Key Klix November 2026

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MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB & WALLINGFORD AMATEUR RADIO GROUP

MARC 2026 MISSION STATEMENT

To create an engaging space for members to explore the science and enjoyment of amateur radio, to support the community's emergency needs (Town OEM) and to provide hands on training for members and prospective radio amateurs.



KEYED IN TO NUTFEST! "Railroad" Bob, WB1GYZ, was all smiles at the 2026 Nutmeg Hamfest where he gave his popular CW demonstration. Our extended Nut-coverage starts on page 8.

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It's the Radio News That's Fun To Use!

YOUR 2026 OFFICERS

President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary	Station Manager
				
DAVE TIPPING	BILL HUGGINS	GEORGE BUCCI	JULES LORUSSO	ROB CICHON
NZ1J	NR1B	AC1SK	KC1STF	K1RCT



The President's Post

Equipment and Component Donations

by Dave Tipping, NZ1J

As was mentioned in the October Key Klix, MARC has received some very generous donations.

Steve, W1KF, is a retired Electrical Engineer who is moving out of state and was ready to do without the sophisticated electronic test equipment that he had accumulated. Steve had gotten a lot of years of use out of the equipment and was primarily interested in getting it into the hands of people who could make good use of it.

Steve, KC1SA, a long-time member of MARC, facilitated an arrangement that would allow MARC to do the legwork of matching up the equipment with hams who could make use of it. Though the equipment was all high-end, from manufacturers like Hewlett-Packard, Agilent, and Tektronix, Steve, W1KF, donated it with the only stipulation that MARC would make a best effort to find good homes for the equipment.

In addition, George, AC1SK, donated a function generator, a frequency counter, a power supply, and a huge amount of electronic components, that included project boxes, RS-232 cables, solder, voltage regulators, diodes, latching relays, silicone insulated wire, and capacitors. Over the past month, most of the test equipment has been spoken for, along with some of the components. We're still looking for a home for an HP 8903B Audio Analyzer, a Gigatronics 8541C Power Meter, a Symmetricom SyncServer S200 Time Server, lots of values of capacitors, and things like the Dow Key 56-220202 RF Relay, Mini Circuits ZAPD-21 UHF Power Splitter, Mini Circuits ZFL 2000 RF Amp, and the Lark Engineering 5C1270-23-5AA GHz Band Pass Filter.

Collectively, MARC owes a big "Thank You" to Steve, W1FK, Steve, KC1SA, and George, AC1SK. Several members now have some very nice test equipment and MARC has received some unexpected income through the sealed bid auction.

So far, the process has gone smoothly. About eighty percent of the equipment and about twenty percent of the components are now spoken for. Some of what's left operates above 500 MHz and some is pretty esoteric. It'll take a bit more effort to find people who can make use of those things.

As Thanksgiving approaches, these generous donations are certainly on the list of things we can be thankful for.

Dave NZ1J

Ho-Ho-Ho! Come to the...

MARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

***Saturday December 19, 2026* - 12:00 NOON**



This will be a potluck event, so please bring your favorite party dish or a $10 contribution to help cover costs. Due to room size limitations, each member may bring only one guest.

Please SIGN UP HERE by November 12:
https://tinyurl.com/MARC-XMAS-26

MARC VE Sessions

MARC holds a VE session on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM at the Office of Emergency Management, 143 Hope Hill Road in Wallingford.

License Exams are paperless and you will need a PIN from www.hamstudy.org/ prior to the exam date.

For more information, contact Jim N1ZN at N1ZN@arrl.net, or Bill, NR1B at zz717818@hotmail.com.

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Minutes of the October Business Meeting

by Jules LoRusso, KC1STF

Meriden Amateur Radio Club (MARC)
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2026
7:00 - 8:00 PM EDT via Zoom
Submitted by KC1STF, Julian LoRusso, MARC Secretary

Quorum: Our Secretary, Jules KC1STF, confirmed a quorum:
Membership from September 2026 Roster (G. Bucci provided): 191
Minimum required for Quorum: 19 members and at least 2 officers, one being the President or Vice President.

In attendance: 30 members were present at start of meeting, and of those members, there were 5 officers.

In Attendance:

Officers:

NZ1J	David Tipping (President)
K1RCT	Rob Cichon (Station Activities Manager)
NR1B	Bill Huggins (Vice President)
AC1SK	George Bucci (Treasurer)
KC1STF	Jules LoRusso (Secretary)

Members:

AB1DQ	James Surprenant	KC1TSM	Ellen Cosgrove	W1BRY	Don Chepurna
K1LHO	Mike Ash	KC1PEN	David Henry	A1ZVY	Jim Martin
KB1JL	Eric Olsen	KC1TSG	Jim Drexler	WB1GFI	Stan Hiriak
KC1VUS	Barry Cresman	KC1WFB	Lloyd Saberski	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur
KC1CAB	Frank DiTerlizzi	KE1AU	Bob Kaczor	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni	NA1L	Dale Wyland Clift		
KC1NHE	Reed Hansen	N1API	Al Kaiser		
KC1NS	Nancy Tipping	N1BRL	Bart Toftness		
KC1QWH	Steve Rygiel	N1LES	Joe Murray		
KC1OYN	Rick Becker	N1ZN	Jim Savage		

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Station Activities Report
5. Standing Committee Reports (Repeater Committee)

Old Business / New Business

6. Donated Equipment and Silent Auction Logistics
7. Planning for MARC Christmas Party
8. Nomination for Officers 2027 CY

Adjournment

Discussion/Meeting Results

1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. EDT by NZ1J, President Dave Tipping.

2) Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was delivered by KC1STF, Jules LoRusso.
   - September 2026 Business meeting minutes distributed by Dave Tipping NZ1J via email prior to the meeting were approved by membership.

- Two new members for October 2026 approved by membership (welcome Nancy and Barry to our club!!):
    - Nancy Tipping, KC1NS, Advanced, Northford, CT
    - Barry Cresman, KC1VUS, General, Wallingford CT
- No Correspondence for September 2026

3) Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was created by AC1SK, George Bucci (see report) and published in email by Dave Tipping prior to the meeting.
   - MOTION TO APPROVE the report was approved by membership.
   - Comments: The scholarship fund is down nearly 5% and the general fund is down nearly 2%, which George attributed to general market trends
   - Recent income includes dues from new members and renewals, as well as $80 in donations for "Lark at the MARC"

4) Station Manager's Report - The station manager's report was delivered by K1RCT Rob Cichon (see report) and published in email by Dave Tipping prior to the meeting. Some details that were discussed are below:
   - A dipole was successfully installed by John K1LYP
   - Windows 11 computers were installed at all HF stations, by Bill, NR1B and Winlink was enabled on the VHF station

5) Standing Committee Reports:
   - Repeater Committee Report - Presented by Joe Murray, N1LES
       - Per Joe N1LES, Repeater repair is tentatively scheduled for October 19th, 20th, or 21st, pending weather and climber availability
       - Hopefully repairs will be completed prior to winter.
   - Scholarship Committee Report - Jim Savage N1ZN
       - No report for October 2026

New Business/Old Business:

6) Donated Equipment and Silent Auction Logistics

   15 pieces of electronic equipment are being auctioned via sealed bid to MARC members, ending Friday, October 9, 2026 at 2:00 PM. All money received from the auction goes to the MARC general fund. Any items that receive no bids will be offered to hams who are not MARC members, in a separate auction, and possibly to university electrical engineering departments.

   Thank you Dave NZ1J, Steve, KC1SA, and Steve, W1KF for coordinating the donation from the retired EE, the pick-up of the equipment from his home, and offering the instrumentation to MARC members in the auction.

7) Planning for the 2026 MARC Christmas Party
   - Discussion was held on the format for the 2026 MARC Christmas Party.
   - Last year MARC sponsored two events, one luncheon at a local restaurant, and the other a party at the OEM.
   - A number of members contributed comments:
       - Jim NZ1N, fishing club charged $20/head for a catered food event
       - Bill NR1B did some research for us on a number of local caterers (Thanks Bill! Lots of good information was collected).
           - Prices for some good caterers ranged from $400 to $800 for 20 to 40 people, respectively.
       - Jules KC1STF suggested using both the garage and the main inside area of the OEM for more space.

- Decision was made to cater 1-2 items, via a small fee, similar to last year, and ask our club chefs bring in their favorite dish for pot luck. Here's the summary of the details voted on and approved by membership:
    - Christmas Party - Saturday, December 19th at 12:00 PM at the OEM
    - A combination of potluck and $10 fee, similar to last year
    - The club will contribute up to $200 used for 1-2 catered items, drinks, utensils.
    - Bill will create a Google Docs sign-up sheet to track attendance and potluck contributions before the November meeting.

8) Nomination for Officers 2027 CY

- Jim N1ZN, was selected as the chairman of election committee. Dale NA1L was selected by Jim as the assistant chairman. Jim's comments during the meeting:
    - Nominations must be held annually, per the MARC constitution
    - Election for 2027 will be held on the day of the November 2026 business meeting
    - Nominations for officers will occur in the October 2026 business meeting and continue through October.
    - Will be using election buddy, like last year
- 1st order of business was to review the current 2026 officers, and see if they want to run for the same office next year. Results below:
    - President, Dave NZ1J - Would you like to run for president? Dave's response, NO
    - Vice President, Bill NR1B - Would you like to run for vice president? Bill's response, YES, but will run for any office
    - Treasurer - George AC1SK, Would you like to run for treasurer? George's response, NO
    - Secretary - Jules KC1STF, Would you like to run for secretary? Jules's response, YES, will not be offended if someone else wants to run.
    - Station Manager - Rob K1RCT, Would you like to run for station manage? Rob's response, YES.
- 2nd order of business, nominations for Open Positions. Note, nominations are open until October 31 if not nominated today:
    - President
        - Mike K1LHO, Nominated Bill Huggins, NR1B - Bill's response, YES and willing
        - Rob K1RCT, Nominated Steve Rygiel, KC1QWH - Steve's response, YES
    - Vice President
        - Jim KC1TSG, Nominated Dave Tipping, NZ1J - Dave's response, YES Question: Steve Rygiel, is there anything in bylaws on running for more than one position. Answer per Dale NA1L, No.
    - Treasurer
        - Ted KC1DOY nominated Stan Hiriak, WB1GFI - Stan's response, NOKC1DOY nominated Stan Hiriak, WB1GFI - Stan's response, NO
        - Eric KB1JL nominated Rick Becker KC1OYN - Rick's response, NO
        - Bill NR1B nominated Nancy Tipping, KC1NS - Nancy's response, YES
- 3rd order of business, nominations for positions that already have an officer from 2026?
    - Secretary - Anyone else?
        - No
    - Station Activity Manager, anyone else?
        - Jimmy AB1DQ nominated Dave Tipping NZ1J - Dave's response, YES

- Grand summary of the 2027 candidates for officers for vote on November 12, 2026 are as follows:
  - President: Bill NR1B and Steve KC1QWH
  - Vice President: Dave NZ1J and Bill NR1B
  - Treasurer: Nancy KC1NS
  - Secretary: Jules KC1STF
  - Station Activities Manager: Rob K1RCT and Dave NZ1J
- Voting will occur via Election Buddy on November 12th from 12:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Membership voted that the actual vote counts will be revealed after the election.

9) Other Comments
- Also on ballot in November will be for the 2026 Ham of the Year and Elmer of the Year.
- For Ham of the Year, Dale NA1L recommended we all nominate Harold Kramer - WJ1B / SK as Ham of the Year
- For Elmer of the Year, Jim N1ZN requested comments for potential candidates
  Ted - trouble with two awards since there are so many club members who serve both roles
  - Lloyd KC1WFB - WB1GYZ - Bob Biancur
  - Ted KC1DOY - Dave NZ1J
  - Jules KC1STF - Jim N1ZN, always willing to help solve a problem
- Note: as a reminder, we do have the Kudos award system instituted in Key Klix which was very successful this year in recognizing many club members who would also qualify for these two awards.
- Jimmy, AB1DQ, asked if we should consider publishing a list of the runners-up for Ham & Elmer of the Year.
- Dave NZ1J, any other business prior to adjournment?
  - Bill, everyone who is running for office placed a short note for Key Klix
    - Per Jimmy, AB1DQ, will publish letters in Key Klix, do your own editing
- Stan, Reminder for Nutmeg Hamfest on Sunday
- Keep an eye out for Al, N1API, to help get things he needs into the building.

10) Adjournment
- Motion to adjourn meeting, passed, 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted
Jules LoRusso
KC1ST



Key Klix Kudos Korner

The **KEY KLIX KUDOS KORNER** is a great way to recognize a club peer member who has recently done something notable for the good of the hobby or had a personal achievement worth celebrating. Send your nominations to keyklix@w1nrg.com and be sure to include a brief sentence explaining why they are worthy of the award!





THE W1NRG NEWSLINE

"Providing Continuous Waves of Useful Club Information."

The 2026 Nutmeg Hamfest – A Big Success!

by Ellen Cosgrove, KC1TSM

The 2026 34th annual Nutmeg Hamfest was a big success, drawing close to 350 people from across the state for Connecticut's Annual State Amateur Radio Convention held at Maloney HS in Meriden. The weather cooperated which was a welcome change from last year's Nor'Easter.

Nutfest opened with **Dave Minster, NA2AA**, ARRL's CEO, delivering the inaugural memorial lecture honoring **John "Bee," N1GNV/SK**, Nutfest's founder. Dave spoke on the state of amateur radio and was followed by Connecticut Section Manager, **Douglas Sharafanowich, WA1SFH,** speaking on the state of the ARRL. The keynote and ARRL Forum were followed by several well attended didactic sessions on the science of amateur radio including POTA, Fox Hunting, WINLINK & VaraC, Mesh Networking, Satellites, and Scouting.

Commenting on the VarAC session, **Bill NR1B** shared. "The first half of the presentation was on Winlink architecture including making an actual peer-to-peer Vara FM winlink QSO. I created a simulated disaster incident using an ICS-213 FEMA form requesting assistance from an ICS commander by a fire captain and he subsequently received back a positive response from the ICS commander via another ICS-213 FEMA form.

"The remaining half of the presentation was using the Vara protocol from Winlink to run an actual VarAC QSO between two 2 meter FM stations. This demonstration showed how to use some of the many features of VarAC, including beaconing, broadcasting, v-mail and file transfers, setting up your station as a BBS, setting up your station as an email server, and using Ham play where games such as Connect 4 or tic-tac-toe can be played during VarAC QSOs."

Jim Savage, NZ1N, Bill Huggins, NR1B, and the MARC VE team Bart Toftness N1BRL, Al Kaiser N1API, Eric R Olsson KB1JL, and John Yusza K1LYP proctored the FCC license examination session, where half a dozen candidates sat for their first amateur radio operators received their FCC license.

A joint meeting of the Connecticut State ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) and CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams)including **Jeff N1AKN, Joe N1LES, Eric KB1JL, Bob KC1VRG, and John K1LYP** discussed ways first responders can help their communities in times of emergencies.

In addition, **Mike Berube, KC1MJZ** and **Reed Hansen, KC1NHE** offered free CHIRP programming for Baofeng handhelds. The Wallingford CERT Team led by **Shawn Warren, KC1NQE,** staffed a CERT information table, and once again, the resident club Morse Code Elmer, **Bob Biancor, WB1GYZ** demonstrated CW.

MARC members **David Henry, KC1PEN**, and **Dale Clift, NA1L**, presented on foxhunting. Their talk discussed subjects including how to get started as a fox and/or hunter on a budget, equipment, and techniques and tactics to use. In attendance were about a dozen fellow hams including a father and young son who were both recently licensed.

The equipment discussion and techniques were well received and a number of hams expressed interest in using what they learned to practice and grow their foxhunting skills, with a few even thinking about joining our Sunday MARC foxhunts.

Special thanks to MARC members who presented, staffed tables, and helped with set-up and logistics - especially those who helped with parking, signage, and the flea market and vendor set ups, all of which started at 530 am! MARC volunteers included, **Mike K1LHO, Dave KC1PEN, Mike KC1TSX, Marty N1KGP, Jim Savage N1ZN, Dale NA1L, David NA2AA, Conrad N2YCH, Bill NR1B, Douglas WA1SFH, Don W1BRY, Shawn Warren, and Ian W1IKW,** along with the staff of Maloney High School.

Special thanks to two MARC members who provided important assistance throughout the year: **Dale Clift, NA1L** who provided ongoing legal advice and **Kristin Olssen, KC1ISI** who developed our website and Nutfest's program and flyer.

As you know John "Bee" passed away shortly after last year's Nutfest so the remaining board members went to work immediately to ensure that Nutfest would continue to thrive. **Ed Snyder, W1YSM,** President of the Nutmeg Hamfest Alliance, oversaw all of the work of the past year with our other board members including Sergeant at Arms **John Yusza, K1LYP** who solicited vendors and coordinated parking and other on-site logistics, Vice President **Stan Hiriak, WB1GFI** who handled publicity and AV projectors and screens, and Treasurer **Rick Becker, KC1OYN** who managed all of our finances and emceed the event.

Thanks to the robust turnout and vendor table sales, Nutfest made a profit and we will once again make a donation to MARC's scholarship fund. In addition, Nutfest will make a donation to support the important work of our local CERT done under the direction of **Lenny Guercia KC1WEX**, Wallingford EMD.

We will soon begin planning for Nutfest 2027. If you are interested in helping or have suggestions for programming, please contact us at nutmeghamfest@gmail.com or Ed W1YSM at w1ysm@arrl.net

Ed W1YSM expressed his gratitude to everyone who participated this year, and reminded us, "This event really does take a village - our thanks to all!"

See our expansive NutFest 2026 photo gallery starting below on page 12.

MARC members support JOTA for local Scouts

By David Henry, KC1PEN



On October 17th **David, KC1PEN**, and **Kevin, KC1OWD**, hosted Scouts at the Bent of the River Audubon Society facility.

Scouts were able to get on the air with an expansive station (2 HF trans-ceivers, multiple DMR HTs, and dual band HTs. Scouts were also able to participate in live and beacon foxhunts and some even finished their radio merit badges.

Scouts talked with scouts and scouters from the US, UK, Europe, South America and even Asia!



2026 Fall Tech License Class Reaches the Halfway Point

by Jimmy Surprenant, AB1DQ

The fall Technician License Review class, which started on September 22, is at the midpoint and our students are doing great with their studies. We have eight students in the class, and **Michael Cossu, KD1AGV**, has set the record for the fastest WARG Tech Class student to pass the exam, having taken and passing Element 2 on October 12 - WTG Mike!

My favorite session of our syllabus was on October 20, during our fifth meeting, when our students set the textbook aside for a week to build a very simple AM broadcast band transmitter kit, giving them hands-on experience with components, reading a schematic, assembling a circuit, and 'learning by doing' about oscillation, modulation, and harmonics.

Whoa! You're probably thinking, 'That's more than they need to know to pass the Tech!'

Yeah, you're right.

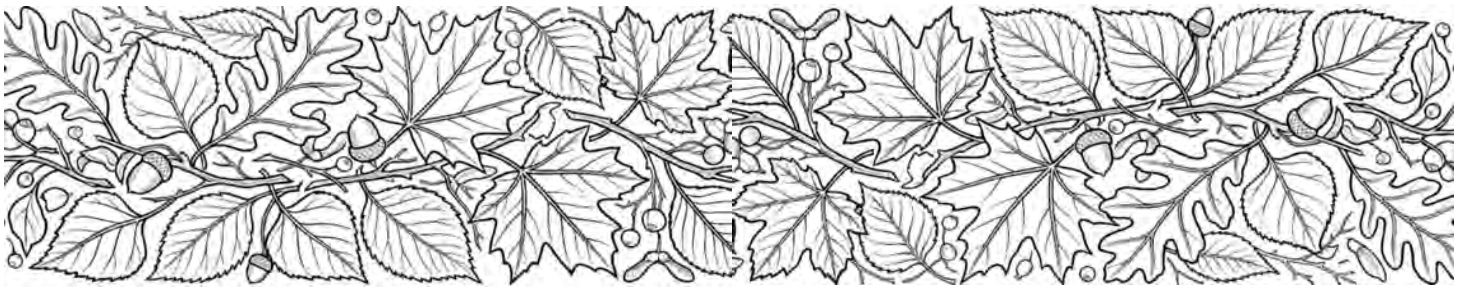
But what sets our class apart from other classes that focus on plowing through and memorizing the question pool answers is that we try to give students a chance to enjoy "doing" radio. As you're surely aware, the club's leadership over the past 2 years has been wholly focused on making MARC an active club that 'does more radio.' Stop by the OEM any Saturday or attend a club POTA activation if you don't know what that means. Starting with the ubiquitous schematic of the crystal oscillator-based modulator, found all over the interwebs, I kitted the simple project for easy assembly on a solderless prototype breadboard.

With the expert, in-depth aid of **Dave, NZ1J**, who provided deep dives into theory and demonstrated the effect of 'lengthening the antenna' by adding a coil on the signal quality and range, we hope the students gained a little 'something extra' to make them more knowledgeable and encourage them to become more active radio hobbyists.

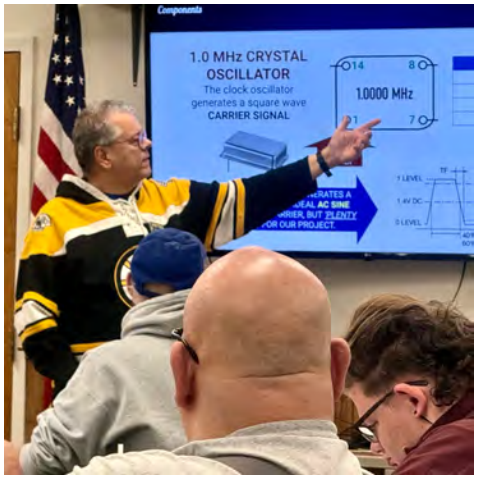
Our students went 8 for 8 with the project, with everyone's kit successfully transmitting the rousing strains of Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries" from a portable CD player clearly to be heard at 1.0 MHz on a pair of AM radio receivers across the room.

My thanks to all members who have volunteered to help teach this fall, and especially to Dave, not only for what he added to the project last night, but for his previous lead-in session on components and RF circuits. Thanks too to John, K1LYP, who has been on hand most weeks also to assist.

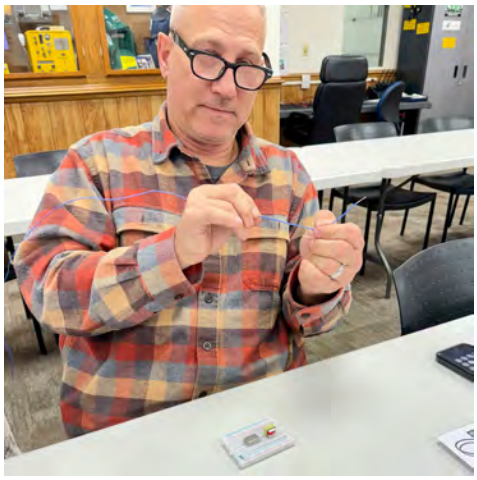
Want to help or see what we are doing? Stop by the OEM on a Tuesday night at 6:30 or drop me a line at james@ab1dq.com to volunteer - we can never have enough Elmers on hand - it's the ham radio way!!!



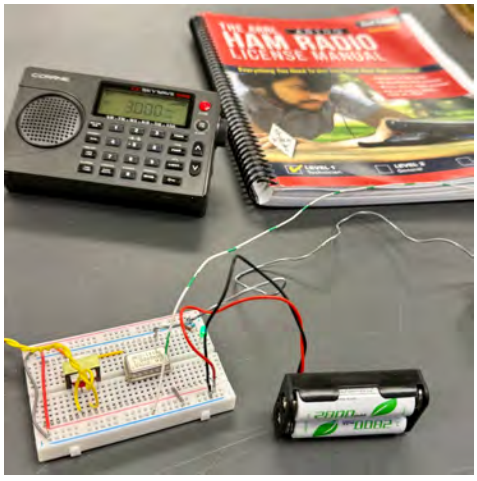
Technician Class Kit Build









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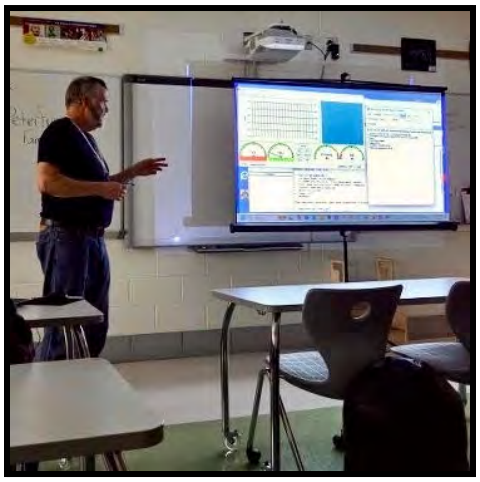
Nutmeg 2026 Gallery

Photos by AB1DQ, KC1DOY,N1API, N1KGP, NR1B, WA1K, & WB8IMY















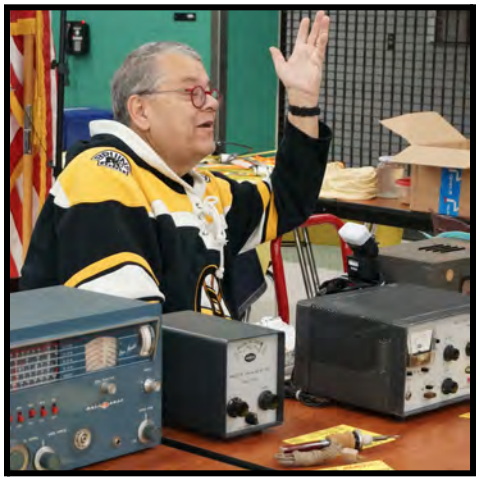


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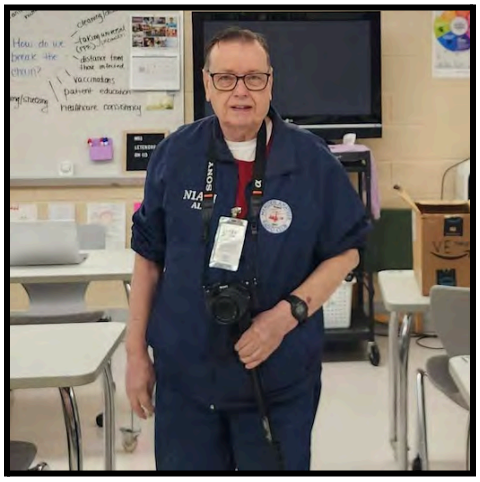
















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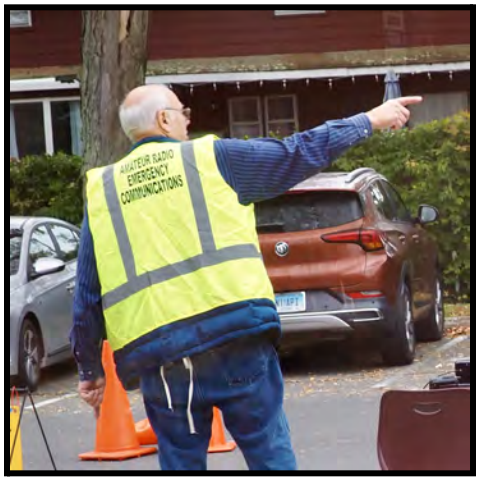










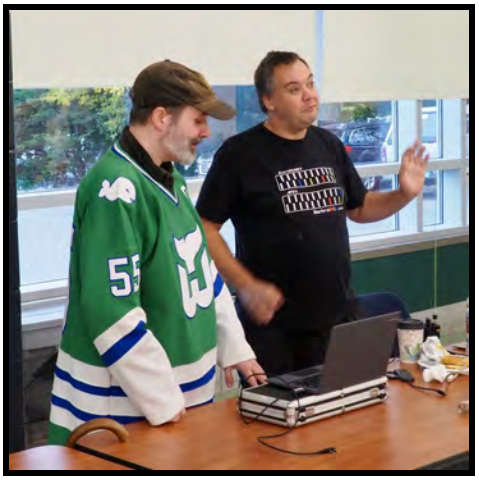




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2027 MARC Election Special

★★★★ Election Rules & Guidelines ★★★★

MARC's nomination period closed on October 31. The final list of candidates is as follows:

President:	Vice President:	Treasurer:
William Huggins NR1B	David Tipping NZ1J	Nancy Tipping KC1NS
Stephen Rygiel KC1QWH	Steve Rygiel KC1QWH	

Secretary:	Station Activities Manager:
Jullian LoRusso KC1STF	Robin Cichon K1RCT
	David Tipping NZ1J

In addition to voting for officers, club members will also have an opportunity to cast a vote for MARC's Ham of the Year (recognizing outstanding service to MARC and the amateur service at large in the most idealistic sense) and the Adolph Goodsell (W1ICQ) Elmer of the Year (honoring the mentor of new and not so new operators to enjoy amateur radio to its fullest).

CAMPAIGNING
Candidate Statements are printed in the November KeyKlix (see following section).

If candidates wish to campaign on social media, they can use MARC's social media channels. Please note: the Amateur Radio Code emphasizes the importance of consideration, encouragement, and kindness as we engage in the hobby. At MARC, we endeavor to foster a welcoming and respectful environment for all members. Accordingly, we want to ensure that candidate statements in KeyKlix and on social media focus on what candidates bring to the position (focusing on their own skills and accomplishments) as well as their plans for the club in the upcoming year. Disparaging other candidates is not in keeping with the goals of our hobby or our club. Any concerns about disparaging posts can be directed to the Election Committee and, if found to violate campaign procedures, the Election Committee will work with club leadership to remove those statements as soon as practicable.

VOTING PROCESS
Election Day is November 12, 2026.

All members in good standing as of the October 2026 meeting are eligible to vote.

MARC will once again use the Election Buddy Software Program to tally the votes for the officers and awards.

Election Buddy will automatically send a ballot to MARC members in good standing on election day beginning at 12:00 am. Voting will end at 6pm (ET) on November 12.

If a member does not receive a ballot by 9am (ET) on November 13th, the member should contact the Election Committee by email. If an issue cannot be resolved by Election Buddy's tech support, the Election Committee can manually add a member's votes (after confirming that the member has not voted). All votes are anonymous but voting participation is tracked to ensure a fair election.

RESULTS
The Election Committee will announce the results of the election in at the November 12th meeting.

In addition, MARC's President will announce the Ham of the Year and Elmer of the Year at the November 12th meeting. Those announcements will also be posted on MARC's social media and in December's KeyKlix.

Members of this year's Election Committee (James Savage N1ZN (chair) and Dale Clift NA1L) are here to assist you with questions. We can be reached at W1NRGelection@gmail.com.

Candidate Statements

★★★★ Bill Huggins, NR1B ★★★★

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT



Hello fellow MARC members,

I'm Bill Huggins, NR1B, and I would like to thank you for nominating me for MARC president for 2027.

I have been licensed since High School in 1969. That is when I joined Navy MARS as N0TNU. This allowed me to pass traffic, outside of U.S. ham bands, from our troops during the Vietnam war to their loved ones stateside. Additionally, as I was interacting with navy radio operators aboard ship, I realized I better have all the latest sports scores so they could share them with their shipmates. I continued to provide this service through my senior year, 1973, by which time I had made Extra-class, earned DXCC and WAS and was comfortable making DX cw qsos at 35 wpm. I served as vice-president of the Shoreline Amateur Radio Club, W1BCG, during this period, organizing field days and pot-luck suppers, teaching classes on cw and radio theory, building an HW-101 xcvr as a club project, and helped setting up our clubs first 2m repeater. These experiences showed me how invaluable our hobby truly was, and I still feel that way today.

After graduating from UConn with a B.S. in Finance and Industrial Engineering, I spent the next 20 years as Operations Manager at Contel IPC and then as Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Manager at Honeywell. I managed large departments, with large budgets, tasked with getting the results on tight timelines. I developed the organizational, communication and motivational skills that continue to serve me well in all my endeavors.

Approaching the new millenium I transitioned into IT. First becoming a CNE (Certified Novell Engineer) and then an MSCE (Microsoft Certified Engineer) and I joined Aetna as a Senior Network Engineer. Working in a very large data center, I was responsible for designing new network systems, customized for job specific applications. As Aetna would hire new engineers, they were often assigned to me as apprentices. I got real satisfaction in working with them and enjoyed seeing them learn and progress. I retired from Aetna after completing my 20 years, and am now self-employed as an IT consultant.

I joined MARC 5 years ago. Since then I have enjoyed sharing this wonderful hobby with each and everyone of you. The fact that the club is now into so many different facets of ham radio is fantastic. Here's some of what I have been doing lately:

POTA: With cycle 25 still near its peak I have been hitting the parks year round, very often with many fellow club members, where we're making qsos with hundreds of hunters and p2ps. I have had the opportunity to work with many who are new to POTA, and have helped them configure their POTA stations, showed them how to log, spot, and operate a pileup. I have taken some new to cw to make their first cw qsos on POTA. Many techs have gotten on HF for the first time with me making 10m DX qsos. After experiencing DXing they all go for their General. My best day this year involved activating 15 different parks in one day, resulting in my earning the POTAs' Cheetah award.

Field Day: This year the decision was made to add field operations to our field day. I I believe field day should be done in a field. After walking the hill top on the field adjacent to the oem it became the obvious choice. The field is owned by the town and leased to a private contractor and after discussing what we wanted to do with both of them their legal reps said ok provided we provide insurance policies protecting them from liability. I obtained these along with permission for vehicle access and was even able to get them to offer to mow the field before our event. I configured two stations with antennas mostly using my own gear and configured a pair of laptops to provide N1MM logging and FT8 operation. My picture shows success establishing wifi on the hilltop. Many members joined in bringing a variety of canopies, tables, chairs, tarps and a water cooler making it a truly excellent base of operations. Everyone helped out with setup, operating and logging, and final breakdown of the area at events end. We had great camaraderie working field day outdoors, during rain and sunshine, and since we operated completely on battery we were able to significantly enhance our final score. A visit by the towns mayor, Vincent Cervoni, to the hilltop, allowed us the opportunity to explain how this field day provided us a way to train to be prepared for an emergency communications deployment. He expressed how impressed he was with our club's efforts. Many members are excited about us doing this again next year, expanding on what we did this year.

VE: Our now 9 member VE team continues to run an exam session on the second Saturday of each month, using full digital implementation with exams administered on tablets and monitored on laptops. We used these tablets most recently at the Nutmeg Hamfest. Whenever someone passes an exam, I send them a congratulatory email. If they are not already a member I also invite them to view our website and consider filling out our online membership application. The VE program is a terrific way to expand our club membership.

Winlink - ARES: I continue to operate and serve as sysop for two Winlink RMS gateways. The first one, NR1B-10 runs at my qth and now has about 40 ops that regularly use it in the “greater Wallingford area”. The second gateway, NR1B-11, resides at the WHVA for club KW1VA on the shoreline. It has become well known not only by all the shoreline CT clubs but by many clubs on Long Island as well. Each month it records several hundreds of connections, that’s more than most 2 meter repeaters do!

Recently I have been adding Winlink to the clubs computers to increase our coverage capabilities. Consider joining ARES its an important role for hams to provide to their communities.

VarAC: I recently presented Winlink VarAC at the Nutmeg Hamfest. This is a great text chat mode for both HF and VHF. We had fun running a live Vchat qso during the talk. I fully support our clubs participation in the Nutmeg Hamfest as I know many of you do as well. The hamfest, along with field day, are key events for our club to gain vital outside exposure.

SKCC: The big annual event for the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) is Straight Key Month every January featuring the special-event K3Y on-air celebration. I joined SKCC this past January in time to work all the callsign area K3Y stations. Other members joined and participated in K3Y as well. In February during SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES) I ultimately wound up making over 150 skcc qsos and was awarded their Tribune rank. Competing in contests is something we, as a club, are continuing to do more of.

PCs: Finding our stations pcs so outdated they wouldn’t allow the latest SKCC logger software to be installed on them and seeing what a security risk they were, prompted me to retire them and configure some Dell Optiplex minis as their replacements. Now running Windows 11 with up-to-date anti-virus software means they are secure on the internet and are now loaded with all of the latest versions of ham software. I added Dell's recommended backup software so that if any mishap were to occur we can now rapidly restore them.

You all know me. I have had the pleasure of talking with everyone of you. I want to hear your thoughts. And if you want an opinion you know Ill give you one. Chat with me on any Saturday at the oem. Email me if you have any questions or comments at anytime. Many of you who don't want to wait simply call or text me. Im at every business meeting willing to discuss our current issues.

This club is in great shape. I know because I see how many other ham clubs are doing and many, to be true not all, are struggling, some have even entirely ceased operation. We have a very active base of members, are financially secure, and are involved is so many different aspects of this wonderful hobby of ours that we"ll never run out of things to get into.

I know this is a good club. That's because it has a lot of good folks that make it happen.

I'm looking forward to 2027, our 80th year.
Bill - NR1B

★★★★ Stephen Rygiel, KC1QWH ★★★★

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT



I'm honored to have been nominated for both President and Vice President of MARC, I welcome the opportunity to serve the club in either capacity, and I appreciate your support. I look forward to bringing some new ideas and would love your input as well: Which activities matter most to you? What would encourage greater participation? And how can we help members reconnect?

As my boys are getting older, and approaching the new freedom of driving, I also have the opportunity to recommit to Saturday open houses, and strengthen member involvement through club activities and community outreach. I've called Wallingford home for over 30 years, served as a volunteer firefighter for 11 years, and currently serve on the town's CERT.

In my time with the club, I have had the pleasure of founding the Just Push the Button Net, which helps operators build confidence, develop their radio skills, and practice net control; coordinating MARC's participation in Masonic Lodges on the Air with Wallingford's Masonic lodge; and teaching Technician license classes since 2024, including hands-on, on-air net check-ins. I was also featured in ARRL's On the Air magazine last year.

One especially meaningful experience was building a 10-meter antenna with my son, Spencer. It was a great reminder of the value of hands-on learning and the opportunity amateur radio provides to connect generations through a shared interest.

Watch the video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ks1oEelo5g

I believe MARC has great potential to grow by creating new opportunities for beginning and experienced operators to get involved, learn from one another, and reconnect through shared interests. I'm excited about what we can accomplish together and the opportunity to help make MARC an even more active, connected, and welcoming club. I would appreciate your support.

73,
de KC1QWH
Stephen Rygiel

★★★★ Dave Tipping, NZ1J ★★★★

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT & STATION ACTIVITIES MANAGER



I've been a member of MARC for almost ten years. In that time, I've served as club Secretary, Vice President, and President. In this election cycle, I'm running for both Vice President and Station Activity Manager. I feel that by filling both of those roles, I'll be in the best position to serve the club.

Though retired now, my career was always focused on electronics. And, my hobbies were primarily technical in nature. As a hobbyist, I've built transmitters, receivers, antenna tuners, antennas, electronic keyers, and code practice oscillators. I've got a reputation for making things work and keeping things working. The three automated transmitters that I designed and built for the club's weekly Fox Hunts have been put to use hundreds of times. The portable satellite station that I built has helped about a dozen club members make satellite QSOs. I've deployed my portable HF station in a park 800 times and used it to make 31,000 QSOs.

I've been licensed since 1987 and I earned Amateur Extra when there was still a 20 word per minute Morse Code requirement. I also hold a General Radiotelephone Operator License. I have a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering and I've taken graduate level courses in computer Science.

I've been a consistent proponent of helping club members get more involved in the hobby. This year, I was at the OEM for nine sessions of the Technician classes. I presented many of our monthly Activity Meetings. I organized the five evening POTA events we had last summer. I'm always ready to meet in a park or at the OEM to operate radio or talk about radio. On Field Day, I was at the OEM for 30 hours, allowing us to operate into the night.

I hope to earn your vote for both Vice President and Station Activity Manager. And, I'd like to endorse Bill, NR1B, Jules, KC1STF, and Nancy, KC1NS, for positions as club officers. I believe that the four of us have the knowledge, experience, time, and ambition to help the club do even more in 2027 than we accomplished this year.

Dave Tipping, NZ1J

★★★★ Rob Cichon, K1RCT ★★★★

CANDIDATE FOR STATION ACTIVITIES MANAGER



Fellow MARC Members,

I am asking for your vote to continue serving as your Station Activities Manager.
The club station is more than a collection of radios and equipment. It is a resource for our members to develop their skills, explore new operating modes, participate in club activities, and maintain our ability to support emergency and public-service communications when called-upon by The Town of Wallingford OEM, ARES & CERT.

I discovered & chose electronics as a hobby early on in life. I learned about radio in my grandfather's home, watching grandpa talk to his friends via tube style ham radio. I had to know more.

As an electronics technician with hands-on experience in radio systems, station

operations, and communications logistics, I understand that maintaining a capable station requires ongoing attention to equipment readiness, reliable operation, maintenance, and member access. These responsibilities are not just administrative duties; they are essential to the club's mission. I have always had the goal of offering club members access to a station they may not have at home.

As your incumbent S.A.M., I believe continuity matters. Familiarity with our equipment, facilities, operational requirements, and emergency communications responsibilities provides a practical foundation for moving forward without losing momentum. Currently we enjoy a healthy, amicable relationship with the Town of Wallingford OEM.

My priorities are straightforward:

- **Station readiness:** Maintain reliable equipment, address deficiencies, and pursue practical upgrades.
- **Member participation:** Keep the station accessible and encourage members of all experience levels to get on the air and develop their operating skills.
- **Technical development:** Support hands-on learning, experimentation, and activities that make amateur radio rewarding.
- **Emergency communications:** Maintain operational readiness and coordination in support of the club's responsibilities to the community.
- **Responsible stewardship:** Treat club equipment and resources as assets entrusted to us by the membership.

I believe the S.A.M. position requires consistent attention, practical technical knowledge, and a willingness to do the work that keeps our station and activities functioning effectively. Designing, installing & maintaining the station at the OEM has been a fun and fulfilling project. I could not have done that without club member support! It truly does take a community.

I am committed to continuing that work, supporting our members, and strengthening the capabilities of the W1NRG Station & Repeater.

I respectfully ask for your vote for **Station Activities Manager**. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the club and would welcome the opportunity to continue doing so.

Thank you for your confidence and support.
73, Rob Cichon — K1RCT
Wallingford OEM/CERT Radio Station Manager
Station Activities Manager, Meriden ARC.
Meriden Amateur Radio Club Station callsign Trustee - W1NRG
Candidate for Station Activities Manager, 2027

★★★★ Nancy Tipping, KC1NS ★★★★

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER



Hi Everyone,

I am happy to run for the office of Treasurer of MARC. I am a returning member to MARC. I was active in the club about 10 years ago.

Licenses
I got my first license in 1987 and Bill, W1KKF was one of my first contacts. Back then there were 5 license classes and to become a Novice, you had to copy CW at 5 words per minute, as well as take a written test. My first contacts were on CW on an old Hallicrafter radio using a long wire antenna that I had to attach to a tree in the back yard every time I wanted to use the radio, then take it down when I was done (we lived in a condo).

My first contest was the 1988 Novice Roundup and is documented in QST. After that, I became a Technician, a General and finally an Advanced class ham in short order. At that time, a 2x2 call identified you as Advanced.

Clubs and Affiliations
I joined the Wallingford Repeater Association early on, and over the years I have belonged to SARC (Shoreline Amateur Radio Club), and MARC as well as YLRL (Young Ladies Radio League).

Since I've always enjoyed CW, I also joined SKCC (Straight Key Century Club), my number is 18600C. One year I operated as SKCC's K3Y, special event station.

My Ham Radio Journey
I took a long break from ham radio due to work and family obligations, and came back to it about 10 years ago. I was very surprised and happy to find that there were now improvements such as spot pages for things like POTA, and waterfalls on the new radios to help you make contacts. In my opinion, these two things really improved the hobby.
I immediately took to FT8 and have made many contacts on that mode. I haven't really focused on numbers, but I did manage to get WAS on FT8 and 40 meters.

During the pandemic, at the beginning of MARC's Foxhunts, I was one of the original hunters. You can see an earlier bio of me in the November, 2018 issue of Key Klix.

Personal Bio
I have a BS in Nursing and Master's Degree in Nursing. I am a retired Registered Nurse and high school teacher. The last 20 years of my career I taught a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) course and Medical Careers courses at East Haven High School. For 9 years of that time, I was Treasurer of a statewide student organization called CT HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) with an annual budget of about $25,000.

Since retirement, I have pursued another passion of mine, concern for the environment. I have been an Ambassador for the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation for the past 3 years and have given many presentations about native plants, bees, fireflies, butterflies, etc. at local libraries.
I enjoy crocheting, gardening, and am involved with many activities at my church.

★★★★ Jules LoRusso, KC1STF ★★★★

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY



Greetings everyone! My name is Julian (Jules) LoRusso. I 1st became licensed as an amateur radio operator in 2013 shortly after being introduced to the hobby by a close friend I met while deployed by FEMA in Florida the winter of 2023 as a Hazard Mitigation Reservist. Becoming a licensed operator was something I've been interested in pursuing for years, starting when I was about 12 years old building my 1st HealthKit shortwave radio. In high school, we were fortunate to have a retired power systems electrical engineer teaching us EE classes. We were the gang of 5, and I was the only one who defected and became a mechanical engineer. During my 30-year tenure at Ford Motor Company, we were short on help with the bombardment of electronics in automotive vehicles, and Ford sponsored my 2nd MS degree in electronics and computer control systems engineering. I worked on many IC engine and vehicle control systems projects including cylinder deactivation and electro-hydraulic variable valve timing systems which are in automotive vehicles today. I left Ford in 2007 and became an employee of Roush for 12 years. When I retired from full time work in 2019, I went back to graduate school to obtain an MS degree in emergency management.

That's how I ended up at FEMA for 4 years as a reservist and became the foundation for my interest in emergency communications. My wife Pat and I moved to CT in 2015 after she received a position at Yale University as a cancer researcher. Pat and I have been married for 48 years, and we met on my 1st day at Ford in July of 1976.

Since becoming a member of our club, I have enjoyed immensely the talent we have in our club and all that can be learned. You never know what you're going to learn next when you walk in the door on Saturday mornings at the OEM. I particularly enjoy our Parks on the Air (POTA) outings. Not only did POTA help demonstrate readiness for my amateur radio equipment in the event of an emergency, but POTA activations have introduced me to many beautiful state parks in CT in areas I would never have driven on my own if we were not on a POTA 5-park rove, or an activation at a special park of historical significance like the Washington-Rochambeau trail in Southington. This summer I brought my radio equipment on a trip to Vail Colorado and activated POTA at 5 state parks, and one national park, with some of the most beautiful scenery on earth.

Now that you know how I became an amateur radio operator and ended up on CT, below is my campaign pitch for Secretary of the Meriden Amateur Radio club, essentially the same as I presented last year with a couple updates. First, I plan to do my best to execute the position described in our by-laws:

> *"**Section 6c** The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, present applications for membership approval, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and notify membership by reasonable communication means of every special meeting of the organization, except when excused by action under the By-Laws. He or she shall, at the expiration of his/her term, turn over everything in his possession belonging to the organization to his/her successor.*



Second, what kind of secretary will I be if elected to this position and contribute as a member of our club's leadership? To help answer that question, I provided my QSO card which I send out occasionally to favorite contacts. On the upper left of the card, from my picture, I hope you will welcome me as an officer of our club, with a smile to greet you as a member of many years, or a smile and warm welcome to new members trying to meet new friends and become a part of our club in a way that fits into your interests. Our club logo on the lower left of the card should be a symbol of the excellence we pursue at MARC in executing the various facets of Amateur Radio with many opportunities for new friendships and new learning experiences. The logo on the upper right is the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) logo, a passion I have with amateur radio to support the building of emergency communications capabilities for our communities in the event normal communication channels become destroyed. During Hurricane Helene, amateur radio operators played a key role in reaching residents in need in remote areas where 911 services were compromised due to the extent of the hurricane in a region new to hurricane storms. In CT, I realize we are not Florida with frequent hurricanes. What could occur is a major power outage caused by a terrorist attack or a geomagnetic storm which I think we should take seriously; hence, my interest in emergency communications support. I am an active member of ARES, the associate emergency coordinator for Hamden CT, and an active member with two other EMCOMM support groups. I've also recently joined AFMARS, the US Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System, and in their 6-month training program. The lower right logo we've all seen before "when all else fails, amateur radio" consistent with our MARC charter, and the ARES and AFMARS missions with emergency communications we may be called upon someday to support.

I hope this note helped you all to get to know me better, and if elected, I do plan to do my best to be your new 2026-2027 secretary. Finally, let us all work together to make our club a fun place to be, with many opportunities to learn more about amateur radio and build new friendships.

Respectfully submitted,
Jules LoRusso KC1STF

MARC Hams & Elmers of the Year

As MARC gets ready to vote for the 2026 Ham of the Year and Elmer of the Year next Thursday, here's a look back at the members who were bestowed these high honors in recent years.

YEAR	JOHN "BEE" BARTSCHERER N1GNV HAM OF THE YEAR	ALFRED GOODSELL W1ICQ ELMER OF THE YEAR
2025	John Bartscherer, N1GNV/SK	Dave Tipping, NZ1J
2024	Shawn Warren, KC1NQE	Dave Tipping, NZ1J
2023	Ray Cirmo, KC1QLS	James Surprenant, AB1DQ
2022	Brian Beegan, N1BRI	Bob Biancur, WB1GYZ
2021	Shawn Warren, KC1NQE	Dave Tipping, NZ1J
2020	Dave Tipping, NZ1J	Jeff Dwyer, N1AKN
2019	Ed Snyder, W1HSM	Don Mitchell, KE1AY/SK
2018	Chris Sievert, WA1VHX/SK	Jeff Dwyer, N1AKN
2017	John Yusza, K1LYP	Steve Allen, KC1SA
2016	Rob Cichon, K1RCT	James Surprenant, AB1DQ
2015	Haggie Winslow, KB1HCC/SK	Bob Carruthers, KB1FYL/SK
2014	Joe Ham, KCBAQ	Bill Wawzeniak, W1KKF/SK
2013	Bob Carruthers, KB1FYL/SK	Paul Ciezniak, K1SEZ
2012	Haggie Winslow, KB1HCC/SK	Bob Carruthers, KB1FYL/SK
2011	Todd Olsen, K1TDO	John Bartscherer, N1GNV/SK
2010	Rich Aubin, WA1TRY	Don Mitchell, KE1AY/SK
2009	John Bartscherer, N1GNV/SK	Rich Aubin, WA1TRY
2008	Bill Wawzeniak, W1KKF/SK	Frank Darmofalski, W1FD/SK
2007	Skip Paquette, W1SKP/SK	Skip Paquette, W1SKP/SK
2006	Jim Savage, N1ZN	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
2005	Chris Sievert, WA1VHX/SK	Bob Carruthers, KB1FYL/SK
2004	Chris Sievert, WA1VHX/SK	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
2003	Joel Curneal, N1JEO	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
2002	Tim Mik, WW1U	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
2001	Dan Murphy, W1DMM/SK	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
2000	Al Kaiser, N1API	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
1999	Bob Stephens, KB1CIW	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
1998	Bill Wawzeniak, W1KKF/SK	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
1997	Joyce Wruck, N1RMA	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
1996	Rich Aubin, WA1TRY	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
1995	Dave Samford, KE1AV	Walter Uhle, KA1SYO
1994	John Bartscherer, N1GNV/SK	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
1993	John Blevins, K1VDF	Joel Curneal, N1JEO
1992	Dan Murphy, KA1SZP, SK	Dan Biernacki, WX1D/SK
1991	Rich Aubin, WA1TRY	Al Alvartorres, WA1NPX/SK
1990	Frank Darmofalski, W1FD/SK	John Daddario, WA1L
1989	Rich Aubin, WA1TRY	Bill Warzeniak, W1KKF/SK
1988	Bill Warzeniak, W1KKF/SK	Al Alvartorres, WA1NPK/SK



In the Field & at the OEM with Ted, KC1DOY

A KeyKlix Monthly Feature

Sunday 4 October 2026 was a beautiful day to be outdoors, so naturally we all went out on a foxhunt. Dave NZ1J was the fox, and he managed to find a spot we hadn't been to before. At 09:25 Dave activated the transmitter for a brief test ping and then at 09:30 started the hunt as usual.

He seemed genuinely surprised when I drove up to him at 09:33. The other hunters arrived with David KC1PEN coming in at 09:38. Some time after that we were joined by Don W1BRY, Dale NA1L and Lloyd KC1WFB.

Lloyd asked me how I got there so fast and wondered if I had put a tracker on Dave's car. No, nothing like that at all. That wouldn't be sporting. I leave such despicable practices to evil cabals (such as agencies of "the gub-ment") and their ilk.

I merely managed to grab a quick, albeit rough, bearing from Dave's test ping at 09:25 and started out then. A few minutes later, with my fox antenna switched on and an HT set to the intermediate frequency, I took my second bearing. Both receivers were pinging so I knew I was close. Heading out on the second bearing, I saw Dave's probable location and found him behind a large office complex.

So you see, there was no need for trackers or any radio trick gear at all. Certainly not. Nope. And I see no reason at all to question the very large ball of twine in the back of my car. See you at the next foxhunt!

Ted KC1DOY

You can fool all of the people some of the time;
you can fool some of the people all of the time:
and that should be sufficient for most purposes.
~ Source: MINIMS by Tom Weller







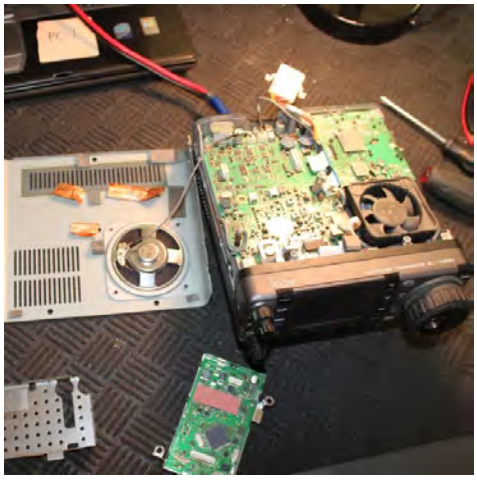
Saturday 17 October 2026 was another day for radio discussion and repair at MARC. **Bob WB1GYZ** brought in a modified off-center fed dipole (OCFD) to show to the guys. **Bill NR1B** and **Bart N1BRL**, in answer to Bob's question, said that he could replace the coax feedline with ladder line by removing the coil from the center connector and attaching the ladder line directly to the antenna elements at that point. That should give Bob a low-loss feedline for his dipole. With that and an antenna tuner, he should have no trouble working multiple bands.

Over at the repair bench, **Jeff N1AKN** took a look at the ICOM IC7000 that Marty N1KGP brought in. The display had developed a fault, and the image was only some lines across the screen. Jeff opened the radio and, after a bit of inspection and probing, discovered the source of the problem. After accessing a shielded component, he managed to set things right and returned the display to full functionality. Marty should get a few more years of use from a really nice radio.

The rest of the crew kept busy operating from the radio room, discussing computer issues and having the usual Saturday morning chat sessions. No one ever finds Saturdays boring around here!

Ted KC1DOY







Also on the 17th, **Joe Szczech, K1IKE,** MARC member from the 1970s, visited the OEM; it was great to see him again. Joe now lives in East Haddam, and he and Dave go back to time spent at the Shoreline Amateur Radio Club in the 90s. Joe is widely regarded as Connecticut's number one repeater expert. **Steve, KC1SA**, enlisted Joe to assist when we decided to switch on the PL on our repeater.

Dave saw Joe at the Nut-Fest and made a point to speak to him about the Agilent E5071B 4 Port Network Analyzer that was included in the lab equipment recently donated to MARC by W1KF, but received no bids during the recent auction. Joe purchased it from MARC creating a win-win-win. Joe has a great piece of equipment, MARC got a $60 donation, and the network analyzer ended up in the hands of someone who will make the most of it.

K1IKE is Joe's original callsign. That places him ahead of **K1LHO, K1LYP**, and **K1VDF**. Joe lived in Meriden in the mid 1970's and was a member of MARC at that time. He also worked with **John, K1VDF**, at SNET.



TOP: (L) Joe Szczech, K1IKE, MARC member in the 1970s visits (C) K1IKE w. Dave, NZ1J examining the network analyzer Joe purchased from the recently donated lab equipment. (R) Ted, KC1DOY watches Reed, KC1NHE enjoy a donut. CENTER: (L) Two Bobs, KE1AU & WB1GYZ, and one Bart, N1BRL. (C) Ted sez, "No photos, please." (R) Andy AC1TY & Bill NR1B. BOTTOM: (L) One Bob and one Bart. (C) KC1NHE and Mike KC1TSX. (R) George, AC1SK, Jeff, N1AKN, and Martin, N1KGP.

On **Saturday 24 October 2026** **Jim N1ZN** gave a presentation to the club about the manufacturing process for hardline cable. This type of cable is not normally found in ham radio applications but it is commonly used in microwave and high frequency radio.

Hardline cable can carry hundreds of TV channels or thousands of phone calls. It is used for CATV trunk and distribution lines, broadband and hybrid fiber-coax (HFC) networks, broadcast antenna masts and ham radio and commercial RF communications. This type of cable is produced by using a continuous extrusion and forming process that builds the cable from the center conductor outward. Jim provided videos of each step in the process which held the attention of everyone present.

Despite its name, hardline coax, although stiff, is bendable allowing it to be run up towers and around corners during installation. If you look around town I'm sure that you'll find many runs of hardline on utility poles and towers.

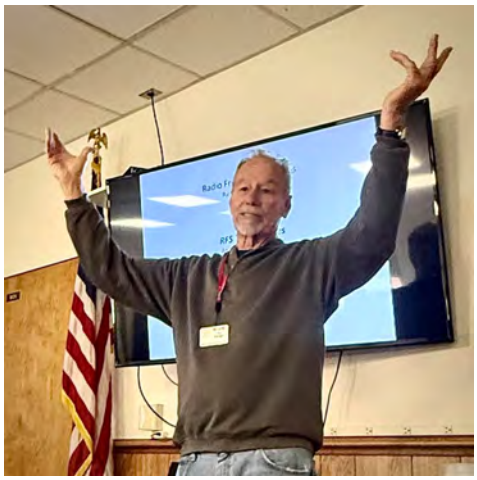
Jeff N1AKN was busy running tests on a ham rig that **John K1LYP** was selling to **Rick KD1AEE**. The radio was a Yaesu FT-101ZD with an external VFO and power meter. Jeff also wired the microphone seen in the picture to the proper connector for the Yaesu radio.

Everything checked out just fine so Rick should get a lot of enjoyment out of this station. Good DX, Rick!
Ted KC1DOY





ABOVE: (L, C) Jeff, N1AKN testing out an all mode UHF/VHF Kenwood on October 24. (R) : Don W1BRY makes good use of a broom handle to help Bart N1BRL, despool some two conductor wire brought in to share with club members by George AC1SK. BELOW: Jim N1ZN presenting to a full house.





October 31 2026 was another treat for all present at the OEM with a well attended CW class led by **Bob WB1GYZ**. Bob would send a phrase in code while the others would listen and decode what they heard, no tricks intended on Bob's part.

At the radio repair station, **Jeff N1AKN** was busy working on one of the club's microphones, a Yaesu MD200. While the mic worked just fine, the problem was the PTT lock. When holding the mic, it was far too easy to accidentally hit the lock button causing the radio to stay in transmit mode. While this feature would be useful in a broadcast studio, it presented a real problem in a ham radio setting.

Jeff, with typical hamgenuity, managed to fix the problem by locking the lock button with a piece of wooden clothespin! He glued it under the button so that it could no longer be depressed. Simple, but elegant.

Ted KC1DOY











"Love the trees until their leaves fall off,
then encourage them to try again next year."
— Chad Sugg



The more you know with Steve Ford, WB8IMY

RF Gain to the Rescue

We have two big contests to look forward to in November: the ARRL CW and Phone Sweepstakes. This year the CW Sweepstakes takes place on November 7, and the Phone Sweepstakes occurs two weeks later on November 21. You'll find the rules online at www.arrl.org/sweepstakes.

Both contests pack the HF bands with wall-to-wall signals, so this is a good time to talk about one of the most powerful interference-reduction tools at your disposal: Your RF gain control.

As a young amateur, I blithely assumed the best setting for my rig's RF gain control was maximum, in other words, pedal to the metal. Several years passed before I discovered that I was mistaken. Imagine my astonishment when I learned that reducing RF gain can often make reception noticeably better!

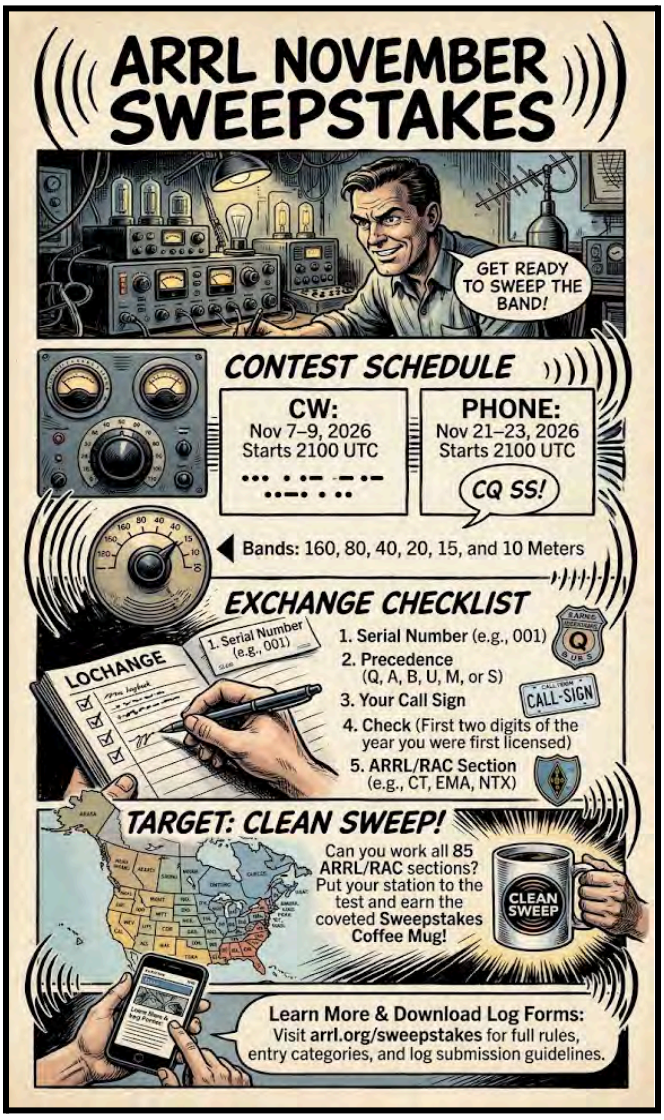
I know this must seem counterintuitive. After all, if a little gain is good, more gain must surely be better, right? What many hams fail to realize, however, is that cranking in more RF gain boosts all signals, including those you'd rather not hear. To make matters worse, the receiver's automatic gain control (AGC) will respond by essentially flattening all received signals in an effort to prevent overload. As a result, the signal you're trying to copy may be even more difficult to hear, or it may vanish entirely.

Reducing RF gain lowers the levels of all incoming signals before they even reach the AGC.

Now the AGC responds less aggressively, and the receiver operates in a more linear portion of its range. Noise and strong signals become less disruptive, and weak signals are not so savagely suppressed. You've effectively reduced the chaos, making it easier to pick out the stations you hope to work.

Listening with reduced RF gain is often more comfortable, too. At maximum gain, the noise and strong-signal cacophony can be fatiguing. Backing off the RF gain will reduce the pain considerably while leaving intelligible SSB or CW signals surprisingly unaffected.

Many experienced HF operators adjust their RF gain controls together with their AF (volume) controls. They first reduce RF gain until the background noise just begins to decrease, then they increase the AF gain to restore a comfortable listening level. They'll go back

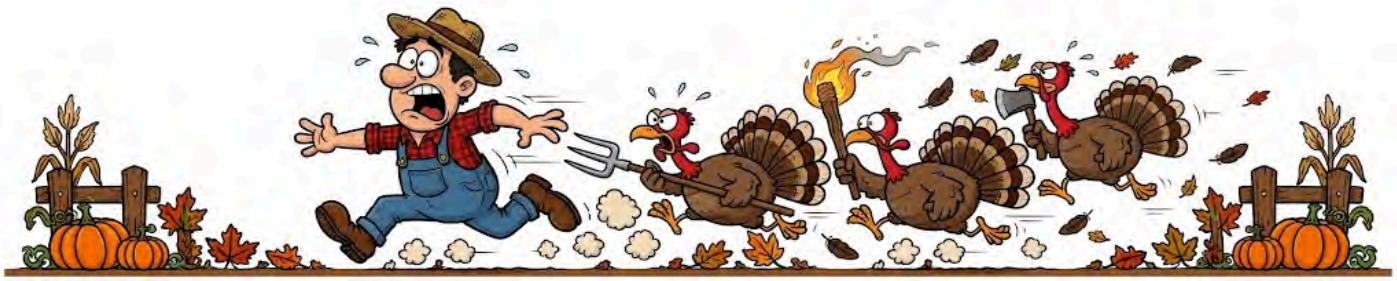


and forth until they find the combination that sounds best. This practice is particularly effective on lower-frequency HF bands, where atmospheric noise dominates, and on receivers that lack sophisticated digital signal processing.

Even with today's high-performance transceivers, reducing RF gain remains a valuable operating technique whenever band noise is high, or when a swarm of strong signals overwhelms the receiver. During mega-contests such as Sweepstakes, backing off your RF gain can offer big benefits.

By the way, many modern transceivers also have an "attenuator" button or menu selection that will instantly chop your front-end gain by a large amount. When the going gets rough - thanks to noise, strong signals, or both - I give that button a poke and the relief is something to behold!





A Couple of MARC CQ WW Scores

Al N1API reported a particularly great time in the 2026 SSB CQ World Wide contest over the weekend of October 24 & 25. In his own words, "to say I had a good contest is an understatement. Despite terrible reported Solar Conditions the bands were on fire. Saturday was the best day for the bands, especially 10 meters. Most of the work was done on Saturday on 10 meters. I did not top last year's results, but with the declining sunspot cycle I was pleased with the results. I missed 6 zones but I did see all of them spotted including a Zone 23 China station. a rarity."

From Al's final results…

CALLSIGN: N1API
CLUB: Meriden ARC
CONTEST: CQ-WW-SSB
CATEGORY-OPERATOR: SINGLE-OP
CATEGORY-ASSISTED: ASSISTED
CATEGORY-BAND: ALL
CATEGORY-MODE: SSB
CATEGORY-POWER: LOW
CATEGORY-STATION: FIXED
CATEGORY-TRANSMITTER: ONE
CLAIMED-SCORE: 486712
ADDRESS-CITY: Meriden
ADDRESS-STATE-PROVINCE: CT
GRID-LOCATOR: FN31OM

Band	QSOs	Pts	ZN	Cty	Pt/Q
14	173	472	30	89	2.7
21	216	602	28	100	2.8
28	141	392	19	66	2.8
Total	530	1466	77	255	2.8

Score : 486,712

CountryPrefix	14	21	28	Tot	Accum
Total	173	216	141	530	530

Zone	14	21	28	Tot	Accum
Total	173	216	141	530	530

Total Time Off 24:11 (1451 mins)
Total Time On 23:49 (1429 mins)

The CQ WW CW contest is coming up this month, November 28 - 29, 2026 starting at 0000 UTC Saturday and ending at 2359 UTC Sunday. If band conditions are nearly as good as they were for the SSB 'test, it could be a great weekend for MARC brass-pounders.

Steve, KC1SA, also had a fine showing in the CQ WW SSB, making 119 contacts in 81 countries in 42 zones. Steve 's best success was on 15 meters where he made nearly half of his contacts, but he also logged QSOs on 160, 80, 40, 20 and 10 meters to earn a claimed score of 36,408. A fine showing, Steve!



MARC in the Parks

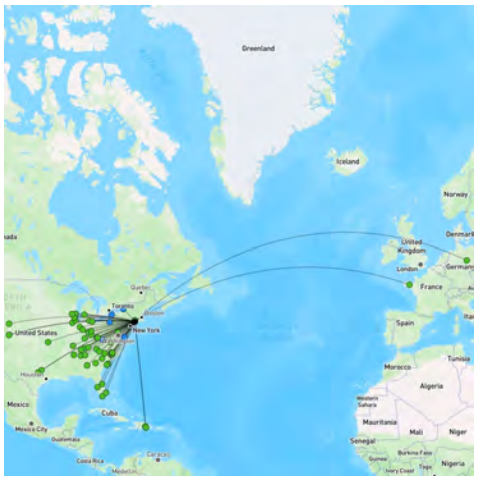
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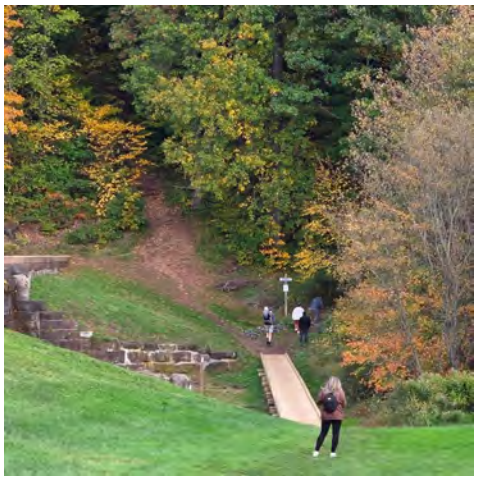





While traveling to the Northwoods of Wisconsin for a family wedding at the start of October, **Jimmy AB1DQ** and **Ellen KC1TSM** made a 'stop along the way' to activate US-2530, William O'Brien State Park on the MN/WI border. After a 2-hour flight into Minneapolis, followed by a nearly four-hour drive to Price County in the Northwoods of WI, the hour stop came at a good time, and with flush toilets, the stop wasn't only a POTA break, but a POTTY BREAK TOO - HAR!

Team Purchia, **Andy N1XXU** and **Deb, K1PET**, observed the October Support You Parks Weekend activating US-4561 New England Trail National Scenic Trail (US-CT), on October 17 making a whopping 71 phone contacts - WTG!



Roving with Ted, KC1DOY...

On Tuesday, **20 October 2026**, **Dave NZ1J, Jim KC1TSG** and I, **Ted KC1DOY** went on a five park POTA rove in western Connecticut. Although we've done this many times before, I came away from this one with a heightened appreciation of the things that are encompassed by ham radio.

It isn't just electronics and radio communications, although that is for most of us the primary reason that we took up the hobby. Ham radio is also about history, geography and, to a certain extent, international relations.

Included in our logs were contacts with hams in Italy, Finland, Sweden and Canada. Those hams were activating and hunting parks just like we were. Different histories and customs make no difference when a common interest brings us together. The countries we worked in Europe spanned from the Arctic Circle to the Mediterranean and across the ocean to Canada and the U.S. On a different day we may have worked south to Australia and South America.

As to history, we activated park US-1657 Collis P. Huntington State Park in Redding CT. Collis P. Huntington, born in Harwinton, CT in 1821 who, with partners Leland Stanford, Mark Hopkins and Charles Crocker, formed the Central Pacific Railroad and completed the transcontinental link with the Union Pacific Railroad at Promontory Point, Utah on May 10, 1869.

We also activated US-0873 Weir Farm National Historic Park in Wilton, CT. It was the summer home of J. Alden Weir, a leader of the American Impressionist Movement. It is the only national park dedicated to American painting and attracts artists to its grounds to this day.

As you can see, ham radio can open up a world view beyond the end of your feed line.
Ted KC1DOY





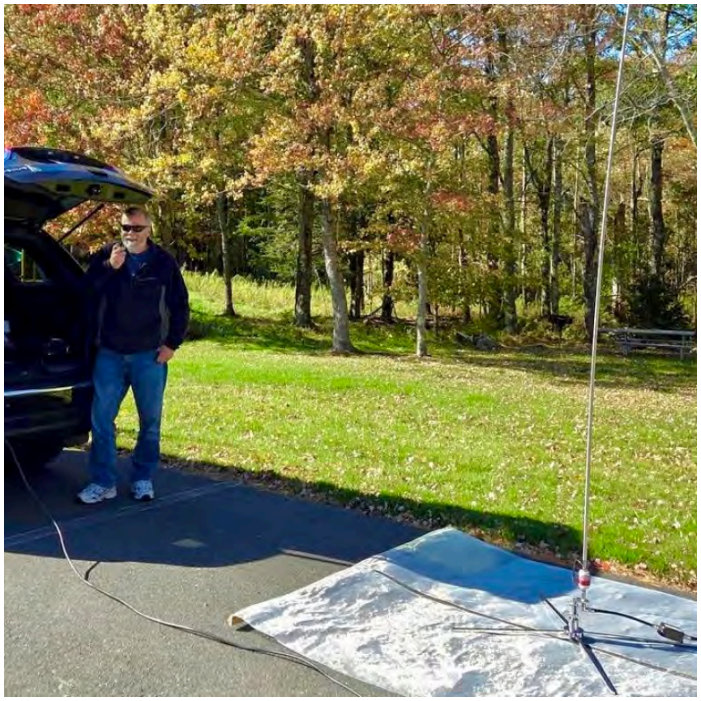






Bill, NR1B activated several upstate New York parks early in October, including US-2094,Lake Taghkanic State Park, US-2148, Taconic State Park, and US-2065, Gilbert Lake State Park. Bill reported that 20 meters was wide open and WX was low 60's with clear skies.





On October 7, **Scott W1HLP** logged 30 CW QSO's in 32 minutes at US-1705 Osborndale State Park - what he calls fun!! Scott also worked with fellow club member, **Jim N1ZN** - a great morning for some fast CW!





Selected On-Air Events – November 2026

Contests, State QSO Parties & Special Event Stations

CONTESTS: Click on the hyperlink for more info…

YBDXPI FT8 Contest.....0000Z, Nov 7 to 2359Z, Nov 8
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW.....2100Z, Nov 7 to 0300Z, Nov 9
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint.....0100Z-0300Z, Nov 9
WAE DX Contest, RTTY.....0000Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint.....0000Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 16
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital.....0001Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
JIDX Phone Contest.....0700Z, Nov 14 to 1300Z, Nov 15
OK/OM DX Contest, CW.....1200Z, Nov 14 to 1200Z, Nov 15
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon.....1200Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
CQ-WE Contest.....1900Z, Nov 14 to 0500Z, Nov 16
Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party.....1300Z-1700Z, Nov 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest.....2300Z, Nov 15 to 0100Z, Nov 16
NTC QSO Party.....1900Z-2000Z, Nov 19
LZ DX Contest.....1200Z, Nov 21 to 1200Z, Nov 22
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest.....1600Z-2359Z, Nov 21
REF 160-Meter Contest.....1700Z-2359Z, Nov 21
South American Integration Contest CW.....1800Z, Nov 21 to 2100Z, Nov 22
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB.....2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23
SKCC Sprint.....0000Z-0200Z, Nov 25
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW.....000Z, Nov 28 to 2359Z, Nov 29

SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS:

W0JH 2026 Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald — 1600Z Nov 6 to 2355Z Nov 8
Split Rock Lighthouse 3.860 7.260 14.260 — 21.360 MHz
Stillwater (MN) Amateur Radio Assoc. (SARA)
Certificate req: W0JHFitz@outlook.com
Shel Mann N0DRX
1618 Pine Street W
Stillwater, MN 55082

KF0MSJ 100-year Celebration of US Route 66 — 1600Z-2200Z, Nov 7
Zero-Beaters Amateur Radio Club, Union MO — 14.250 MHz
QSL req: Greg Ballard
662 E Main
Union, MO 63084
redbirdfan44stl@yahoo.com

W2B Veterans Day, National D-Day Memorial — 1430Z-1900Z, Nov 11
New River Valley Amateur Radio Club. — 14.262 MHz
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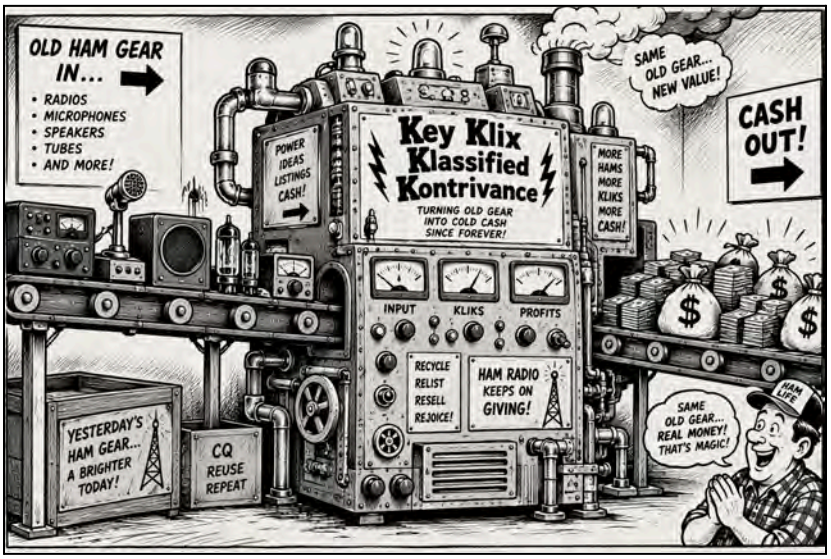
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Tuesday:

2 M FM NET

TUE 7:00 pm W1NRG/R 147.360PL 162.2Hz

10 M 10-10 CASTLE CRAIG NET

TUE 8:00 pm 28.375 MHZ USB

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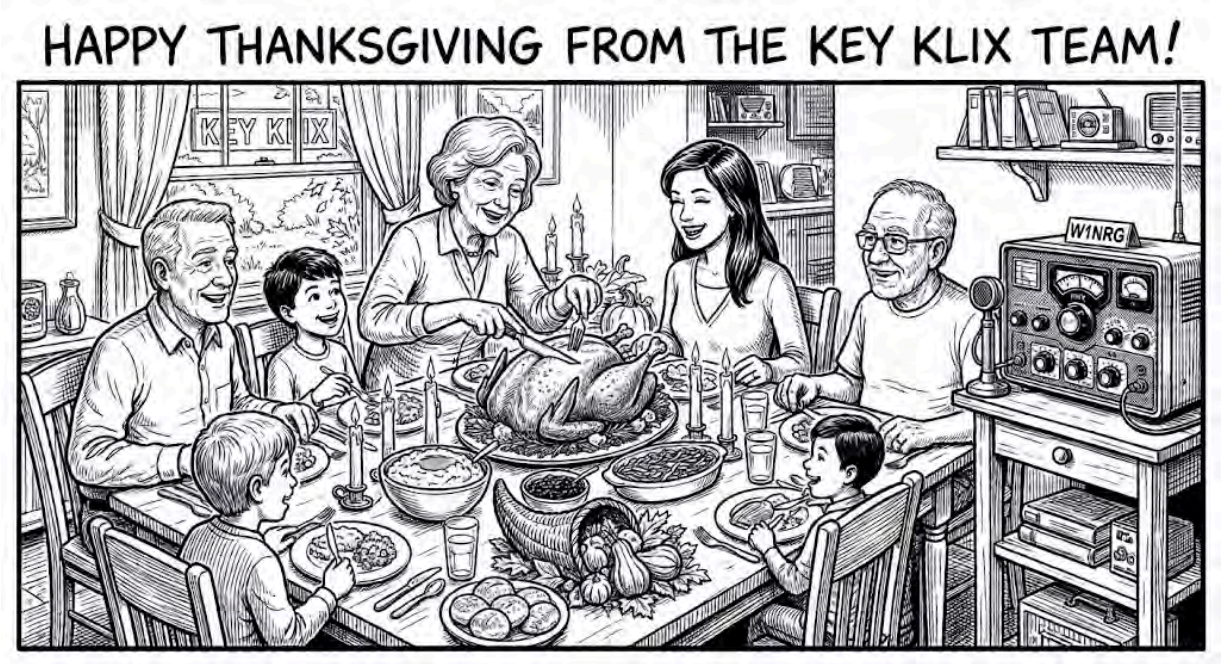
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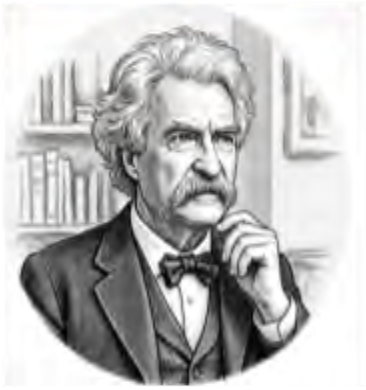
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