

Meriden Amateur Radio Club



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

The MARC July business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EDST on October 12, 2017 at the Hope Hill Road EOC. There were 25 members in attendance.

Officers present:

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

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

Announcements –

- October 21st Jamboree on the air Our Radio Room will be open for scouts
- October 22nd Nutmeg Hamfest
- December 14th Serafino's Christmas Dinner 6PM-7PM cash bar, 7PM dinner

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The September 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 the treasurers report and was accepted as presented. Dave noted that the recipient of the scholarship has not cashed the check yet.

Contributions - none.

Correspondence -

- Vanguard statements
- More than 20 QSL cards from 70th Anniversary Event. Gave those to K1PU.

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

October 26th 7:00PM – 8:30PM

December 14th (Christmas Party)

Tentative 2018

QSL manger (Eric Williams – KV1J) from ARRL to speak Speaker will be Maria L. Bouffard, the Director of Office of

Emergency Management at Yale

Digital radio mode speaker for January

KI1U – Emergency Preparedness

Steve Williams - Skywarn

Wallingford Fire chief

KB1EHE - First Net K1RCT - YCCC

DX engineering topics via Skype

Scholarship -

Don, KE1AY, will contact the scholarship recipient to see why the check wasn't cashed.

1 MARC - October 2017 Club Station & Facilities - K1RCT reported;

- Trailer and go kit was deployed at the Celebrate Wallingford
 - Good foot traffic stopped by the trailer and asked questions
- HF transceiver equipment from ATT
 - Going to bring to John Rogus to see if this viable equipment.
- 70th Anniversary at the W1NRG station
 - Made several SSB contacts from the station

Nets -

- 6M AI (N1API) reported for Jim (N1ZN) reported. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time, USB mode.
- 10M John (K1VDF) reported the net has been active with check-ins. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time, USB mode.
- 2M This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time, FM mode.
- Weathernet Ed (W1YSM). Thursdays at 7PM on the 442.500 linked to 145.290 repeaters.

Castle Craig –Next event is the winter QSO party in February.

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

Membership -No new applicants this evening.

The membership roster stands at 90.

Interference and Technical - Nothing reported

Repeater - Not discussed.

VE Sessions – Next session is at the Nutmeg Hamfest at 9:30AM on October 22nd.

Hamfest -

Guest Speakers/Topics:

Larry Reed (AB1JC) – On the air in the stratosphere – Amateur Radio & High Altitude balloons. Joel Hallas (W1ZR) – Antenna Gain, what's it mean to me?

The event is October 22, 2017 at the Four Points in Meriden. 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. If you have something to sell, Al (N1API) handles the club table.

This event is also the Connecticut Section Convention for the ARRL.

Candy Store – Gold Medal Ideas is our club vendor of hats, shirts, jackets, etc. Here's the link to Gold Medal Ideas: http://stores.goldmedalideas.com/ygs

AuxComm -

Chris (WA1VXH) reported that SET is this weekend (October 14th). Ed (W1YSM) discussed how the WeatherNet will participate in the event. Bob (KC1GLM) announced ARES will be using the Quinnipiac Valley Health District building in North Haven and participating in SET.

Old Business:

JOTA (Jamboree on the air)

Steve (KC1SA) reported we have two groups of scouts coming to the OEM for the event. Contact KC1SA if you have questions. Doors open a 9AM and close at 3PM on October 21st.

70th Anniversary event

Mark (K1PU) presented a short follow up on the event. Next month we'll have the results.

Celebrate Wallingford / Fishbein Race / Swearing in ceremony

Steve (KC1SA) reported on the event. The Wallingford Family Y appreciated our participation in the event and asked if we could help next year (October 7, 2018). The club had a very good showing for the swearing in ceremony on Saturday the 7th with about 21 club members present for the swearing in.

Christmas Dinner

Serifino's is the location on December 14th. Price is \$25 per person. Cash bar at 6PM, buffet at 7PM. If it is convent for members, please pay in advance.

Fox Hunt

Tabled for future meeting.

Ride share

Anne (K1STM) presented a plan to help folks that aren't able to drive to meetings and events. She'll be sending an email out via the reflector. Watch for this email and respond back to Anne.

New Business

Signup for rig checkout

Rob discussed the procedures for getting checked out on the 'shack' rigs. See Rob about getting checked out. Everyone in the organization is encouraged to learn these rigs and use the 'shack'.

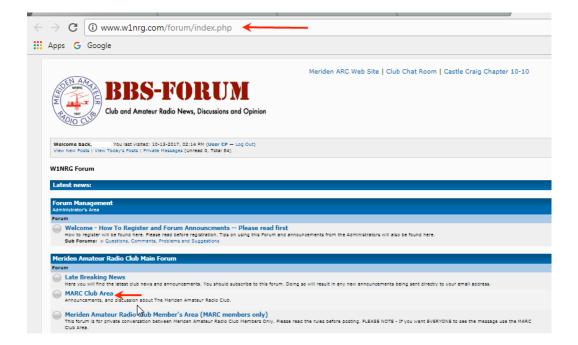
Background Check form

Len has made some changes in the guidelines for the Background Check Form. The new guide lines are now only those MARC members that are willing to assist the town with emergency communication events would be required to fill the form out and attend the swearing in ceremonies. WARG is the Emergency Communication part of MARC and those members would need to have this form completed. The MARC new member application form will be updated to reflect this new change.

MARC & WARG

WARG is more or less like MRC, a group of volunteer that support the town. The W1NRG web site is being modified to remove the "Clubhouse" word to align our organization with the town's expectation. The guidance for communicating club business should be done via the W1NRG forums area while the reflector used for Hobby related topic discussions.

Here's the location for the Forums area on our website:



Meeting was closed at 9:00 PM.

Meeting Attendees on October 12, 2017

Callsign	Name
K1LHO	Mike Ash
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1RCT	Rob Cichon
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak
K1STM	Anne West
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olsson
KC1GLM	Robert Steers
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
KE4EYA	Ralph Ring
N1API	Al Kaiser
N10KR	Frank Ciccone
N1ZN	James Savage
NZ1J	Dave Tipping
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1FFT	Raymond A. Irwin
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann