



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

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

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 July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at Marcus Cooke Park for Lark in the Park picnic
  - Club will provide Hotdogs, Hamburgers, water & soda
  - Bring your favorite dish to share, chips, dips, etc.
- W1FD Scholarship Award

The membership welcomed Alan Chen, the 2017 Frank Darmofalski W1FD Memorial Scholarship recipient, at the start of our Business meeting where Don (KE1AY) awarded the check to Alan. Alan is a 2017 Wilcox Tech graduate with a 4.0 GPA. Alan will be attending UMASS at Amherst, Massachusetts this fall studying Electrical Engineering. While at Wilcox Alan was a scholar athlete, a member of Key Club, Tennis team, Volleyball team, a Literacy volunteer, and also worked with the Head Start program. Alan enjoys chess, plays tennis and computer games. Best of luck to Alan in his career path.

- Islands on the air – August 26<sup>th</sup> on Fireworks Island – 8AM to 3PM
- Taste of Wallingford – October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – We will have a booth downtown or perhaps the trailer.
- Fishbein Road Race – October 8<sup>th</sup>
- October 21<sup>st</sup> – Jamboree on the air
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Nutmeg Hamfest
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – Serafino's – 6PM-7PM cash bar, 7PM dinner

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

**Secretary's Report** – The June Secretary's Report was reviewed at the meeting and published on the W1NRG site and was recorded as read.

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

**Contributions** – none.

**Correspondence** –

- Received Vanguard the check for the Scholarship recipient.
- Received several quarterly Vanguard reports and prospectuses
- Received a request for donations to a Deer Lake Boy Scout Reservation in Killingworth

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

July 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM -	Marcus Cooke Park – Lark in the Park picnic
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM – 8:30PM	Fox hunt theory (Fox hunt 101)
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00AM – 3:00PM	US Islands
Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM – 8:30PM	APRS (KC1GLM will lead this)
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00PM – 8:30PM	QSL manger (Eric Williams – KV1J) from ARRL to speak

**Scholarship** –

Alan Chen was awarded the 2017 scholarship. (See announcements). N1ZN will write an article to be placed in the Record Journal.

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

- PCV conduit is in place. Hazelwood excavating (Steve Hazelwood) was very helpful in making short work of this.
- Coax and control cable are in place and a pull line was left in the conduit.
- A fan-dipole is installed, so we now have three antennas for HF.
- Most work outside is complete, next job is re-working some of the shack cabling.
- Club voted and approved a \$50 check to Steve Hazelwood to show our appreciation for the excavation work.
- Received electronically interlocked RF A/B switches.

**Nets** –

- 6M – Al (N1API) reported for Jim (N1ZN) reported, 8 to 10 or so check-ins at the last net. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time.
- 10M – John (K1VDF) reported the net has been very active with half a dozen check-ins. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time.
- 2M – Rob (K1RCT) reported for Todd (K1TDO) and reported about 5 checked in to the 2M net this past Tuesday. This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time.

**Castle Craig** – Al (N1API) stated summer QSO party is coming up in the first weekend in August, starting August 4<sup>th</sup> at 8PM local time and ending Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 8PM.. A check-in net will be held August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:45PM local time. Al will be letting us know if a second net will be held sometime that weekend.

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

**Membership** – Club membership stands at 85. Three new members, a result of visits during Field Day, were voted into the club tonight

N1AKN - Jeff Dwyer  
KC1TMN – Steve Hull  
KC1HDB - Jeff Martin

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

**Repeater** – Not discussed.

**VE Sessions** – Don will try and work up a quarterly schedule of VE sessions.

**Hamfest** – Event is October 22, 2017 at the Four Points in Meriden. This is a new date. Looking for volunteers to help at the event, see Jim (N1ZN) if you can give an hour or two during the event. Assisting at the event gets you free admission. Lend a hand and help support the club. We have one speaker for high altitude balloon launches and looking for a second speaker on antennas. If you have something to sell, Al (N1API) handles the club table. So you can sell 'stuff' at Nutfest by using 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. Here's the link to Gold Medal Ideas: <http://stores.goldmedalideas.com/ygs>

**AuxComm** – Chris (WA1VXH) reported, as a reminder, folks wanting to participate in Emergency Communication should complete:

- The Core 4 (IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800)
  - These can be taken at your own pace at the following site: <https://training.fema.gov/is/>
- Send PDF of your certification to KC1SA to keep on file

In addition to the above trainings, taking First Aid and AED/CPR training must be completed if you wish to participate in the simulated training exercise in September 2018. The First Aid and AED/CPR trainings are held by the MRC and are free of charge.

Swearing in will occur at the Taste of Wallingford/Celebrate Wallingford on October 7<sup>th</sup>. As the date gets closer we'll have more details.

MRC will have a CPR/AED training September 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM to 8:30PM at the OEM.

### **Old Business:**

#### Field Day

- 3529 was our final score, this is about 400 points lower than 2016 Field Day
- Attended by 62 people
- Submitted to the league July 6<sup>th</sup>
- Report was presented at the meeting for folks to review if they'd like.

#### Technician Class

- K1LYP is holding training sessions on Tuesday evenings for the next few weeks

#### Christmas Diner

- Date is set for December 14, 2017 at Serafino's in Wallingford
- Shawn Kutzco KX9X, ARRL Media & Public Relations Manager will be the guest speaker
- \$25 / person
- 6PM Cash Bar / 7PM Buffet Diner

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

- Open format much like the 13-Colonies
- Announcements have went out to QST and CQ
  - Will be in the October QST (which we get in September)
- W1NRG is the call sign we will use.
  - Must sign up if you are going to operate
- Mark (K1PU) is the coordinator



**MARC 70th Anniversary On Air Event**

Starts ....  
 September 30, 2017 @ 0000 UTC  
 (8PM Friday 9/29 local time)  
 Ends ...  
 October 1, 2017 at 2959 UTC  
 (8PM Sunday 10/1 local time)

Location - Clubhouse and member stations

**New Business**

- .\$.50 Check to Steve Hazelwood, appreciation check for excavation
  - Voted on and approved
- Need to purchase Yaesu software to back up the CW 991A radio - \$25 (RT Systems)
  - Voted on and approved
- Need a COAX crimper - \$35
  - Voted on and approved
- Letter to RJ about scholarship award
  - N1ZN to write and submit.
- Skywarn
  - Ed (W1YSM) donated to the club a DTMF mic for club use.
- General / Extra study manuals
  - KC1GLM and KC1HDM will donate current versions to the club
- ATT donated Transworld transceiver and 1kW amplifier.
  - Let K1WJL know of disposition if the club decides to not need this.
- Boy Scout letter Shawn (KB1ZNT)
  - Deer Lake Boy Scout Reservation Amateur in Killingworth shack build / radio equipment.
  - Asking for donations
  - Tabled until next business meetings
    - Need clarifications on
      - Control operator
      - Event of CO leaving, who oversees the station
      - What happens to the equipment in the event the station is shut down.

**Meeting was closed at 9:00 PM.**

**Meeting Attendees on July 13, 2017**

<b>Callsign</b>	<b>Name</b>
K1JCF	Joseph Farrell
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1RCT	Rob Cichon
K1STM	Anne West
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KA1TMN	Stephen Hull
KB1JL	Eric Olsson
KC1GLM	Robert Steers
KC1HDB	Jeff Martin
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
KE4EYA	Ralph Ring
N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1GNV	John Bartscherer
N1OKR	Frank Ciccone
N1POP	Gregory Ploski
N1ZN	James Savage
NZ1J	Dave Tipping
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin

Two guests: Seth Kolansinki (recently passed Tech license exam) & Alan Chen (Scholarship recipient)  
KA1TMN, KC1HDB and N1AKN were voted into membership this evening.