



Welcome to the Meriden Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

MARC was established in 1947. We currently have about 75 members and meet in the Wallingford OEM (Office of Emergency Management). We have use of the building for meetings, trainings, Field Day, and Contesting. We support the Town with emergency communication in the event we are called upon.

The Club Website, 2 Meter Repeater, and Email Reflector

The club website is www.w1nrg.com

MARC operates a 2 meter FM repeater, W1KKF, at a frequency of 147.360, +0.6 MHz, no PL

The club maintains an email reflector that all members are subscribed to by default.

Use members@w1nrg.com to send an email through the reflector to all members.

Club NETs

6 meter net – 50.175 MHz, held each Monday evening at 8pm

2 meter net – W1KKF repeater 147.360 MHz, held each Tuesday evening at 7:30pm

10 meter net – 28.375 MHz, held each Tuesday evening at 8pm

Meetings

Business meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. The November meeting is the annual election of officers and the December meeting is the Christmas Party.

The fourth Thursday of the month is an activity meeting that is generally a presentation on some amateur radio topic, such as sunspots, digital modes, or antennas. There is no activity meeting in November because it always falls on Thanksgiving. The December activity meeting focuses on planning the year ahead and is the first Thursday, rather than the fourth Thursday.

In addition, some members meet informally at the OEM on Saturday mornings from 9am until noon. Saturday's have no agenda, but include operating the club station, repairing radios, and ragchewing.

Meetings are held at: Yalesville Firehouse (OEM)
 143 Hope Hill Road
 Wallingford, CT 06492

Parking and House Keeping at the OEM

The building our club uses is the Wallingford Office of Emergency Management (OEM). This building is shared with other Emergency Services for the Town of Wallingford, such as the Medical Reserve Corp. When attending meetings or events at the OEM, parking is allowed next to the building and at Moran Middle School, which is next to the OEM. Please do not park in front of the garage doors of the OEM.

The OEM is a building shared by several Wallingford Emergency Management organizations. Club Members using the OEM should help maintain the cleanliness of the building.



Social Websites

There is a Facebook page maintained by Steve, KC1SA, located at:

<https://www.facebook.com/MeridenARC/>

The Facebook page is another MARC place to find posts of club activity, contesting and general Amateur Radio posts.

EMCOMM/AuxCom

MARC is closely linked with the Wallingford Medical Reserve Corp (MRC). The Yalesville Firehouse is home to both the Wallingford MRC and MARC. MARC has use of the facility for our club meetings and radio events. MARC currently has a permanent radio room used primarily for EMMCOMM, but also for contesting, special events, and general QSO's. The radio room is open on Saturday mornings.

Nutmeg Hamfest

The Nutmeg Hamfest, which is recognized as the ARRL Connecticut State Convention, is a part of MARC. The Nutfest is held each October and has a robust number of vendors and attendees. Members of MARC are encouraged to attend and volunteer at the event and to assist in making the event a success.

Christmas Party

The MARC Christmas Party is held each December for members and any significant other. The cost is about \$25 per person.

Scholarship

An annual scholarship is awarded by MARC to a local high school senior from Meriden or Wallingford. Details of the Frank Darmofalski Scholarship can be found on the MARC website.

Newsletter

KeyKlix is a monthly newsletter published by the club. KeyKlix includes event recaps, short stories, member interviews, tips, trivia, meeting minutes, a column by the President, and more. Dave, K1WJL, is our editor and publisher of KeyKlix. All members receive this via email from Dave a few days prior to each business meeting. If you aren't getting your copy, let Dave know. A few members who don't have email receive KeyKlix by mail.

Dues

Dues are for one year and should be paid to our Treasurer before the end of December. Currently, dues are \$20 per year for anyone under 65 years of age and \$15 per year for seniors. Hams who are under 18 years old are not charged any dues.