

Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club

August 2013

The business meeting opened at 1930 on August 8, 2013 with approximately 10 people in attendance. A quorum was present.

Announcements -

- Introductions – none needed.
- Activity meeting – August 22nd. Trip to RFS plant on Pondview Drive (off Research Pkwy) in Meriden courtesy of Jim N1ZN. Meet in their parking lot at 7:30 PM.

Secretary's Report -

- July minutes accepted as presented and disseminated.

Treasurer's Report -

- Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

Contributions –

- Club – Al N1API donated his TenTen convention winnings, a MFJ Clock and a course certificate from W5YI Gordon West

Correspondence –

- Sympathy cards sent to Geoff Haines (N1GY) and John Blevins (K1VDF) on the recent passing of their wives, Audrey Haines and Joan Blevins.

Scholarship – (KE1AY)

- Start again in 2014

Club Station & Facilities - (WA1TRY-SAM)

- Kenwood TS-690 needed PL-259 resolder. Done.
- Working on club Toshiba laptop to replace HDD.

Club Activities & Program (KB1FYL-P&E)

- A suggestion, not a motion, to invite area hams to selected Activity Meetings when the presentation may have a wide interest. Betsey K1IEC and Douglas WA1SFH will be contacted for dissemination. Build up the club PR and not embarrass ourselves with a low turnout.

• Upcoming activity meetings

- Aug – Trip to RFS Coax mfg

- Sep (possible) – Radio Controlled Aircraft.
- Oct – TBD
- Nov – None
- Dec – Holiday Party.
- Potential future activities: LOTW by ARRL, trip to W1AW, spec event on MARC 60+ Anniversary, and Tune-Up Night
- Always looking for ideas and presenters.
- K1SEZ reported on the Pond Hill School as an ISS school for the October 28th to November 3rd time frame. Location: Park & Rec Gym, 6 Fairfield Blvd off Rt 68 and Barnes Rd. Attendees expected to be about 250 adults and students. Will be looking for help in set-up and operation
- Upcoming contests *ARRL SS & CQWW may be run from W1NRG shack – based on interest.
 - ARRL VHF Sep 14 – Sep 16
 - 10/10 QSO Party – Fall CW Oct 18 – Oct 20.
 - CQWW SSB Oct 26 – Oct 28
 - ARRL SS CW Nov 2- Nov 4
 - ARRL SS SSB Nov 15- Nov 16
 - ARRL CW Nov 2- Nov 4.
 - 10/10 QSO Party – Digital Modes Aug 27 – Aug 28 & Nov 9 – Nov 10
 - CQWW CW Nov 23 – Nov 24
 - Several state QSO parties. Boost your WAS or 5BWAS standing.
- Nets - All nets are doing well. Reports in Key Klix & MARC forum.
 - HF-SSB 28.375 Tuesdays at 8:00 PM, Primary NC John K1VDF.
 - VHF-FM 147.36R Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, Primary NC Todd K1TDO.
 - VHF-SSB 50.175 Mondays at 8 PM, Primary NC Jim N1ZN.
- Castle Craig - (N1API-CM & CP)
 - 10/10 QSO parties in 2013: SSB Aug 3-4; Digital Apr 27-28 & Nov 9-10; CW May 4-5 & Oct 19-20
 - Convention was a success – at least from MARC’s point of view. All positive comments relating to venue, events, facilities and parking lot station. Committee congratulated at banquet.

Membership - (KB1HCC)

- Motion by Haggie KB1HCC second by Don KE1AY to accept Robin Cihon of Meriden. Passed.
- Fifty (50) 2013 members more or less.

Interference and Technical - (WA1TRY)

- No reported problems.

Instruction & Testing - (VE-KE1AY, Instruction Facilitator - Open)

- Next VE session at Nutmeg Hamfest in October.
- No additional testing and classes scheduled.

Candy Store - (N1ZN)

- See Jim N1ZN for availability and details.

Club Media -

- Key Klix (WA1TRY) will publish one or two catch-up issues. Will be linked on the club web page W1NRG.COM.
- MARC Forum (WA1TRY) is having SQL language problems. WA1TRY is working problem.

- Dan W1DMM will restore historic MARC (MeridenARC.ORG) info on QSL.NET/W1NRG. This will be valid through December 31, 2012. He will post a notice on the reflector.

- MARC Reflector (N1GNV) is working. Meant for quick comments, updates and notices.

Field Day (June-fourth full weekend)

- CU agn in 2014.

EmComm - (WA1VXH)

- Annual YMCA/Fishbien Road Race is Sat Sept 21. Six (6) or more volunteers needed. Contact Chris WA1VXH.
- This road race is our practice SET and tactical messaging event. Your opportunity to train.
- Anyone interested in being Wallingford EC contact Chris WA1VXH and/or DEC Douglas WA1SFH.

Nutmeg Hamfest (October 13, 2013)

- Need to rope off outside vendor area to prevent end arounds on the patron ticket table.
- All is ready. Deposit made to Hotel.

- Main forum speakers have committed.
- BoD decided that each volunteer gets one gratis raffle ticket.
- Need more gate guards and ticket takers. See Jim N1ZN.

Miscellaneous

50/50 – None

Meeting Adjourned about 20:36

Submitted: Dan Murphy W1DMM, Secretary