



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

The business meeting opened at 7:30 EST on September 10, 2015 with 18 people in attendance. See call sign and names listing on the last page. A quorum was present. The meeting was opened and chaired by President, Bill W1KKF.

**Announcements** – No announcements, but Geoff Haines (from our Florida-affiliate) brought a ARRL wall-hanging banner for the MARC. It was graciously accepted by Bill W1KKF.

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

**Secretary's Report** – The August 2015 meeting minutes were written up and published on the W1NRG website. There were no additions or changes noted to the minutes by anyone present, so the minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report** – Haggie, KB1HCC, reported on the status of the MARC treasury. There were no questions or discussions, and everyone seemed pleased at the club's solid financial status. Bill W1KKF mentioned that Haggie's tenure as MARC Treasurer was ending, and that until a new Treasurer was elected later this year, Dave Swedock K1WJI had agreed to serve out the remaining few months. This news was warmly received by all present.

**Contributions** – none

**Correspondence** – No correspondence received or noted.

**Scholarship** – Don KE1AY made a thorough presentation of a few changes to our annual scholarship to a deserving high school student. Copies of the requested changes were passed out, and after a brief discussion, Don made a motion to incorporate the suggested changes (seconded by Paul K1SEZ). The motion was unanimously passed. The slightly modified scholarship program will be posted on the club's website shortly.

Don also mentioned that the next VE session will be held at our October 18<sup>th</sup> Nutmeg Hamfest event.

**Club Station & Facilities** – Rob KC1ACN spoke briefly on the buried antenna coax installation at the fire house, now in the final planning stages with various town officials. Installation is expected to be completed in the next few months before the ground hardens.

**Club Activities & Program (the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)** – There will be an Activities meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>. There is no specific program set for this meeting just QSO discussions and coffee. This month the club will go to the ARRL HQ for a tour and to operate the W1AW Memorial Station on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 am. Anyone wishing to car pool to Newington will meet at the club house at 9:30AM on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>. The HQ tour will be led by Paul K1SEZ, a volunteer tour guide with the ARRL. You will need your Amateur Radio license with you to operate W1AW.

**EmComm Swearing In ceremony** – There will be the annual swearing in ceremony for all EmComm participants at the big assembly room at City Hall on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.



**IOTA Wallingford Activation** – Bill W1KKF presented the details of the club’s HF and 2m activation of the small island in North Farms Reservoir on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> by several stalwart members of the **MARC DXpedition Group**. Full details will be published in the club’s Key Klix monthly publication. Bill W1KKF stated that our efforts to be granted a US Islands Awards status were accepted by the US Island Award Program. The island is called CT035L. Below is a screen shot from the usisland.org site.

| U.S. Islands Awards Program         |   |                            |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| US<br>isl                           | Islands Directory<br>Updated 09/20/2015 | US<br>isl                  |
| 2,915 Islands with 2,084 qualified. |   |                            |
| Updates since: 2006/05/05           |   |                            |
| 2015/08/31                          | Connecticut                             | Qualified CT035L for W1NRG |

**Christmas Dinner meeting** - Our club’s 2015 Christmas Dinner meeting will take place on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at **Brothers Restaurant** in Wallingford, right across from the Amtrak station. There will be drinks available for purchase at the bar and dinner will be served at 7 pm.

Don’t forget that your 2016 MARC membership dues can be paid as you enter the dining room! The cost of the dinner is your 2016 dues. Five dollars is the cost of your significant other’s dinner for this event.

**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** – There was no discussion on the topic of the Nutmeg Hamfest, scheduled this year for October 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, at the Sheraton Four Points hotel in Meriden. See the website for full details.

**Key Klix**- Dave K1WJL said the next issue of Key Klix will be published shortly on the MARC website and will also be emailed to members with working email addresses. This is the preferred method of delivery at no cost of stamps or printing materials.

**Castle Craig** – AI N1API made a few comments on the 10-10 Club.

**Membership** – no new members; current membership is 60 and one complementary.

**Interference and Technical** – nothing to report

**“Taste of Wallingford” Event** – The EmComm group has been asked to provide an operational ham radio station for this year’s Waste of Wallingford, held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. No details were discussed at this time.

**Instruction & Testing** – no report

**Candy Store** – no report

**Club Media** – no report



**New Business** – Our club has been contacted by the ARRL’s Education Manager, Debra Johnson for assistance in developing an ARRL “ground station” for future ARISS contacts. Further details will be outlined shortly.

**Meeting Adjourned by voice vote about 8:34 pm to continue informal discussions around the coffee and pastries.**

Submitted: Paul Ciezniak, K1SEZ, Acting Secretary

**PJC**

### **Meeting Attendees on September 10, 2015**

1. K1LYP, John
2. K1SEZ, Paul (acting secretary)
3. K1VDF, John
4. K1WJL, Dave
5. KB1FYL, Bob
6. KB1HCC, Haggie (treasurer)
7. KB1JL, Eric
8. KB1ZMK, Dan
9. KC1ACN, Rob
10. KE1AU, Bob
11. KE1AY, Don
12. N1API, Al (vice president)
13. N1GY, Geoff Haines (Florida)
14. W1DQ, John
15. W1KKF, Bill (president)
16. WA1VXH, Chris
17. WA1ZVY, Jim
18. WB1GYZ, Bob