



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

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on September 8, 2016 with 18 people in attendance.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Steve (KC1SA), Rob (K1RCT)

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

Announcements – The next meeting is an activity meeting on 9/22/2016. The topic is Raspberry PI, Mark (K1PU) will be presenting.

The Wallingford Fishbein Race is September 17th and kicks off at the YMCA in Wallingford. Meeting time is 7:30AM if you'd like to volunteer to assist with communication. If you'd like to volunteer to help with communication please contact Douglas (WA1SFH). The .360 repeater is utilized during the event, so monitor the repeater for meeting location at the Y on Saturday the 17th.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The August 2016 Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read. There was one correction that was fixed and republished to the website.

Treasurer's Report – Dave (K1WJL) was not present however Bill (W1KKF) did read the treasurers report that Dave had sent the officers prior to the meeting.

Contributions – None reported

Correspondence – A QSL card from NAQP from this past January was received.

Program & Entertainment –

Ed (W1YSM) went over our upcoming schedule:

September activity meeting -- Raspberry PI discussion

October activity meeting – Open, looking for inputs

November activity meeting - no meeting

December 8th – Holiday dinner at Brother's Restaurant with Tom Gallagher (NY2RF) giving a 10-15 minute talk. Betsy Doane (K1EIC) and Chuck Motes (K1DFS) are attending as guests of the club.

Need ideas from January moving forward, anyone with topics please email Ed (w1ysm@arrl.net).

Scholarship – Nothing to report.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob (K1RCT) reported Fireworks Island was activated during the U.S. Islands event on August 27th. The Island is now recorded as CT037R that W1NRG activated. We had 71 QSO, 24 multipliers for a total score of 2376. This score was lower score than last year but with more QSO's. We had an excellent turn out for the event and great weather. There is a slide show of the event on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmcs8EXimRQ>.

Representative Mary Mushinsky interviewed some of the operators during the event at Fireworks Island, still looking to see if this made the paper.

This was our second U.S. Islands activation for the club, last year we activated CT035L. That island is a small island in North Farms Reservoir in Wallingford.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – September 22nd is our next activity meeting. Mark (K1PU) will present the Raspberry PI processor to the club. Meeting will be at the current clubhouse.

Nets –

6M – Jim (N1ZN) wasn't present but folks mentioned usually 6 to 7 check-ins. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time.

10M – John (K1VDF) gave a report of recent activity. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time.

2M – Todd (K1TDO) usually has between 4 to 8 check in's for the 2M Net. This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time.

Castle Craig – Nothing new to report.

VE session – A VE session will be held at the Nutmeg Hamfest.

Douglas (WA1SFH) would like to see more clubs holding 10 week education classes to get licensed. We are looking to see if there is interest in holding a class like this at our club.

Key Klix –Key Klix will be out in the next few days.

Membership – We had one application submitted at the meeting. Frank (N1OKR) was voted in as a club member this evening. Welcome Frank. Frank brings our membership total to 71.

Interference and Technical – Rich (WA1TRY) was not present. If anyone has issues with Interference and Technical issues let Bill (W1KKF) know and he'll let Rich know about the problem. The correct action when hearing deliberate interference (jamming, etc.) is to simply ignore the interference, i.e. don't acknowledge the interference at all.

Repeater – Not discussed.

Hamfest – Nutmeg Hamfest is next month. The meeting of the Nutmeg Hamfest committee is Monday 9/12 at 7:30PM at the club house. The date of the Hamfest is October 16th. There will be a club table where members can sell items at the event. The club takes 10% of the sale of small items, \$50 max. See Al (N1API) about having your stuff on the club table.

Candy Store – Gold Medal Ideas now has several types of shirts and a hat has been added to our landing page for Meriden ARC on their web page. Mark (K1PU) will update our website to add a link to our page linking to the merchandise on the Gold Medal Ideas web site. Here's the link: <http://stores.goldmedalideas.com/ygs>

AuxComm – Douglas gave a brief update on some of the events that will be happening (SET in the fall time frame, etc.).

Misc. Old Business –

Christmas Dinner – Price is now \$15 for Spouse's attending the dinner, members pay their 2017 dues which covers the member's admission to the dinner.

WiFi Hotspot – Steve (KC1SA) reported the device has been received and has been loaded with 1G of data. The device has been tested and works correctly. Rob (K1RCT) now has the device and the account information. There is a document explaining its use on the secure section of the club website. Total cost was \$49.84 which was submitted to Dave (K1WJL) for reimbursement to Steve. This Hotspot will allow the club to continue to use the Telnet interface of N1MM+ during contesting.

Hope Hill Road Firehouse – The Fire Chief and Assistant Auxcom Director are in agreement on our proposed antennas for the new clubhouse. Poles areas have been marked off, a tower is in the planning process and 220V wiring in the shack is being planned. The Fire Chief / Assistant Auxcom Director are waiting for drawings from us before work can begin. We won't be moving to this facility for at least a month or more

New Business –

Logbook of the World: Chris (WA1VXH) discussed where we are with using LoTW to log our QSO's. Rob (K1RCT), Steve (KC1SA), Chris (WA1VXH) and Robert (KE1AU) will meet at the next meeting to hash out the process and details to ensure LoTW is used for logging.

Certificate from CT Secretary of State: Received our incorporation papers for Nutmeg Hamfest for CY 2016 that Rich (WA1TRY) processed paperwork for.

WAE contest operation. John (K1VDF), Rob (K1RCT) and Steve (KC1SA) are working the event at the club house.

Go Box Competition: Douglas (WA1SFH) discussed the Go Box competition being held at the Nutmeg Hamfest.

Meeting was closed at 8:17 PM

Meeting Attendees on September 8, 2016

Call Sign	Name
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1PU	Mark Mocoski
K1VDF	John Blevins
KB1JL	Eric Olssen
K1RCT	Rob Cichon
KC1FOK	Matt Huskes
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1BF	Patrick Dionne
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann
KE4EYA	Ralph Ring
WA1SFH	Douglass Sharafanowich
N1OKR	Frank Ciccone

