



## Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) October 2015

The business meeting opened at 7:33 PM EDST on October 8, 2015 with 16 people in attendance.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Haggie (KB1HCC) and Steve (KC1AXJ).

The meeting was opened and chaired by President, Bill (W1KKF).

**Announcements** – The next meeting, an activity meeting, is October 22nd. Mark (K1PU) will detail his solar power home at this meeting.

Taste of Wallingford has been moved to 10/17 & 10/18 due to weather issues last weekend.

November 2014 Sweepstakes ARRL certificate was shown to those present. Steve (KC1AXJ) is keeping this until we get a file cabinet in the 'shack'.

**Introductions** – All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Secretary's Report** – Septembers Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read.

**Treasurer's Report** – Reviewed at meeting and accepted.

Haggie is stepping down as Treasurer and will be moving to Sanford, North Carolina in the near future. Dave Swedock (K1WJL) has offered to complete this year as Club Treasurer. A motion was made to place Dave in the role; the motion was voted on and accepted. Effective date for Dave as Treasurer is October 8, 2015. The club secretary will draft a letter to the bank to replace Haggie and add Dave as a signatory. Best wishes Haggie.

**Contributions** – None reported.

**Correspondence** – November Sweeps certificate from the ARRL, US Islands QSL card, American Cancer Society and Vanguard statement.

**Program & Entertainment** – The club is still searching for a replacement for Rich (WA1TRY) for the Program & Entertainment chairman. Nothing to report.

**Scholarship** – Don (KE1AY) reported the document has been re-written. Dan Murphy (W1DMM) has it for final correction then will be placed on the website when completed.

**Club Station & Facilities** – Rob (KC1ACN) reported via email that nothing to report.

**Club Activities & Program (the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)** –

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Next meeting is October 22nd where K1PU will present his solar powered home.

**Nets** –

10M – 10 to 12 check in's this past week.

6M – 6 to 8 this past week.

2M – a handful of check in's this past week.



**Castle Craig** –  
10-10 One Day Sprint this Saturday.

**Hamfests** –  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, next Sunday, is the Nutmeg Hamfest and ARRL State Convention and we are still looking for volunteers. Let Jim (N1ZN) know if you can help out. If you have items you'd like to place on the club table to sell let Al (N1API) know.

**Key Klix** – Missed this month, Dave will get this issue out prior to Nutmeg Hamfest and ARRL State Convention. Anyone with pictures to be placed in KK, send them off to Dave (K1WJL).

**Membership** – 60 total, no new additions.

**Interference and Technical** – No problems reported

**Repeater** – Nothing to report other than the account was closed out and funds put into the club treasury.

**Instruction & Testing** – Don (KE1AY) reported some folks pre-registered for the session at the Nutmeg Hamfest and ARRL State Convention.

**Candy Store** – Still have hats for \$10.

**EmComm** – Mike Meadows (KC1AYL) and Douglas (WA1SFH) are the coordinators, nothing reported

**Misc Old Business** –  
Operate W1AW was cancelled due lack of interest.

October 21, 2015 – EMCOMM statewide test.

November 14 & 15 – Simulated Emergency Test

December 10 – The MARC annual Christmas dinner will again be held at Brothers Restaurant in Wallingford (just across the tracks from the AMTRAK station) on December 10, 2015 at 6 pm. Cash bar at 6PM with buffet starting at 7PM. Cost to attend is your dues, bring your significant other for an additional five dollars.

ARISS – Paul (K1SEZ) was not present so no update.

**New Business** –  
A new flag for the Wallingford Amateur Radio Group has been made, John (N1GNV). This was discussed at the activity meeting last month and will be used in addition to our Club MARC flag.

Scholarship Mutual Fund – An investigation into perhaps funds that would have a higher yield is being done. Some IRS rules make it that we must use at least 5% of the fund each year (for non-profit funds). Bill (W1KKF), Don (KE1AY), Dave (K1WJL), and Haggie (KB1HCC) will meet next week to decide the best choice for a fund, or funds, and dates when funds should be withdrawn.

Pat (N1BF) reported Conrad Sheldon (K1EC) was in the area for a wedding and said “hi” to the club. Conrad was very active in the club in the past.



November is the annual meeting and will be held on November 12, 2015. This is the month to elect officers for 2016, Ham of the Year, and Elmer of the Year.

Meeting was closed at 8:15 PM

### Meeting Attendees on October 8, 2015

Call Sign	Name
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
N1BF	Patrick Dionne
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow
KB1JL	Eric Olson
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen
K1PU	Mark Mocoski
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1ZN	James Savage
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin