

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

March 2014

The business meeting opened at 19:40 EDST on March 13, 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 - February's minutes accepted as read by Paul, K1SEZ; *note that there was no MARC business or activity meeting in the month of February, 2014.*

Treasurer's Report – No report; it was noted that Haggie is still on vacation in Florida and did not attend the meeting. Jim ZN mentioned that we still haven't recorded the new officers' signatures on various financial documents for the club.

Contributions - None

Correspondence – None

Scholarship – Don, KE1AY, said that he had received only one scholarship application so far, and Jim N1ZN remarked that we will send out a second notice to the surrounding high schools this month.

Club Station & Facilities – Rich, WA1TRY reported that the club's ham equipment was operational and OK, and that we should pursue the town regarding the availability of the used telephone poles from the DPW for use at the club's firehouse location for antennas.

Club Activities & Program – Jim N1ZN thanked Bob KB1FYL for his work at arranging the club's Activity meeting events in the past, but noted that Bob had decided to no longer do this activity planning because of new demands for his time. Kudos was expressed by several members present to thank Bob for all his work in this area. So far, Jim has the following plans for this year:

- March, K1BXC Dan Burbank of Tolland, CT... to discuss a Space Shuttle mission
- 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 – on Saturday, 3/15, there will be a Hamfest at Dayville, CT
And on Sunday, 3/16, there will be a Hamfest at Southington, CT
Jim N1ZN mentioned the Eastern VHF/UHF Conference on April 11th 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 were two new members applying for membership in the MARC at this meeting:
KC1BAQ, Joe Hamm from Wallingford, CT
KC1AXJ, Steve Allen, from Wallingford, CT

Both were welcomed into the club by unanimous voice vote. It was noted that they would help to lower the club's average member age nicely. Steve mentioned his other hobby was RC model planes. Both announced that they are not related to any famous personages with the same surnames.

Interference and Technical – Rich, WA1TRY, announced that there is a minor RFI issue now at his home which he is pursuing to resolve. *(This underlies the old adage about how the shoemaker's kids always go shoeless<grin>)*

Repeater - Bill, W1KKF, no problems evident but noted that our repeater association, now an integral part of the MARC, has never done the coordination request from the **CT Spectrum Management Association (CSMA)**. Bill mentioned our possible "interference" with other repeaters to our north of Wallingford and how important it was to not use more than the minimal power (a few watts, at most) if operating mobile in that area into the 147.360 – W1KKF repeater.

Instruction & Testing – Don, KE1AY, reported that there was no currently planned VE session. The next planned VE session will be at our Nutmeg Hamfest in October

Candy Store – Jim ZN noted the two current sources for having hats / jackets with the club insignia or call letters; "*The Parent Shop.com*" and "*Queensboro.com*". Paul SEZ remarked that there are several embroidery shops in the Wallingford/Meriden area that can do our club's logo and individual call signs, and that we should solicit these locations for monogrammed ham radio wearing apparel.

Club Media – It was noted that the new club website was up and running, thanks to the continuing work of Mark K1PU. Nice job, Mark!

Field Day (June-fourth full weekend) – This year will be **June 27, 28, 29th** at Marcus Cooke Park. Chris, WA1VXH has sent in our request in a note to the Parks & Rec department.

EmComm – Jim ZN discussed the upcoming support for the Cheshire MS walk, needing about 6 hams with HT equipment to cover this event. It will be held April 6th starting at the Cheshire high school at 7:30 am.

Key Klix – Dave K1WJL has agreed to take over the publishing of the MARC Key Klix monthly newsletter. It will be disseminated by Email as a PDF so be sure that you have given us your correct Email address. The first one was released at the beginning of March. Rich WA1TRY was thanked for his many years of being the editor, main writer, and publisher for our club's newsletter.

Nutmeg Hamfest – Bill KKF announced and presented a check from the Nutmeg Hamfest Alliance to the MARC for \$1,912, a record amount. **A nice round of applause was given to Bill's announcement!**

New Business – none

Meeting Adjourned by voice vote about 20:45 to continue informal discussions around the coffee and pastries.

Submitted: Paul Ciezniak, K1SEZ, Secretary



Meeting Attendees on March 13, 2014

1. K1LYP, John
2. K1SEZ, Paul (secretary)
3. K1VDF, John
4. **KC1AXJ, Steve**
5. **KC1BAQ, Joe**
6. KE1AU, Bob
7. KE1AY, Don
8. N1API, Al (vice president)
9. N1BF, Pat
10. N1ZN, Jim (president)
11. W1KKF, Bill
12. WA1JKR, John
13. WA1TRY, Rich (station manager)
14. WV2LKM, Steve