Molloy Y
KC1OWD	Kevin Van Keuron 24	N1GNV	John Bartschener 24		Mark Kirschner 24
KC1OYN	Rick Becker 24	N1GY	Geoff Haines 25		Michael Cossu 24
KC1OYR	Brent Moyer 24	N1IBE	Wade Martell 24		Bill Flower 24
KC1PBQ	Randy Rives 24	N1JEO	Joel Curmeal 24		
KC1PEN	David Henry 24	N1JMX	Jeff Martin 28		
KC1PU	Bob Woodtke Jr. 24	N1JRC	John Collin Jr. 24		