



Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) May 2016

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on May 12, 2016 with 18 people in attendance.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Dave (K1WJL), Steve (KC1SA).

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

Announcements – The next meeting is 5/26/2016 and is an activity meeting, the topic will be a slide show and discussion of the W1KKF repeater.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The April 2016 Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read. There were no corrections or questions on the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – A report was given by Dave (K1WJL) and accepted.

Contributions – None reported

Correspondence – Mercer Liability insurance documents were received (contrary to what Steve stated at the meeting, Mercer is the Liability insurance company and Ham Radio Insurance Associates is the company for equipment insurance).

Program & Entertainment – MARC is still looking for someone to take this vacant Chairman spot.

Scholarship – Nothing to report other than no applications were received this year from Wallingford schools. The question was raised on what do we do next year? The general consensus is that the club will issue two scholarships next year since no scholarship will be given this year. Next year the scholarship will be awarded to recipients from the Meriden High Schools. Dave (K1WJL) mentioned that there is no IRS tax liability if we do not issue a scholarship this year.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob (KC1ACN) was not present but Bill (W1KKF) announced that Rob let him know that the second Dunestar has been received. The move to the new firehouse is somewhat on hold as the new facility is not ready for us. Field day will happen at our current location. At the new facility we need to have a cabinet to store club documents in a central location so officers can gain access to them when needed.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) - A discussion with slides of the W1KKF repeater will be presented at the activity meeting on May 26, 2016.

Nets –

10M – John (K1VDF) reported 8 to 10 per week 28.375 on Tuesday at 8PM local time.

6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported a good number of check in's. 50.175 8PM local on Mondays

2M – Todd (K1TDO) has good turn outs, meets 7PM on Tuesdays on the W1KKF repeater

Castle Craig – The summer 10-10 QSO party is August 6 and 7th, Steve (KC1SA) has volunteered to have a kick off net prior to the QSO party and will issue out the Castle Craig 10-10 number during the QSO party. Al (N1API) and Steve will meet prior to the event to iron out the details. K1IEQ (Ken Harmon) was past director of 10-10 passed away last week. Ken made a visit to our club back in 2012.

VE session – The club had a VE session on April 30th. Congratulations to Rob (KC1ACN) and Eric (KB1JL) for earning Amateur Extra class privileges. Our club will now run VE sessions twice per year in an effort to keep all the VE's credentials current.

Key Klix – Excellent job Dave. Dave is always looking for articles and pictures.

Membership – No new members reported.

Interference and Technical – Rich was not present.

Repeater – The repeater timed out for four days the week of May 1st the following folks K1VDF, KB1JL, N1API, K1IIG, N1TJQ, W1MKT and W1KKF all were in a bit of fox hunt to find the source. As it turns out the source was equipment from an elderly person on Winding Ridge Road. After some further investigation and help from WB1GYZ the apartment was located and the person was very accommodating in shutting down the transmitter. The transmitter was accidentally keyed up by the operator. All ended well. Bill (W1KKF) is going to make a better antenna for fox hunting. The March 1981 edition of the magazine QST has a nice antenna that Bill will be building for future foxhunts.

Hamfest - The hotel is squared away and the topics to be presented at Hamfest are Skywarn and a talk on Balloon launching. Al (N1API) will run the club table and Ed (W1YSM) will help Al.

Candy Store – Hat, \$10. If anyone wants T-shirts, jackets or other items Gold Medal Ideas have our logo on file so you can order directly from these folks

EmComm – The annual Wallingford Medical Reserve Corps swearing-in and photo session will be held at 5:45PM on Tuesday, May 17th at the MRC building (The Cook Hill Firehouse at 37 Hall Road) for current members of the MRC. This will be followed by a MRC-101 course from 6 to 7PM for those who would like to become official MRC members. MARC hopes none-members will take this course. If interested in taking the course, RSVP to [\(203\) 294-2065](tel:2032942065).

Misc Old Business –

Field Day – Jim (N1ZN) is field day chairman. The club will operate as 2F. Bill (W1KKF) will head up the CW station. We don't plan on having a VHF station. We get extra points for having a blog site. Steve (KC1SA) has volunteered to get the blog site up and will blog during the event.

The Elmer of the year certificate has been updated with the new wording (thanks Rob – KC1ACN).

The Federal 990-N form submission for tax year 2015 has been made, both for MARC and The Nutmeg Hamfest Alliance. Updating the incorporation forms with the State of Connecticut for MARC and The Nutmeg Hamfest Alliance is currently in process by Dave, K1WJL and Rich, WA1TRY, respectively.

New Business –

There is a proposal to the FCC to remove the CW sub-band. Check out the ARRL site and emails from ARRL. This message came out in email form on 5/12/2016.

Meeting was closed at 8:14 PM

Meeting Attendees on May 12, 2016

Call Sign	Name
AB1DQ	James Suprenant
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olson
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1ZN	James Savage
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin
WB1GGP	Jerry Sheppard
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann