

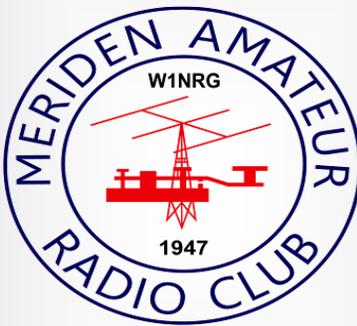
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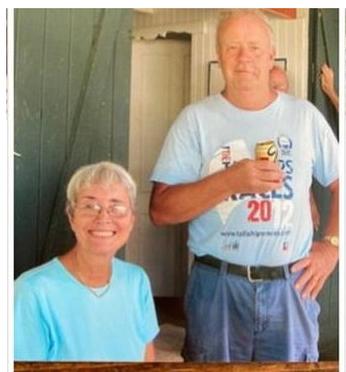
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KB1HCC Jonathan Haggie Winslow SK

KB1HCC Haggie passed away on Dec 10, 2019 in Sanford, North Carolina. His wife Sylvia predeceased him in 2017, he is survived by two sons CJ and Jonathan K. Winslow II ... A private service has been planned for the future. Haggie was a fixture in the MARC before he relocated to NC, his last position was treasurer but he held many positions throughout the years especially as lead facilitator in any club activity. His involvement in field days was legendary as he provided generators, equipment, transportation with a pickup that had a trailer hitch (Fifth Wheel) in the bed and he was there almost the entire time. Haggie had a fond appreciation for education as the first time I met him he was hired to be the substitute Department Head in the Electromechanical Shop at E.C. Goodwin Tech in New Britain, (My Electronic shop was right across from him—Editor K1WJL). He also loved to provide demonstration classes in Ham Radio whenever provided the opportunity. His portable satellite antenna utilizing an upside down salad bowl setup provided many a student the amazement of talking to the space station.



John K1VDF is at the Masonic Care for a rehab stint after a short stay at the hospital. He is Room 212 at the Ramage Unit (Main Building)... There are no visitors allowed due to the ongoing Covid pandemic but he can take telephone calls at 203 626-8154 and probably would like to hear from you. He has no cell service in his room and the path to the .36 repeater is very marginal at best. We are hoping to rectify that with a better antenna. Everyone wishes John a speedy recovery.....

MARC Business Meeting Thursday January 14, 7:30pm on ZOOM....

An email with the ID Link and password has been sent from Rob K1RCT, please check your inbox emails ...

VE SESSION PLANNED FOR SATURDAY JAN 16 AT A REMOTE LOCATION..

Please contact Don KE1AY for details on this and to sign up to get location and directions...

WINTER FIELD DAY

Is being planned at a remote location, more details to be released soon. Ed N1YLN is in charge.



The President's Podium



Ed Snyder W1YSM, President

THE COFFEE CUP NET

The minutes of the MARC Business Meeting in April 2020 reflect that the First MARC Saturday morning Coffee Cup Net went OnAir in April, 2020. As the COVID-19 pandemic started to impact Club activities, we had held a discussion at the March 2020 Business Meeting about what to do to hold the Club together. Among the suggestions were to have more Nets and especially one to take the place of the Saturday morning OEM get together. The plan to initiate a series of Fox Hunts was also raised. Initially, when the idea of having a new Net on the W1KKF Repeater was raised, it was suggested that perhaps we could have a daily morning Coffee Net from 0900 – 1000 ET. The name Coffee Net was suggested by Rob K1RCT. As it turned out, it was a Saturday morning net that was quickly organized, and the term “Cup” added between Coffee and Net. With W1YSM (President Ed) in the NCS Chair, the Net opened at 0900 ET on W1KKF 147.36 MHz, on Saturday April 4, 2020. The Log shows 22 check-ins that morning, with first check-in honors going to Mike K1LHO.

The Coffee Cup Net has been OnAir for 40 consecutive weeks with an average of 17-20 check-ins, every week. NCS has been mostly W1YSM, with John K1VDF filling in admirably when VE sessions were held at 9 am on a Saturday morning. Why has this Net been so popular? I have given this question some thought. There are several possible reasons besides, of course, the witty banter of the NCS. It is early on a Saturday morning and members are interested in doing radio stuff. Many members, often over 20, had been routinely attending the Saturday am OEM session started by John K1LYP and were now looking for something to do in that time slot. It is in the hour before members leave for the foxhunt hunt and it seems to fit nicely into a Saturday morning Amateur Radio “Coffee Cup Net -Fox Hunt Combo-Package”. I would have agreed that the reason was mere convenience if the next Nets had 5-10 check-ins, but to have 17-22 amateur operators call in every week for 40 weeks implies to me, another attraction. I believe I have determined the missing puzzle piece.

The good attendance, I believe, is related to the likelihood that MARC members care about each other and like to talk to one another. They miss their fellow ham since we do not see each other like we used to pre-Covid. The Net draws a core of regulars, but additional attendees always seem to check in as well. I attend a lot of Nets and there seems to me, to be a certain unique informal tone to the Coffee Cup Net check-ins' comments that reflects the very human feeling of happiness at speaking to a good friend on a beautiful Saturday morning. The discussions are usually personal about their day or their family – not often technical and rarely business related. It is like a meeting of good friends. I believe that the Coffee Cup Net serves as one of the pillars that holds the Club together, fostering member-to-member contact and sharing. Another such pillar is the Fox Hunt. It like meeting up with a good friend whose camaraderie will warm your soul for the rest of the day. The Coffee Cup Net is one reason why MARC has not only stayed together but has grown during this Pandemic. This growth is not only due to new members, but also to prior members who have come back to W1NRG, giving MARC another chance to be the welcoming wonderful center of friendship and amateur radio that we all need and seek out during these often dark and lonely days.

Apparently, it's working.

On several Nets over the past months we have discussed the health of other club members to the extent that the medical privacy law (HIPAA) allows. This has been helpful as recently concern about some member's health has arisen. We need to watch out for each other and indeed, we do. If someone who always checks in to a Net and fails to show for no known reason, another member reliably will check on that person to see if all is well. We have each other's back. We plan to continue the Coffee Cup Net each Saturday morning, even after the Pandemic is over. We shall see what happens to check-in levels at that time. I would bet, however, that as long there is a need among our members, to speak to our fellow Ham and to seek their input and companionship – even though virtual, there will be a need for the Coffee Cup Net. It's simply human nature to do so.

So, this coming Saturday, stop by W1KKF on 147.36 MHz at 0900 and join us. When you do, listen to the rhythm of the Net. If you listen closely, you may just hear the heartbeat of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club – coming in 5 over 9 from either the center of the universe (N1GNV), its soft underbelly (KC1DOY) or from a tent or a barn in the woods of Cheshire (KB1FYL). Now that's a great way to start the weekend.

Happy New Year and 73,
Ed W1YSM President MARC

Tales of the Non-Sanctioned Fox Hunts



Winter Fox Hunting in 2021

The onset of winter has caused us to miss a few weeks of live Fox Hunts, but so far, 2021 has been good to us. Rob K1RCT, Jim N1ZN, John KC1KQH, and I went to South Windsor for the annual New Year's Day hunt. About fifteen hunters set out on the long journey to New Britain to locate the Fox. As expected, the regular Fox Hunters we've come to know, Rod, Chuck, and Chip, were there as well.

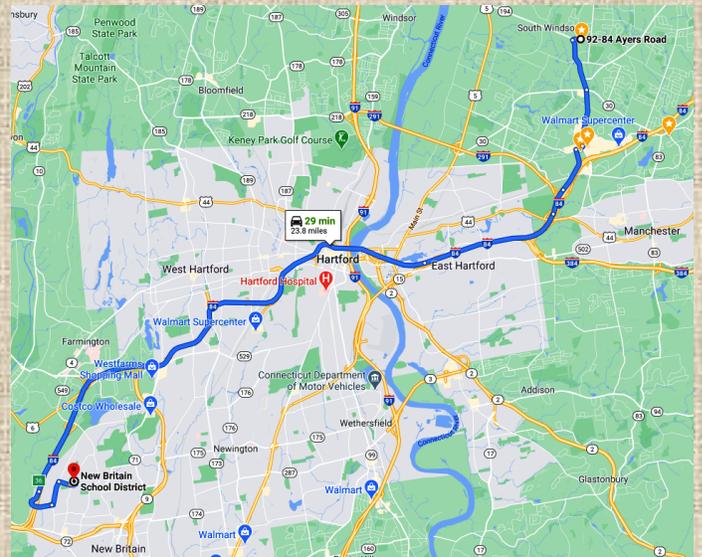
The Manchester BEARS use the somewhat typical setup of one transmitter operating with one minute transmissions every five minutes. That made the one minute pause between transmissions that Rob uses with his Fox Boxes seem short.

This hunt wouldn't be called easy. If you knew where the Fox was and drove there directly, the trip would take a half hour. Getting there while taking bearings on the Fox's 5 watt signal could easily take three hours. I think we all got our money's worth on this hunt.

In addition to New Year's Day with the Bears, we had a live hunt in Wallingford on the 2nd and Rob had a FIAB out in Meriden on the 3rd. That's three hunts in the first three days of 2021. We're off to a strong start for 2021.

Dave NZ1J





Here is a link to a video of the 2021 Bears of Manchester New Year's Day fox hunt.

<https://youtu.be/H0WwUeMsc7w>

It's a great representation of how the fox hunt progressed this year. Although the rules prevent the fox from hiding in downtown Hartford the first bearing taken by most of the hunters took them right over Hartford. The video contains a few cameo appearances by MARC fox hunters in both the parking lot before the fox hunt and broadcasting on the Bears repeater during the hunt. Monitoring the chatter on the repeater prove to be equally as important as taking bearings on the fox. I hope this video peaks the interest of a few more hunters from our club to produce teams to join in on the fun of a new New Year's Day tradition.

73
John KC1KQH

In what would be called very unique timing, Rich WA1TRY has provided us with a blast from the past with pictures from the 1954 MARC FOX hunt. Besides the use of a huge GO-Kit complete with a gas generator, the hunt was very prim & proper with Hams in business suits, ties and bow ties trouncing about the countryside looking for the fox..... TRY THIS is on pages 9 & 10..

TNX Rich for this nostalgia



Castle Craig Chapter, 10/10 News AI N1API, Chapter Head

There will be a Castle Craig Chapter Net on Friday February 5th 2021 on the club net frequency of 28.375. The Purpose of this net is to kick off the 10-10 Winter QSO Party. I hope that all club members will join in. Even if you do not have a 10-10 number you are worth 1 point to the rest of us who do and are submitting logs. The QSO party runs from 0000 UTC February 6th 2021 to 2359:59 February 7th, 2021.

If you are a paid up 10-10 member your support of the club, and our chapter would be appreciated. Please make as many contacts as you can, and submit your log for credit. Remember to mention that you would like to credit Castle Craig Chapter of 10-10 with your score.

Log submission must be made by 2/12/21 by email to tentencontest@ten-ten.org You can also mail your log to the contest coordinator Dan Morris KZ3T, 3162 Covington Way, Lenoir, NC 28645.

We will start taking checkins at 7:45 PM local time, (00:45 UTC), and I will be the Net Control. I would like a station to help with relays if needed. The procedure is simple. At 8 PM local time, (0100 UTC Feb. 6th), we will start from the top of the list, (myself), and I will give my 10-10 information, that is Call, Name, QTH (state), and 10-10 number. The next station will be called and that person will give their information and then stand by. We will proceed to the bottom of the list. The procedure is then repeated from the top to bottom of the list, except you will call all stations that you heard and QSL their information. If you need a repeat on any information this is the time to ask for it.

Once the last station is called they should have no calls to make because everyone has called them. I expect that this net should last no more than about 20 minutes.

Also, as you talk to local, (Connecticut), stations on 10 meters and also on the different bands please mention this QSO party and ask them to check 10 meters at times during the weekend to participate. Please remind them that if they are in the local ground wave area and members of 10-10, that The Castle Craig Chapter of 10-10 is their local chapter and we would appreciate their support for the QSO Parties. We've seen a few non MARC club members submitting their score for the chapter. We'd like to see more. Castle Craig usually finishes pretty well in the chapter standings. We'd like to do better.

If you have your collected 10-10 numbers sitting *now* is the time to send them in or go to the 10-10 web page at <http://www.ten-ten.org/memship.html> and either use the nline shopping cart to join or fill out a paper application and mail it in. There is a special three year incentive plan for \$40.00 or you can join for the basic \$15.00 a year. 10-10 has a membership plan with electronic delivery of the 10-10 News and there are special rates for new and rejoining members of \$10.00 for one year and a three year incentive for \$25.00. It takes about three weeks to get your number back via mail but if you apply online your new number will come via email in just a few days. Remember you need to be a paid up member for your log to count for awards and also toward the club score. A good incentive for joining is that **ALL** 10-10 awards are FREE, and most if all do not require QSL cards and can be applied for via email. You will receive award certificates by return mail, (or), for many, you can ask for a PDF certificate to put in your computer or post on your web pages. For those members who are an OM/YL team there is a family membership rate. It is a good way for both to join and get in on the fun.

Even if you've decided that you are not interested in becoming a 10-10 member, you can still get on and give contacts out to those who are working the QSO Party. Your point will be welcomed. The 10-10 Officers and volunteers realize that 10 meters is in it's minimum sunspot cycle but they still encourage everyone to work the QSO parties, check 10 meters out and make as many contacts as they can. 10-10 was formed to keep 10 meter band active so that it is not lost to other services and that idea is still paramount in the organization's concepts.

Also, you can submit a log as a checklog if you are not a aid up 10-10 member, (though I stress this would be good time to take advantage of the 3 year incentive offer). And if you still decide that 10-10 is not your cup of tea but do get on and pass your information to others, you can also submit a log as a check log. The purpose of 10-10 is to keep the band active and your log is a good way to demonstrate band activity.

Please plan to attend and get the Winter 10-10 QSO party off to a rousing start!

-73- AI N1API

Castle Craig Chapter Chapter Head and Certificate Manager



Secretary Report & Minutes of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club

Bart Toftness N1BRL , Secretary

DECEMBER 2020 BUSINESS MEETING

Secretary Report & Minutes of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club, Bart Toftness, N1BRL, Secretary

Meriden Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Year in Review/ Business meeting December 10, 2020 via Zoom videoconference

Meeting was called to order by President W1YSM at 1930 local

Normal introductions were omitted as all attendees (36) are self-identified in 'Zoom',

AB1DQ, K1JCF, K1LHO, K1LYP, K1RCT, K1STM, K1VDF, K1WJL, KB1EHE, KB1IFZ, KB1JL, KC1DOY, KC1HDB, KC1ISI, KC1KQH, KC1NQE, KC1OCF, KC1SA, KE1AU, KE1AY, N1API, N1BRL, N1GNV, N1LES, N1ZN, NZ1J, W1AJK, W1DQ, W1EDX, W1KKF, W1YSM, W3APC, WA1TRY, WA1ZVY, WB1GYZ, WV2LKM.

Announcements (W1YSM) The recent passing of member Jonathan "Haggie" Winslow KB1HCC and former member Phil Cook N1OKM were recognized. The members continue to be restricted from the OEM in compliance with the town COVID-19 Regulations. Two members continue to recover from COVID-19. The status of future events at the OEM is out for at least the next couple months. The majority of the members concur that the voting process went well in spite of a few ballot distribution issues as noted by K1LHO. The WARG – COVID-19 Panel via Zoom moderated by W1YSM/KB1IFZ and S. Civitelli is scheduled for 12/16/2010.

K1VDF had the privilege of introducing this year's honorees. Ham of The Year is Dave Tipping NZ1J whose tireless efforts conducting more than 30 live fox hunts has played a large part in keeping the members active and engaged during the pandemic. Elmer of The Year goes to none other than Jeff Dwyer N1AKN who in spite of the pandemic, social distancing, face coverings and hand washing managed to repair members equipment and help keep us all on the air.

Secretaries Report (KB1JL) The November 2020 minutes as published in Key Klix were approved without objection or dissent. There was no new correspondence to report. Bart N1BRL was announced as the New Membership Portal to coordinate new memberships.

N1BRL presented the application of Karl Polak KC1OCF for membership which was approved by a show of hands on Zoom and there were no objections. Welcome Karl.

Treasurers Report (K1WJL) was read by Dave. Details are available from Dave upon request. There were no requests for reimbursement.

Station Managers Report (K1RCT) A temperature IR scanner was purchased for the building, to be used during the pandemic, to screen members and guests.

Committees

Entertainment/Activities, W1YSM informed the membership that our Christmas party vendor (Serafino's) offered some suggestions regarding the club deposit for the pandemic cancelled Christmas party. Possibilities included a full refund now, catering off site and others. After some discussion it was concluded the club would allow Serafino's to hold our deposit towards next year's event. AB1DQ will coordinate our Tech Nets and those with other clubs. The OEM continues to be closed to Saturday morning activities and the Coffee Cup Net will continue as long as interest continues. NZ1J commented the live fox hunts have been well attended and could continue when weather permits. There is interest in the club having one or more fox boxes of its own to be available to members who may want to put one out and see what it's like from the fox perspective. There was discussion about promoting a larger event in a localized area with several fox boxes where those new to fox hunting and non-hams could participate but no dates were set.

Website Update (NZ1J) progress continues to maintain the updates. Jeff (KC1HDB) has been very helpful in resolving the SSL problems and K1RCT ask that he be formally added to the committee.

Contest Activation (K1RCT) There is interest in Winter Field Day but the issue of where to operate remains.

Club Nets continue to be well attended.

Castle Craig (N1API) Al reminded us the 10-10 QSO party will coming Feb with more info to follow.

Scholarship had no activity to report.

Interference/Technical (K1VDF) nothing new to report

Instruction VE (KE1AY) Don reminded us the December VE session is cancelled while those for Jan., Feb., and March 2021 are still on the ARRL schedule. There may be 5 candidates waiting for sessions. KE1AY will ask the ARRL for details about virtual VE sessions.

Key Klix (K1WJL) Dave will continue the QRP versions along with the monthly editions. He thanks those who make article and photo submissions and ask that we continue.

WARG/EMCOM (KB1JL) Eric reports some CERT Team members may be needed to assist with the vaccine distribution and could be in line for early round doses.

Candy Store (N1ZN) nothing new.

Community Outreach, nothing new.

Old Business (K1RCT)

There was MUCH discussion about the pros, cons, feasibility, need, necessity and consequences for PL tones on both the input and output of the W1KKF repeater. K1RCT again asked the Repeater Committee to meet to resolve all these questions and report back. Some of these question relate to linking and the Echolink that is being configured by KC1SA. Rob discussed Echolink as functional and working well with the node being W1NRG-R, located at KC1SA.

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New Business

KB1JL reported on the progress of the OEM clean out of radios and equipment.

W1YSM lead an open discussion about collaboration of various events and activities with other clubs. Many opinions were heard and the impacts on the club but no commitments were made.

Following the business meeting a brief Year in Review PowerPoint session was presented by K1RCT highlighting the club events from 2020.

Voting Summary for the December meeting

New member KC1OCF was affirmed by majority

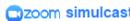
November minutes were approved

Serafino's dinner deposit will be left at Serafino's

Meeting was adjourned at 2140

MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TECH NET SCHEDULE					
Winter - Spring 2021					
Net No.	Date	NCS	Call	Topic	RF Frequency
2021-01	01/07/21	Ant	NU1U	DMR	W1KKF/R
2021-02	01/21/21	James	AB1DQ	Mobile HF installations	W1KKF/R
2021-03	02/04/21	Ant	NU1U	Eight Months a Ham	W1KKF/R
2021-04	02/18/21	Rob & James	K1RCT, AB1DQ	Grounding: RF & Safety	W1KKF/R
2021-05	03/04/21	Ant	NU1U	TBD	W1KKF/R
2021-06	03/18/21	TBD	TBD	TECHNICIAN TRIVIA	W1KKF/R
2021-07	04/01/21	John	N1GNV	Understanding SWR	W1KKF/R
2021-08	04/15/21	James	AB1DQ	QSL & Awards - paper vs electronic, ARRL vs all others	W1KKF/R
2021-09	05/06/21	Rob	K1RCT	Establishing a Club Contest Station	W1KKF/R
2021-10	05/20/21	Eric & Elsie	KB1EHE, KB1IFZ	The communication importance of anti-DX	160M , TBD
2021-11	06/03/21	TBD	TBD	GENERAL TRIVIA	W1KKF/R

MARC TECH NETS occur on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM local time
 Nets meet on the Wallingford repeater W1KKKF/R 147.360+ No PL, unless otherwise noted.
 All Tech nets will be simulcast via ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/93229634252>

Join us tonight for the
MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Tech Net
 8:00 pm EDT - W1KKF/R 147.360 +0.600

 NCS: AB1DQ, James
 Topic: Planning Meeting for the Tech Net




**MARC TECH NET GURU
 JAMES AB1DQ**



Elsie & I finished our geodesic dome build-out just in time for this weekend's sports craziness! One TV. Three laptops. Tons of munchies. And us two sports fanatics. :-) It's 80 degrees inside. So we're very comfy in T-shirts, shorts, and flip flops. Streaming the Bills/Colts game and the UConn women's BB game. The dome's fully equipped with power, WiFi, overhead flood lights, and (for tonight) a 1,500-watt ceramic heater. And we've created a junction in our antenna feed, splicing the ladder line with banana plugs / jacks. So we're ready for any contesting.



“TRY” THIS! A monthly blurb about PC and Ham Radio Stuff
Rich Aubin WA1TRY

Hope everyone had a nice New Year. I'm doing my best to write more for the club newsletter. Have been busy working some pretty old club archives. Very delicate original newspaper articles. They are "bound" into a large book which has articles going back to the first 25 years of the club. The problem is that the large "book" is falling apart and not easily scanned. So the process is tedious. I've done about 20 percent of the hundreds of articles along with some original MARC club meeting minutes. I will be sharing them each month here in the newsletter.

A phrase comes to mind - "Everything old is new again" which has prompted me to dig deep into the MARC archives. Yup MARC was doing the "Fox Hunt" thing a long time ago. I found a newspaper article from 1954 all about our club's early foray into "fox hunting". Haven't digitized the article yet but I took some quick pictures for Dave to put into the Key Klix. Back then we had monthly fox hunts .. As you can see the "fox box" was a little different than today's equipment. The Fox was powered by a gasoline generator.

Later I'll add the finished conversions in PDF files after I improve the photos etc. But for now .. enjoy the trip down memory lane.

73, Rich WA1TRY



**THE original
"Fox In A Box"**

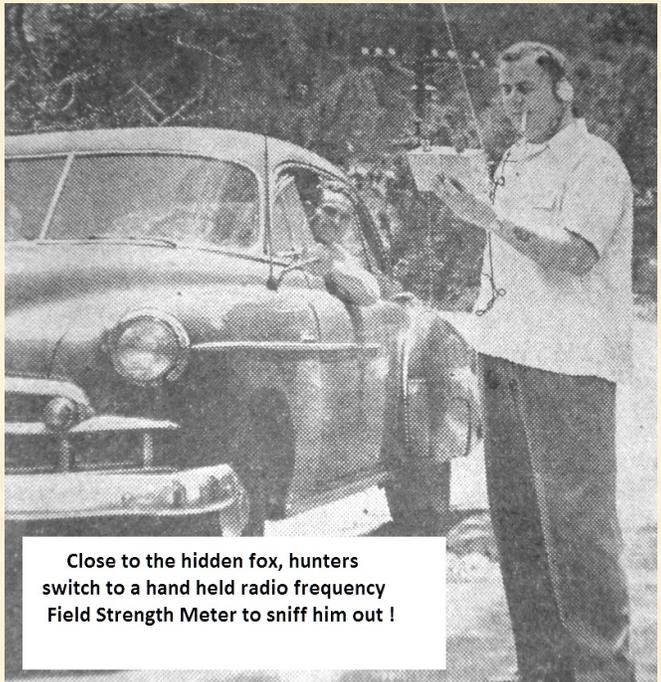
AT hidden location, in five minutes Station WISBF/1 is set up, generator started and operators rib hunters but give no clues as to their location.

Meriden Radio 'Hams' Uncover Hidden 'Illegal' Transmitter

ONCE A MONTH the mobile amateur radio operators of Meriden track down an "illegal" hidden radio station just for practice. It's a game of hide and seek, with a portable civil defense radio transmitter being hidden somewhere in the city, and the two-way radio cars of the Meriden amateurs doing the seeking. A three-man team loads the portable station and its gasoline-powered generator into a car and drives to some previously selected location, usually off a dirt road somewhere in the woods, though within city limits. The team sets up the station, starts the generator, and goes on the air, usually within 15 minutes of the time they leave the clubhouse of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club in South Meriden. The mobile operators, two or three to a car, wait until they hear...



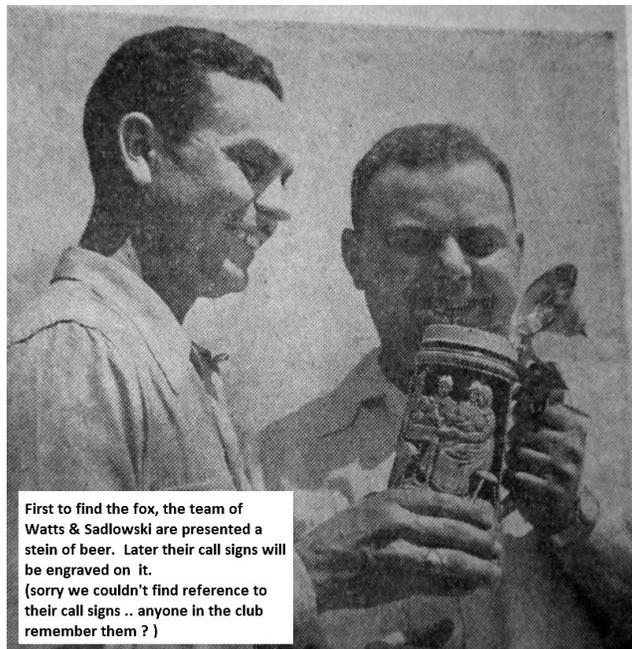
NICHOLAS Zadrick (WIUCA) and Paul Lambert (W1HJK) use directional antenna to learn general direction of hidden set. Readings a mile apart are drawn on map. Intersection of lines is focal spot.



Close to the hidden fox, hunters switch to a hand held radio frequency Field Strength Meter to sniff him out !



**MARC Fox Hunters
1954**



First to find the fox, the team of Watts & Sadlowski are presented a stein of beer. Later their call signs will be engraved on it. (sorry we couldn't find reference to their call signs .. anyone in the club remember them ?)



FRANK Darmofalski (W1FYG), Edward Mierz (W1FUW) use meter on car receiver to show strength of signal. It usually gets stronger as they near location; sometimes hills, tall buildings reflect waves, upset trail.

Years Past - MARC activities

10 yrs ago 2011 No CW Sweepstakes entry for 2011 due to big snow storm.

That year the Nutmeg Hamfest made two separate donations. One to the MARC general fund and the 2nd to the MARC/W1FD Memorial Scholarship Fund.

One of the more popular activities in 2011 was a field trip to the Bethany Observatory

20 yrs ago 1991 Using an educational grant from IBM, MARC setup the donation of a complete set ARRL books to both the Meriden and Wallingford town libraries. The project was spearheaded by Al Alvareztorres, WA1NPX (later AA1DO) SK.

40 yrs ago 1981 Article Record-Journal 1981 - MARC celebrates it's 35th anniversary with the 175th birthday of the town of Meriden at a celebration at the Polish Veerans American Legion Home. **The article mentioned the "former" Meriden radio club which was the "Meriden Radio Club" founded in 1915.**

1948 - Meetings held *weekly* on Sundays at Ritz Restaurant . Membership at 25.

April 26, 1948. Record Journal article, **Radio Club Hears Talk** by Expert (Byron Goodman, Assitant Technical Director of the Amereican Radio Relay League) on "Single Sideband".

Feb 1947 - First MARC Meeting.

MARC HOSTS ZOOM SESSION ON COVID-19 VACCINE

MARC hosted a well-received COVID-19 Vaccine information session via Zoom, on Wednesday, December 16 at 1930. A total of 68 attendees signed-in. The speakers included:

- MARC club president Ed Snyder, MD W1YSM, Professor Laboratory Medicine, Yale University/ Yale New-Haven Hospital,
- MARC member, Elsie Mathews, MPH KB1IFZ Director, Data Management - Pfizer
- Stephen Civitelli, RS, MPH Director of Health, Town of Wallingford.



Dr. Snyder noted that aside from the Wallingford Amateur Radio Group — Meriden Amateur Radio Club which hosted the virtual informational session, there were no sponsorships from any external agencies and no speaker was compensated.

Dr. Snyder discussed the theory/science behind vaccination in general and specifically how the Covid-19 vaccine is manufactured and stored. Ms. Mathews addressed how the vaccine clinical trials were structured and the regulatory compliance issues that needed to be met. Mr. Civitelli addressed Town of Wallingford distribution plans and provided a peek behind the curtain regarding the preparation being undertaken as the vaccine is rolled out.

The presentation and the follow-up 1-hour Q&A session went smoothly thanks to the expert technical efforts of members Rob Cichon K1RCT and Jeff Martin KC1HDB. They ensured adequate bandwidth to accommodate up to five-hundred participants. Participation was not just local, but included amateur radio operator K4AVM Andrew (Eric KB1JL's son) in Virginia, and another listener from Cape Cod. Apparently, the recorded session was popular and at last check there were over 84 YouTube hits. Questions were fielded by K1RCT without interruption, using sidebar texting. Queued up questions were offered to the Panel moderator W1YSM, and referred to the appropriate speaker for an answer. This made for a seamless presentation. Audience participation was lively, and questions reflected thoughtful concern about various aspects of the pandemic. The session closed, after all queries were considered, at 2100 EST.

Afterward, Steve Civitelli representing the Town of Wallingford wrote: "I think it came off very well. It was great working with you both. If the need ever arises again, you can count me in."

Similarly, Elsie, KB1IFZ wrote: "It was a pleasure to provide some information to interested club members, and town folk... I think we were a good trio!"

Ed Snyder, W1YSM opined that "MARC/WARG views such public Information sessions as an opportunity to support the Town of Wallingford, promote public health awareness, bolster MARC's visibility and promote the spirit of Amateur Radio. I view that as a win-win-win-win".

Further Zoom sessions are being planned on other topics.

Bob WB1GYZ

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 TRES.....K1WJL DAVE SWEDOCK
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MEETINGS: NORMALLY
 7:30PM ON THE 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS
 OF THE MONTH,
 UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED,
 THE HOPE HILL ROAD FIREHOUSE / EOC
 143 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
**ALL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED
 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

MAILING ADDRESS:
 MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
 POB 583, MERIDEN CT. 06450

CLUB NETS

6 MTR NET MONDAYS 8PM
 50.175MHZ N1ZN JIM

2 METER NET TUESDAYS 7:30PM
 147.36 /RPT NO PL K1TDO TODD

10 METER NET TUESDAYS 8PM
 28.375MHZ K1VDF JOHN

10/10 CASTLE CRAIG CHAPTER
 (CONCURRENTLY WQITH CLUB NET)
 28.375MHZ TUESDAYS 8PM N1API AL

2 METER TECH NET Thursdays 7:30PM
 147.360+, no PL (on non-MARC meeting nites)
 WEEKLY NET MODERATED BY VARIOUS
 AMATEURS WITH DIFFERENT TECHNICAL TOP-
 ICS AND Q&A SESSION

2 METER COFFEE CUP NET SAT 9AM
 147.36+ NO PL W1YSM ED
 (THIS HAS ALSO A SIMULTANEOUS
 SECONDARY NET OF SORTS THROUGH
 THE VIDEO TELECONFERENCING
 W1NRG JITSI SITE)

WEBSITE: (USE LOWERCASE)
www.w1nrg.com

FORUM / BBS:
www.w1nrg.com/forum/
 or go to website and follow links

CASTLE CRAIG 10-10 WEBSITE:
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 and follow the links

CLUB REPEATER W1KKF/R
 147.36MHZ +600 OFFSET
 NO PL TONE (OPEN REPEATER)

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

AB1DQ	James Surprenant	22R	N1BF	Patrick Dionne	21R
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	21S	N1BRL	Bart Toftness	22S
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	20S	N1GNV	John Bartscherer	20S
K1IIG	Steve Tripp	20S	N1GY	Geoff Haines	21S
K1JCF	Joe Farrell	23S	N1HCA	Susan South	20R
K1LHO	Mike Ash	20S	N1IBE	Wade Martell	21S
K1LYP	John Yusza	21S	N1KGY	Chuck Ayers	20R
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	20R	N1LES	Joe Murray	21R
K1MVM	Mike Macri	20S	N1MOB	Dan David	20R
K1RCT	Rob Cichon	20R	N1NAN	Helen Spokes	20S
K1SCI	Stuart Isaac	20R	N1OKF	Bob Parisi	20R
K1STM	Anne West	21S	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone	21S
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	21R	N1QYB	William Wilecki Jr.	20S
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver	22S	N1YLN	Edward O'Lena	20R
K1VDF	John Blevins	20S	N1ZN	James Savage	20S
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	22S	NZ1J	Dave Tipping	22R
KB1CIW	Bob Stephens	20S	W1AJK	Andrew Kazimer	22R
KB1EHE	Eric Knight	21R	W1DQ	John Elengo	22S
KB1FYL	Bob Carruthers	20S	W1EDX	Paul Stasieluk	21S
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	21R	W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak	L
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	21S	W1KPS	Kevin Shields	20R
KB1MFU	John Ramadei	21R	W1LV	Steve Morley	20R
KB1MZG	Guy Allard	21S**	W1NHS	Fred Ring	20S
KB1SIT	Teresa Stephens	20S	W1NNZ	William Kosche III	20S
KB1SSN	Alex Dills	20R	W1POP	Fred Liedke	21S
KB1TJD	Gainne Jenkins	20S	W1ST	Stephen Stimpson	20R
KB1TMC	Clare O'Lena	20R	W1UFO	Mike Cei	20R
KB1YFJ	Glen Couture	20R	W1XK	Stan Kugler	20S
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni	21S	W1YSM	Ed Snyder	22R
KC1GMD	Ralph Ring	20R	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin	21S
KC1HDB	Jeff Martin	28R	WA1JKR	John Rogus	21S
KC1HFO	John Stoidis	20R	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich	20R
KC1IIK	Scott Mowerson	20R	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
KC1IIL	Matt Mowerson	20Y	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	20S
KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson	21R	WB1GGP	Jerry Shepard	20S
KC1KQH	John Kasinskas	20S	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	21S
KC1MBG	Robert Luby	21R	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	22R
KC1NQE	Shawn Warren	21R	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	20S
KC1NXP	Andrew Paolillo	21R	W3APC	James Cook	21S
KC1OCF	Karl Polak	21S	W9OTW	Debbie Foss	20R
KC1PU	Bob Woodtke Jr.	21R		Ron Rogers	20S
KC1SA	Stephen Allen	21R			
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	20S			
KE1AV	Dave Sanford	20R			
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	21S			
KR1U	Bob Eslinger	20S			
N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer	20R			
N1API	Al Kaiser	21S			

MEMBERSHIP STATS

TOTAL MEMBERS.....89
 REGULAR(UNDER65).....42
 SENIOR(OVER 65).....44
 LIFE.....2
 STUDENT(UNDER 18).....1

CLUB DUES STRUCTURE (JAN-DEC)

UP TO 64 YRS OF AGE--\$20/YR
 SENIOR DISCOUNT 65 & UP--\$15
 ANY MEMBER WHO IS A LICENSED HAM,
 18 & UNDER WILL BE GIVEN FREE DUES.

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