

Secretary's Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.)

July 2014

The business meeting opened at 7:31 EDT on July 10, 2014 with 15 people in attendance. See call sign and names listing on the bottom of the last page. A quorum was present. The meeting was opened and chaired by the President Jim N1ZN.

Announcements – The presentation of the 2014 MARC scholarship award was done by Don, KE1AY, before the regular meeting. The winner was **Joseph Bird**, who graduated this year from H.C. Wilcox Tech in the Electronics program. He is planning to attend Western CT State University in the fall semester. Note that Joe visited our June Field Day site a few weeks ago to sample ham radio first hand. He and his father were present for this awards ceremony.

Introductions – All present at the meeting announced their name and call sign and signed the log sheet.

Secretary's Report – The June 2014 meeting minutes were announced by Paul, K1SEZ, and published on the MARC website a few weeks ago. There were no corrections discussed and the minutes will be accepted as written. Please review the previous month's meeting minutes before attending the next one

Treasurer's Report – Haggie, KB1HCC, gave a verbal report of the financial conditions of the MARC. It was announced that the current executive committee of Jim, N1ZN and Al, N1API, and Haggie, KB1HCC still need to submit their names and signatures to the Webster Bank for confirmed access to club funds as recognized by our bylaws. On the membership aspects of the MARC report, Haggie also announced that there are about 49 paid-up members for 2014.

Contributions - None

Correspondence – Rich, WA1TRY and Haggie, KB1HCC visited the Meriden Post Office drop box for MARC in the last few days and noted there was no correspondence.

Scholarship – See opening paragraph of this report for details.

Club Station & Facilities – There was no report on the club station this month, but there was some discussion concerning the recently held June ARRL Field Day activity. (See below)

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – upcoming plans for July and August.

- ☞ There is a tentative plan to hold an outdoor (**MARC Lark in the Park**) picnic later in the month of August. Details will be announced by email and the MARC website. Please check.
- ☞ **There will be no MARC activity meeting on July 24th.**
- ☞ A suggestion was made to have an introductory class for the use of the popular contesting and logging program, **N1MM LOGGER** in the next few months, with Dave, W1CTN and Paul, K1SEZ presenting the topic. The biggest issue may be to acquire the needed personal computers with modern operating systems.
- ☞ Another activity night suggestion was to hold a review of our club's repeater protocols.

Nets - All nets are doing well

- 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

Hamfests –

Casual remarks about the upcoming ARRL Centennial celebration on July 17th through July 19th were made by several members in attendance.

Key Klix- Dave K1WJL said the July issue of Key Klix will be published shortly on the MARC website.

Castle Craig – Al, N1API requested anyone interested in helping to staff the national 10-10 Club's booth in Hartford in July for a few hours should contact him for a scheduled time.

Membership – nothing to report

Interference and Technical – no report

Repeater - nothing to report.

Instruction & Testing – No comments.

Candy Store – no report

Club Media – no report

Field Day – This year the 2014 Field Day exercise was held on **June 28, 29th** at Marcus Cooke Park on the east side of Wallingford. It was recommended that the Field Day's ARRL scoring results be presented at the September business meeting with discussion to follow to improve the club's achievements.

EmComm – no report.

Nutmeg Hamfest –. The main speakers for our Nutmeg Hamfest (Oct. 12, 2014) were announced to be **Joel Hallas, W1ZR** and **Dave Sumner, K1ZZ**. We will also be hosting the Connecticut section meeting at this Hamfest.

New Business – none

Meeting Adjourned by voice vote about 8:24 pm.

Submitted: Paul Ciezniak, K1SEZ, Secretary



Meeting Attendees on July 10, 2014

1. K1PU, Mark
2. K1SEZ, Paul (secretary)
3. K1VDF, John
4. K1WJL, Dave
5. KB1HCC, Haggie (treasurer)
6. KC1ACN, Rob
7. KE1AU, Bob
8. KE1AY, Don
9. N1API, Al (vice president)
10. N1ZN, Jim (president)
11. W1CTN, Dave
12. W1KKF, Bill
13. WA1VXH, Chris
14. WB1GYZ, Bob
15. WV2LKM, Steve