

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

## April 2014

The business meeting opened at 19:33 EDST on April 10, 2014 with 14 people in attendance. See call sign listing on next page. A quorum was present. The meeting was chaired by President, Jim N1ZN. Al, N1API brought in some coffee and donuts for everyone to enjoy.

**Announcements** – none

**Introductions** – All present at the meeting announced their name and call sign and signed the log sheet.

**Secretary's Report** – March meeting minutes accepted as shown on the MARC website.

**Treasurer's Report** – Haggie returned from his Florida vacation and stated the club's financial numbers, with some casual remarks from the attendees about the nice financial position of the club.

**Contributions** - None

**Correspondence** – The recently received QSL card requests for W1NRG QSOs will be given to Bob, KE1AU for log review and replies. We received 8 cards, one being from Senegal, Africa, 6V7D, for a 10 meter SSB contact on 27-Mar-2011, at 18:05 z.

**Scholarship** – nothing discussed

**Club Station & Facilities** – Rich, WA1TRY reported that the club's ham equipment was operational and OK. He noted that a local WIFI internet connection was being developed using a "hot spot" capability for use at W1NRG. Still no word from the town about acquiring several used telephone poles as antenna supports for MARC use at the fire station.

**Club Activities & Program** –

- April, pictures and discussion about individual ham's stations in the club.
- May, K1SEZ Paul will present the new digital modes and logging software
- June, club's 2014 Field Day preparation

**Nets** - All nets are doing well

- HF-SSB 28.375 Tuesdays at 8:00 PM, Primary NC John K1VDF
- VHF-FM 147.36R Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, Primary NC Todd K1TDO
- VHF-SSB 50.175 Mondays at 8 PM, Primary NC Jim N1ZN

**Hamfests** – Jim N1ZN mentioned the Eastern VHF/UHF Conference on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Manchester, CT

**Castle Craig** – Al, N1API reported that the national 10-10 Club would be supporting a table at the upcoming July ARRL100th Celebration in Hartford. Al requested anyone interested in helping to staff the booth for a few hours should contact him for a schedule.

**Membership** – There are 36 members in the MARC, according to Haggie, KB1HCC

**Interference and Technical** – Rich, WA1TRY, still has an unresolved RFI issue at his house.

**Repeater** - Bill, W1KKF, reported that no info or correspondence has been received from the **CT Spectrum Management Association (CSMA)**.

**Instruction & Testing** – No comments.

**Candy Store** – Jim ZN noted that a small amount of the remaining MARC white sew-on club patches were free and being given to current members, as long as they last. Several were handed out at the meeting.

**Club Media** – It was noted that the new club website was up and running, thanks to the continuing work of Mark K1PU. Also, the MARC Bulletin Board on the W1NRG website was open for business now. Rich WA1TRY encouraged everyone to try out the revised BBS format.

**Field Day** (June-fourth full weekend) – This year will be **June 27, 28, 29<sup>th</sup>** at Marcus Cooke Park. Chris, WA1VXH has sent in our request in a note to the Parks & Rec department. We are “looking” for a pickup truck with a 2” towing ball for moving some equipment up to the Park; Haggie KB1HCC said his truck was available for this task.

**EmComm** – Jim ZN discussed the nice coverage by MARC and several other volunteers for the Cheshire MS walk, held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. *Skip W1SKP mentioned that he had not been contacted to volunteer for this activity. He mentioned his previous involvement with this event and expressed his negative feelings about being ignored. It was remarked that the coordination of this MS Walk was handled by our RACES team and that it was a well-documented activity.*

**Key Klix** – Dave K1WJL has agreed to take over the publishing of the MARC Key Klix monthly newsletter. It will be issued as a PDF via email, but Dave said that he’d keep a short list of a few members who need a printed copy. **All members: be sure your email address with us is known and recognized by Haggie KB1HCC!**

**Nutmeg Hamfest** – Bill KKF remarked that we still need to identify and contact guest presenters for this event. Paul K1SEZ is contacting several ARRL HQ speakers.

**New Business** – none

**Meeting Adjourned by voice vote about 20:25 to continue informal discussions around the coffee and pastries.**

Submitted: Paul Ciezniak, K1SEZ, Secretary



## Meeting Attendees on April 10, 2014

1. K1LYP, John
2. K1PU, Mark
3. K1SEZ, Paul (secretary)
4. K1VDF, John
5. K1WJL, Dave
6. KB1HCC, Haggie (treasurer)
7. KC1AXJ, Steve
8. N1API, Al (vice president)
9. N1BF, Pat
10. N1ZN, Jim (president)
11. W1KKF, Bill
12. *W1SKP, Elmer/Skip*
13. WA1TRY, Rich (station manager)
14. WV2LKM, Steve