

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

June 2014

The business meeting opened at 7:33 EDST on June 12, 2014 with 16 people in attendance. See call sign and names listing on the last page. A quorum was present. The meeting was opened and chaired by President, Jim, N1ZN.

Announcements – none

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

Secretary's Report – The May 2014 meeting minutes were announced by Paul, K1SEZ, and published on the MARC website several weeks ago. There were no corrections discussed and the minutes will be accepted as written. Please review the previous month's meeting minutes before attending the next one

Treasurer's Report – Haggie, KB1HCC, gave a verbal report of the financial conditions of the MARC. It was announced that the current executive committee of Jim, N1ZN and Al, N1API, and Haggie, KB1HCC will be submitting their names and signatures to the Webster Bank soon for confirmed access to club funds as recognized by our bylaws. On the membership aspects of the MARC report, Haggie also announced that there are about 35 paid-up members for 2014 at this time.

Contributions - None

Correspondence – Rich, WA1TRY and Haggie, KB1HCC visited the Meriden Post Office drop box for MARC in the last few days and noted there was no correspondence.

Scholarship – Don, KE1AY, remarked that the 2014 MARC scholarship of \$500 will be given to a local student at our next meeting in July. The award ceremony will be conducted at the beginning of our July business meeting, and will include the recipient's parents. Photographs will be taken and an announcement sent to the local Meriden and New Haven newspapers.

Club Station & Facilities – There was no report on the club station this month, but there was much discussion concerning the upcoming June ARRL Field Day activity. (See below)

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) – upcoming plans for June

- **June**, the club's 2014 Field Day preparation will be our upcoming monthly activity, focusing on the **Thursday, June 26th meeting**. Rich, WA1TRY, elaborated on the various transceivers, antennas, and tent details that we will use to handle this annual emergency preparations exercise.
- We will have the usual Kenwood TS-450 and TS-690 rigs, paired up with the end-to-end G5RV antennas.
- Besides the Sideband tent and CW tent setups, there will be a third tent to house the VHF/ UHF activities with equipment provided by club members.
- As in previous FD exercises, MARC will set up and attempt a satellite contact with CW mode. Haggie and Bill will work out the details of equipment and schedules.
- The electrical power will be provided by two portable gas-power generators contributed by Haggie, KB1HCC. There will also be some gel cell intermediary batteries to be used during the refueling processes to eliminate operating down-time.

- The food equipment and cooking chores will be handled again by John, N1GNV in the pavilion area. We might also set up a G.O.T.A. station and separate antenna under John's auspices.

- The actual setup at Marcus Cooke Park will begin at 2 pm on Friday afternoon, June 27th. Packing the several members' pickup trucks will be done on the Thursday before.
- Jim, N1ZN emphasized the need for MARC volunteers for setting up the tents and equipment, but especially for the Sunday afternoon tear-down activities.

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 –

Casual remarks about the upcoming ARRL Centennial celebration on July 17th through July 19th were made by several members in attendance.

Key Klix- Dave K1WJL said the June issue of Key Klix will be published shortly on the MARC website, and apologized for the delay.

Castle Craig – Al, N1API requested anyone interested in helping to staff the national 10-10 Club's booth for a few hours should contact him for a scheduled time.

Membership – Two new members were accepted into the MARC tonight:

- Ron Slack, KB1MMS of Wallingford, CT
- Dave Arruzza, W1CTN of Ansonia, CT

Interference and Technical – no report

Repeater - nothing to report.

Instruction & Testing – No comments.

Candy Store – no report

Club Media – no report

Field Day – This year the 2014 Field Day exercise will be **June 28, 29th** at Marcus Cooke Park on the east side of Wallingford. As usual, the club will complete our final preparations for FD at the Thursday activity meeting just before the event on June 26th. Setup will start at 2 pm on that Friday, June 27th. Comments were expressed about staffing the SSB tent more completely and interest was noted to set up a VHF tent in addition to a GOTA rig, since we have several new members who would qualify under the GOTA rules.

Bill W1KKF mentioned that the CW tent will be staffed for the full FD time with operators similar to previous years. Beginners or anyone interested in the CW side of ham radio were invited to join the CW tent operations at any time during the event to get a taste of the popular mode.

EmComm – no report.

Nutmeg Hamfest –. The main speakers for our Nutmeg Hamfest (Oct. 12, 2014) were announced to be **Joel Hallas, W1ZR** and **Dave Sumner, K1ZZ**. We will also be hosting the Connecticut section meeting at this Hamfest.

New Business – none

Meeting Adjourned by voice vote about 8:33 to continue informal discussions around the coffee and pastries.

Submitted: Paul Ciezniak, K1SEZ, Secretary

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Meeting Attendees on June 12, 2014

1. K1LYP, John
2. K1SEZ, Paul (secretary)
3. K1VDF, John
4. K1WJL, Dave
5. KB1HCC, Haggie
6. KB1MMS, Ron (new member)
7. KC1ACN, Rob
8. KC1AXJ, Steve
9. KE1AU, Bob
10. KE1AY, Don
11. N1API, Al (vice president)
12. N1ZN, Jim (president)
13. W1CTN, Dave (new member)
14. W1KKF, Bill
15. WA1TRY, Rich
16. WB1GYZ, Bob