



## Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) April 2017

The MARC April business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EDST on April 13, 2017 at the Hope Hill Road EOC. There were 26 members in attendance.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Steve (KC1SA), Dave (K1WJL), Rob (K1RCT)

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

### Announcements –

- Our next meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup> (activity meeting).
- A First Aid course run by the MRC will be held on 4/18 from 6PM to 8PM at the EOC.
- A CW class will be starting Monday 4/17 at 7:30PM. For more information contact W1KKF.
- A memorial service will be held Saturday April 22nd for Sylvia Winslow (KB1HCC wife) who passed away on January 22. The service is at St Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 20 Catlin Street in Meriden at 11AM.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> there is a VE session at the EOC at 1PM.
- Nutmeg Hamfest is October 8, 2017 at the Four Points in Meriden

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

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Dave (K1WJL) gave a treasurers report and was accepted as reported.

**Contributions** – none.

### Correspondence –

- Flower receipt for W1DMM’s funeral
- Vanguard Statements
- Application for members (W1UFO)
- Dues Received (WB1GGP)
- One Scholarship application

**Program & Entertainment** – Ed (W1YSM) reviewed upcoming activity meeting dates and topics.

April 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30PM to 7:30PM 7:30PM to 9PM	GoKit discussion Emcom presentation
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	7PM to 10PM	Skywarn training
June 22 <sup>th</sup>	6:30PM – 7:30PM 7:30PM to 9PM	COCORHS presentation Field Day preparation
July 27 <sup>th</sup>		Lark in the Park

### **Scholarship** –

Don (KE1AY) addressed the club about the scholarship and reviewed the criteria for selecting a recipient. An open discussion was had suggesting a member be with the club for a period of time (1 to 3 years) before their child/grandchild would be eligible for the scholarship. The discussion was closed; the scholarship selection criteria will remain unchanged from last year. .

**Club Station & Facilities** – Rob (K1RCT) presented status for the month.

- New CW PC is in the shack and nearly installed
- Signal Link is connected to the CW station.
  - Will support digital modes like RTTY, PSK, JT, etc.
- Coax to the antenna will have to be coiled up now since grass mowing season is upon us.

### **Nets** –

- 6M – Jim (N1ZN) reported 10 check-ins at the last net.. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time.
- 10M – John (K1VDF) reported 7 check-ins at the last net. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time.
- 2M – Rob (K1RCT) reported for Todd (K1TDO) and reported 4 check in's for the 2M Net this past week. This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time.

**Castle Craig** – Al (N1API) stated not much new to report. Band has been quiet.

**VE session** – A VE session is scheduled for Saturday May 13, 2017 and is posted on the ARRL site too. Check in with Don (KE1AY) if you can donate the couple hours to help out at the session.

**Key Klix** – Dave (K1WJL) is always looking for articles from members so keep the information rolling into Dave. .

**Membership** – The following members were added to the roster this evening.

W1UFO – Michael Cei  
WA1SFH – Douglas Sharafanowich  
NZ1J – Dave Tipping  
K1JCF – Joseph Farrell  
KD1JG – Robert Cartier  
W1SKP – Skip Paquette

Welcome to the club folks.  
Membership is at 84 with these new members.

**Interference and Technical** – Nothing to report.

**Repeater** – Not discussed.

**Hamfest** – Event is October 8, 2017 at the Four Points in Meriden.

**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.

Here's the link to Gold Medal Ideas: <http://stores.goldmedalideas.com/ygs>

**AuxComm** – Douglass (WA1SFH) reported that the Cheshire MS walk is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The MS society now has a requirement for a background check for anyone riding the bus at the event. It was decided that one will be on the bus from our group. . A show of hands was taken to see who would volunteer at the event (not on the bus), 7 folks stepped forward.

### **Old Business:**

#### Skywarn

- May 25<sup>th</sup> date is confirmed for 7PM to 10PM at the EOC
- This is the May activity night meeting
- If you are coming to the activity meeting then sign up for the training at the following site:
  - This is Upton training schedule site:
    - <http://www.weather.gov/okx/SkywarnTraining>
  - Going to that site and clicking on the “Register” hyperlink for the New Haven County training will take you to this site where you supply your information:
    - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgn7vyFnYcZk-UkR95NXjeUo9Sq88G1CFGLyty\\_xlX-o8zmQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgn7vyFnYcZk-UkR95NXjeUo9Sq88G1CFGLyty_xlX-o8zmQ/viewform)
- 45 people are signed up now (4/13)
- Capacity in our building is comfortably 50 but we can accommodate 70

#### 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Open format much like the 13-Colonies
- Multiple stations can operate from the EOC and / or from you homes
- A single call sign, most likely W1NRG
  - Must sign up if you are going to operate
- Mark (K1PU) is the coordinator
- Date is 9/30 – 10/1
  - Friday 9/29 at 8PM local time to Sunday 10/1 at 8PM.

#### Go kit

- Chris (WA1VXH) has submitted the proposal to Len

#### Library

- New reference books to replace our out of date books
  - Vote was held and passed to purchase these books for \$200.
  - Club agreed to purchase these books and add them to the library as references
- Electronic card catalog will be on our website soon (being worked on now).

#### Education

- No additional conversations with George Bikakis at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School.
- No responses from Choate from the memo sent them.
- Met with the Wallingford Public Library
  - “Introduction to Amateur Radio” scheduled for June 5th from 7PM to 8PM at the WPL.

### Christmas Party

- Presented by Al (N1API)
- Sent bid sheet to 5 restaurants
- Hawks Landing - \$28 - \$43
- Traditions - \$33
- Il Monticello – \$37
- Violl's - \$30
  - Only restaurant visited
- Further discussion and investigation is needed.

### Finance committee

The finance committee formed, chaired by Dave (K1WJL) with Ed (W1YSM) and Eric (KB1JL) and Al (N1API) have recommendations they need to present to the club. The meeting tonight was long and the committee made a motion to move this portion of the meeting to the beginning of the May business meeting to ensure enough time is given to the finance committee to present their recommendations to the club.

### **New Business:**

#### Field Day

- Operating as 2F
- KC1SA Field Day captain
  - W1KKF is CW captain
- Looking for
  - GOTA station captain
  - SSB station captain

Steve (KC1SA) will be reaching out to club members to help out with this year's activity. Things to think about helping out with:

- Media Publicity – Publishing local papers, etc. (N1ZN and KC1SA have done this in past years)
- Public Information Table – Flyers about Amateur Radio, QST magazines, Club membership applications, etc
- Message (Radiogram) – Send a message to the Section Manager (K1LYP in past years).
- Message handling – get 10 points for each formal message we originate up to 10 messages
- Satellite QSO – Rob (K1RCT) has volunteered for this (this one is fun).
- Alternate power – 5 QSOs via non-hydrocarbon form of energy.
- W1AW Bulletin – Copy the CW/Digital/SSB message. (KC1SA has done this in the past).
- Education activity – Build something and can be repeated throughout the day and must be hands on (W1YSM and AB1DQ did this last year)

**Meeting was closed at 9:10 PM.**

**Meeting Attendees on April 13, 2017**

FirstName	LastName	Callsign
James	Surprenant	AB1DQ
Joseph	Farrell	K1JCF
John	Yusza	K1LYP
Mark	Mokoski	K1PU
Rob	Cichon	K1RCT
Anne	West	K1STM
John	Blevins	K1VDF
Dave	Swedock	K1WJL
Glenn	Couture	KB1YFJ
Richard	Nagy, Jr.	KC1FJJ
Carl	Nilson	KC1GEV
Johannis	Stoidis	KC1HFO
Stephen	Allen	KC1SA
Robert	Kaczor	KE1AU
Donald	Mitchell	KE1AY
Al	Kaiser	N1API
Frank	Ciccone	N1OKR
James	Savage	N1ZN
Dave	Tipping	NZ1J
John	Elengo	W1DQ
Bill	Wawrzeniak	W1KKF
Ed	Snyder	W1YSM
Douglas	Sharafanowich	WA1SFH
Christian	Sievert	WA1VXH
Tony, Jim	Martin	WA1ZVY
Steve	Waldmann	WV2LKM