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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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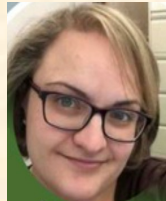
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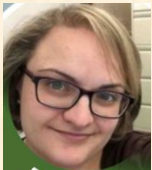
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MARC June business meeting, Thursday June 13 on ZOOM only
Zoom credentials for Business Meeting
966 7099 0175 Password 157710
Thursday June 13, 7pm ZOOM

ACTIVITIES MANAGER BRIAN BEEGAN N1BRI

JUNE 27 Tentative activity is a session on contesting by Mike Ash K1LHO. More details to follow

VE SESSIONS AT THE OEM, 143 HOPE HILL ROAD WALLINGFORD EVERY 2ND SATURDAY, NEXT ONE IS SATURDAY JULY 13, 2024



Secretary Report & Minutes of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club Judy Wilkins W1BJG Sect.

BUSINESS MEETING MAY 9, 2024

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS PUBLICATION BUT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE JUNE 13TH BUSINESS MEETING

JUST PUSH THE BUTTON NET

STEPHEN KC1QWH

There's a now a place for new hams to key up and chat without the fear of making a mistake. In the spirit of the rookie roundup, Stephen Rygiel, KC1QWH, along with the Meriden Amateur Radio Club has started a new weekly net called the "Just push the button" net.

This gathering takes place on Wednesday evening's at 1900 eastern time on the W1NRG repeater. Found at 147.36 with a PL of 162.2 and via EchoLink at W1NRG-R. It's not only for new hams though, all licensed hams are encouraged to join in, it's a great place to Elmer the newbies.

Please join us for newbie tips and good old camaraderie on this rag chew type directed Net. Any questions can be directed to Stephen via email at KC1QWH@gmail.com



W1NRG: WHAT'S DOING AT MID-YEAR?

This month I thought I would review where we are with our 30 or so MARC activities. These are my impressions: **Marconi Project:** Things are going well with all 9 Initiatives: POTA (Dave NZ1J and Shawn KC1NQE), Fox Hunts (Rob K1RCT), CW classes (Bob KB1GYZ), Balloon Science (Ray KC1QLS), are active and engage many Club members. The Satellite Communication Program (Rob K1RCT) is moving along as well. FCC License Classes have been a huge success thanks to (James AB1DQ) and his team of teachers. The NCS Net Control emphasis has spawned a new Just Push the Button Net on Wednesday evening, courtesy of (Steve KC1QWH). Programs involving Served Agencies (Eric KB1JL) are very active. MARC is an active CERT member, and MARC just sponsored an in-person SKYWARN Training Class last week, with 31 attendees. The Cheshire Walk was a successful MARC effort, and the YMCA 5K road race is on our schedule for the Fall. The monthly VE Session (Jim N1ZN) is a major club activity. It has promoted MARC's image and visibility in addition to helping license/upgrade more than 50-60 hams over the past 1-2 years. This Program dramatically builds Club membership and promotes camaraderie along the way.

The Club Picnic (Lark at the MARC), will be reprised coming up in the July-August time frame. Winter Field Day was very successful. Scouting events, although not very active so far this year, (we recently hosted an event for Brownies) are in the strategic plans going forward. Summer Field Day is in full swing and promises to attract more member activity than last year. The High School STEM Scholarship Program (Jim NZIN and his Committee) awarded the 2024 Prize to a Wallingford Pre-Engineering student, a few weeks ago. The CQ Santa event was well attended last Winter and planning is in place for this Winter, as are the WARG Wallingford Holiday Stroll and the Taste of Wallingford Town Celebrations. Our Saturday Morning OEM Activities are booming with increasing numbers of attendees. Activity Meetings are well-attended. Planning for the Nutmeg Hamfest on October 13 at Maloney HS, is underway with a Town Hall planned for June 13 to capture ideas on how to make it more successful. The Club OnAir 2m 6m 10m nets are becoming increasing more active – the Saturday Coffee Cup Net averages 20+ check-ins per week.

Importantly, Club Membership continues to expand. Following the expected loss of some members each year, the Club numbers as of this coming Thursday will be up to 182 members. This includes four members to be added to the roster, one new and three returning. Some Club hams have criticized me for being “overly concerned about numbers”. Actually, I do not view the numbers as important, *per se*. I view Club growth simply as being indicative of Club health. Is club membership perceived as being appealing? Are its members friendly and welcoming to new hams and new members? Is its reputation one of an amateur radio club that provides value and promotes good use of precious time for its members? Do its members merely chew the rag all day or are new horizons and vistas opened at club meetings? THESE are the questions that the growth in club numbers answer, for me. We should not underestimate the importance of having multiple member activities and multiple individuals to participate in those activities; that's how clubs grow. It is NOT the numbers, *per se*.

Town Halls are being used more frequently. We held one a few months ago, and another one on the Hamfest, as mentioned, is planned for June 13 at 8pm, after the Business Meeting, We are open to input from all club members – this is the way we will function going forward. It is YOUR Club; YOU have a say in how it runs. I am honored to be your President. We have much to be thankful for including a concerned membership and a solid group of Officers. As I take a step back and look at the Club, I see more and more individuals becoming more and more involved in some MARC activity; that is a sign of growth. MARC is alive and well, thanks to you all! I wish you a healthy and a happy Summer as I look forward to the Club moving forward. Enjoy the warm weather.

73,
Ed W1YSM
President Meriden Amateur Radio Club

NEW VENUE FOR THE NEAR-FEST

Phil Brooks, KA1PXZ, Chief of NEAR-Fest, is pleased to announce that, effective October 4th, 2024, the New England Amateur Radio Festival, known as NEAR-Fest, will be held at the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society Fairgrounds and Youth Center located at New Boston NH, approximately 15 miles west of Manchester.

The reason for the permanent change in venue is due to ongoing scheduling conflicts with other events at the Deerfield (NH) Fairgrounds, NEAR-Fest's home for the past eighteen years. The hard decision to move the popular New England hamfest was taken by a unanimous vote of NEAR-Fest's Board of Directors on May 17th, 2024.

In endorsing the decision NEAR-Fest's Benevolent Dictator Emeritus, Michael Crestohl, W1RC, aka "Mister Mike" commented: "This was inevitable. The Deerfield Fairgrounds is becoming more and more popular with exhibitors and, as a designated agricultural fairgrounds, they have to give priority to agricultural events. We had a fabulous eighteen-year run. I am confident that Phil and Kelley, along with their team, will take NEAR-Fest forward at our new location for many years to come."

Other than the location nothing else will change. It is still the same NEAR-Fest we have all known and loved since 2007!

NEAR-Fest XXXVI will be held Friday October 4th and Saturday October 5th, 2024 at the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society Fairgrounds, located at 17 Hilldale Lane, (Route 13) New Boston NH. GPS Coordinates 42.9842430, -71.6793460.

See you there!

Thanks,
Bruce Beford



On Saturday May 18, a number of rocketeers from 20 years ago gathered at the Durham Fair Grounds to launch a scale-model replica of our space-flying rocket. The launch was part of the CATO Rocketry Club's monthly model rocket launch, which is a fun family activity that everyone is welcome to attend! Here's a map and launch details: <https://flightsketch.com/clubs/CATO/events/26>



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 ND THURSDAY
	1900 – 2030	ZOOM	*ID: 925 1153 2783 *Passcode: 000377	N1BRI – BRIAN	MARC ACTIVITIES MTG	TECHNICAL/ LECTURE	4 TH 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: 932 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

* values subject to change, see <http://www.w1nrg.com/website/index.html> for current values

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COME ONE – COME ALL
Join Us for the 2nd Annual
**MARC FIELD DAY
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



With your hosts **AB1DQ & KC1TSM**

Sunday, June 23, 2024 - 9:00 AM
Wallingford OEM – 143 Hope Hill Road



N1GNV WITH A FIELD DAY MESSAGE

I'll get right to the point – after over 30 years of doing the Field Day cooking, it's time for me to hang up my spatula and fold up my apron. We need someone to take over the task, at least for this year. I will assist in any way I can, including advice on a shopping list and possibly doing some/most/all of the shopping.

The menu, and most other details, are entirely up to you. Traditionally we've had dogs and burgers (and sometimes brats) plus the usual condiments etc., as well as my internationally acclaimed RoadKill™ Stew. I plan to make the RoadKill™ again this year. I've generally planned on cooking Saturday from noon until about 7PM, and Sunday from maybe 11AM until the end of the event.

The club has a gas grill for cooking, several coolers, and most "implements of destruction" are in the kitchen already. If you'd like to help, contact me directly at jbee@... or most days at my shop – (203) 440-4973

I look forward to your call.

Thanks and 73, John Bee, N1GNV

ANNOUNCING THE NEW W1NRG .COM WEBSITE

Dear Meriden Amateur Radio Club Members,

We are thrilled to announce the launch the new and improved W1NRG.com! This update marks a significant milestone for our club, providing us with a modern and user-friendly platform to stay connected, share information, and celebrate our shared passion for amateur radio.

A special thanks to Storm KC3UKG for her incredible hard work and dedication in bringing this project to life and well as the rest of the committee Shawn KC1NQE, Brian N1BRI, Mike KC1MJZ, Rob K1RCT, Judy W1BJG and Kristin KC1ISI. Everyone made a concerted effort to implement the input we have received from club members and we will continue to do so.

We are aware that the current reflector is not working again. Please know that we are actively working on solutions to resolve this ongoing issue. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated as we strive to improve our communication tools.

We encourage all members to visit W1NRG.com and explore the new features and resources available. The website will be continuously updated with the latest news, events, and information relevant to our club activities.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Meriden Amateur Radio Club. If you have any questions or constructive feedback regarding the new website, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at outreach@w1nrg.com.

--The Communications and Community Outreach Committee

MARC FIELD DAY 2024

The 2024 MARC Field Day will have a new look this year as we split operations between the OEM and a remote site at Wharton Brook State Park. To sign up for operating or to assist in any manner please contact John Ramadei KB1MFU, FD Chair at KB1MFU@yahoo.com..

He has a signup sheet that he will provide a link to access.

Also a new tradition continues on in the form of the annual FD Pancake Breakfast to be held at the OEM from 9am on, chief chefs are James AB1DQ and his XYL Ellen KC1TSM.....more info is in this issue....

And John N1GNV is looking for a successor to his culinary talents, his announcement is also posted in this issue....

MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

AA1EM	Kas Bogusz 24	KC1QHO	Mike Beaudry 24	N1OQC	Mike Johnson 25
AB1DQ	James Surprenant 26	KC1QLS	Ray Cirno 25	N1OKF	Bob Parisi 24
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac 24	KC1QWH	Steve Rygiel 25	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone 27
AB2T	Jordan Zaremba 24	KC1RBY	Sergio Frutuosa 24	N1WCL	David Blasko 24
K0OZ	Brian Boccuzzi 24	KC1RLQ	Eric Barbour 25	N1XXU	Andy Purchia 24
K1BTR	Bryan Ragaini 25	KC1SA	Stephen Allen 24	N1YLN	Edward O'Lena 24
K1DMS	Dave Sack 24	KC1SDA	Richard McHugh 24	N1YLO	Andrew Fiertek 24
K1JCF	Joe Farrell 25	KC1SEN	Nicholas Worroll 24	N1ZN	Jim Savage 24
K1LHO	Mike Ash 26	KC1SLV	Joshua Wrinn 24	N2TAG	Dave Taglianetti 24
K1LYP	John Yusza 27	KC1STF	Julian LoRusso 25	N7VGA	Dennis Hanlon 24
K1MAL	Chris Altieri 25	KC1SYU	Jim Cosgrove 24	NA1L	Dale Clift 24
K1MMK	Michael MacKennedy 27	KC1TAD	Tom Dipinto 24	NA2AA	David Minster 24
K1NEG	Nelson Goewey 25	KC1TCO	Dee Crombleholme 24	NN1DX	Robert Munro 24
K1PET	Debbie Purchia 24	KC1TEV	Mark White 24	NR1B	Bill Huggins 24
K1RCT	Rob Cichon 25	KC1THU	Mike Zelladonis 25	NT1S	Tyler Schroder 24
K1SCI	Stuart Isaac 24	KC1TKH	Bill Hulbert 24	NZ1J	Dave Tipping 26
K1SMD	Silas Moeckel 24	KC1TKY	Bob Hourigan 25	UT3UY	Anatoly Kirilenko 24
K1STM	Anne West 24	KC1TKZ	Mark Bonitatebus 25	W1AJK	Andrew Kazimer 24
K1TDO	Todd Olsen 24	KC1TOV	David Tomlinson 25	W1BJG	Judy Wilkins 24
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver 30	KC1TPN	Rick Foster 24	W1BRY	Donald Chepurna 27
K1VDF	John Blevins 24	KC1TSG	Jim Drexler 24	W1DQ	John Elengo 24
K1WJL	Dave Swedock 24	KC1TSK	Richard Pagano 25	W1EDX	Paul Stasieluk 24
K4AVM	Andrew Olsson 25	KC1TSL	Charlie Vossbrinck 25	W1IKW	Iain K White 29
K5ATA	Steve Goodgame 24	KC1TSM	Ellen Cosgrove 24	W1LV	Steve Morley 24
K5CYN	Cyndi Goodgame 24	KC1TSN	Chuck Caron Jr. 26	W1NDT	Robert Lombardo 25
KA1BED	Bill Green 25	KC1TSP	Dale Fortin 24	W1PRK	James Procaccini 27
KA1JTG	James Hartzell Jr 24	KC1TST	Mike Boccuzzi 24	W1RCI	Ron Isaac Jr. 24
KA1YZC	Paul Patnoad 24	KC1TSW	Charles Caron III 24	W1RWW	Bob Woodtke Jr. 24
KB1APO	Jim Sintay 25	KC1TSX	Mike Barile 24	W1TK	Ron Wakefield 24
KB1EHE	Eric Knight 24	KC1TSY	Daniel Gessner 25	W1UFO	Mike Cei 24
KB1FEX	Ken Jalbert 24	KC1TSZ	Deb Caron 26	W1UKX	Greg Gherardi 24
KB1HAX	Bill Reyor III 26	KC1TTP	Jeff Lawrence 24	W1YSM	Ed Snyder 24
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews 24	KC1TWA	William Caron 24	W3APC	James Cook 24
KB1JL	Eric Olsson 24	KC1TYO	Ken Williams 24	WA1BAR	Michael Barr 24
KB1LWS	Jeanne Gherardi 24	KC1UJP	Jason Polaski 24	WA1CJA	Matt Mowerson 24
KB1MFU	John Ramadei 24	KC1UJT	Michael Carfi 24	WA1EXA	Mark Petrucci 24
KB1TBL	Dave Laliberte 24	KC2MLH	Adam Castracane 24	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin 24
KB1TGS	David Robinson 24	KC3UKG	Storm Murrell 24	WA1JKR	John Rogus 29
KB1TMC	Clare O'Lena 24	KD0BMW	Marty Crandall-Grela 24	WA1K	Jack Chapman 24
KB1TTV	Jonathan Martin 26	KE1AU	Bob Kaczor 26	WA1MAC	Paul Clark 24
KB1YFJ	Glenn Couture 24	KE1AV	Dave Sanford 25	WA1RAB	Bob Bartha 24
KC1BQP	Paul St.Amand 25	KJ7HXE	Chuck Chatfield 25	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich 24
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni 27	KK7NLS	John Condon Jr 24	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin L
KC1HFO	Johannis Stodis 25	KO1J	Randy Whitehouse 24	WA1WDN	Bob Marinoff 24
KC1HQX	Preston Byrne 24	KO4EEL	Tom Williams 24	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin 28
KC1IHK	Scott Mowerson 24	KR1U	Bob Eslinger 27	WB1DMK	William D'Agostino 25
KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson 24	KS1WK	Seth Kolasinski 24	WB1DQT	Bill Bacon 24
KC1KQH	John Kasinskas 24	KX1USA	Rob Messercola 24	WB1GFI	Stan Hiriak 24
KC1MJZ	Michael Berube 24	NOHIO	David Koerner 24	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur 24
KC1NQE	Shawn Warren 24	N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer 24	WB8IMY	Steve Ford 25
KC1NRD	John Lujick 25	N1API	Al Kaiser 27	WJ1B	Harold Kramer 25
KC1NUX	Steven Protz 24	N1BRI	Brian Beegan 25	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann 24
KC1OCF	Karl Polak 24	N1BRL	Bart Toftness 25	WX1W	Mary Duval 24
KC1OCS	Richard Dewick 25	N1FNE	Rod Lane 25		Spencer Rygiel Y
KC1OGL	Paul Randazzo 25	N1GNV	John Bartscherer 24		Lucas Molloy Y
KC1OWD	Kevin Van Keuron 24	N1GY	Geoff Haines 25		Mark Kirschner 24
KC1OYN	Rick Becker 24	N1IBE	Wade Martell 24		Michael Cossu 24
KC1OYR	Brent Moyer 24	N1JEO	Joel Curneal 24		John Bayusik 24
KC1PBQ	Randy Rivest 24	N1JMX	Jeff Martin 28		Bill Flower 24
KC1PEN	David Henry 24	N1JRC	John Collin Jr. 24		
KC1PXX	Dave Alfredson 24	N1LES	Joe Murray 24		
KC1PYT	Jeff Gazso 24	N1NGV	Kevin Gallagher 25		