



Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) December 2015

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Dave (K1WJL)
Steve (KC1AXJ), Rob (KC1ACN).

The December meeting was not a business meeting but rather the club's annual holiday party. A good time was had by all. The cash bar opened at 6PM and the buffet started at approximately 7:15PM. Attending members and guests shared stories over drinks and excellent food at Brother's Restaurant in Wallingford. 40 folks attended this year's event with MARC President Bill Wawrzeniak (W1KKF) chairing the event.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves and their guests.

Announcements –

Bill (W1KKF) introduced the 2016 MARC officers, which are the same officers as the 2015 MARC officers.

Bill made a motion to accept Jim Suprenant (AB1DQ) as a member into the MARC. The motion was seconded and voted to accept Jim into the club. Welcome Jim.

Steve (KC1AXJ) and Rob (KC1ACN) briefly discussed this past year's club contesting events and showed the most recent award for the 2014 ARRL 10M contest with W1NRG (MARC) awarded 1st place for Multi-operator Connecticut section. A small ad hoc committee was put together for that contest and put together an antenna for the event.

Paul (K1SEZ), who volunteers at the ARRL HQ, presented to the club two hard cover text books from the ARRL. The books are 2015 Handbook and 2015 Antenna book.

Some challenges were made of the antenna used for the most recent clean sweep for the phonies while the beep-beep folks failed to achieve that status. All in fun!

Special presenter John Bee (N1GNV) made a special recognition presentation to Haggie (KB1HCC) for his many years of service to MARC, always volunteering to help with various projects the club was involved in. Haggie will be moving from the area this month, his comradery will be missed. Best wishes Haggie!

Rich (WA1TRY) was awarded life time membership in thanks for his many years (1974 to present) of service to MARC. John (N1GNV) awarded Rich a very nice memorial clock in appreciation for all the work Rich has done for the club. Dave (K1WJL) had to refund Rich is 2016 membership fee for now Rich is a life member.

Bill (W1KKF) awarded plaques to 6 club members for the August US Islands Committee event for getting CT-035L (designated as North Farms Island) on the map. W1KKF, N1ZN, KC1ACN, N1GNV, KC1AXJ, KB1HCC (Commodore).

The MARC Ham of the Year was awarded to Johnathan "Haggie" Winslow (KB1HCC). Haggie was moved by the award, to use his words "this means more to me than you'll ever know".



The MARC Elmer of the Year award was given to a wonderful deserving person Rob Cichon. Rob was very appreciative.

Correspondence – QSL cards were received and given to Bob K. Received the bill for the P.O Box and three checks for membership dues from current MARC members. These checks and bill were given to Dave S.

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Meeting was closed at 9:10 PM

Meeting Attendees on December 10, 2015

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| AB1DQ | Jim Suprenant | with guest |
| AF1HS | Art Fregeau | |
| K1IIG | Stephen Tripp | with guest |
| K1LHO | Mike Ash | |
| K1LYP | John Yusza | |
| K1MVM | Mike Macri | with guest |
| K1PU | Mark Mokoski | |
| K1SEZ | Paul Ciezniak | |
| K1VDF | John Blevins | |
| K1WJL | Dave Swedock | |
| KB1GWP | Joseph Rish, Sr. | with guest |
| KB1HCC | Jonathan Winslow | with guest |
| KC1ACN | Rob Cichon | with guests |
| KC1AXJ | Stephen Allen | with guest |
| KE1AU | Robert Kaczor | with guest |
| KE1AY | Donald Mitchell | |
| N1API | Al Kaiser | |
| N1GNV | John Bartscherer | |
| N1OKF | Bob Parisi | |
| N1ZN | James Savage | |
| W1ATV | Walter Yatook | with guest |
| W1DQ | John Elengo | |
| W1KKF | Bill Wawrzeniak | |
| WA1JKR | John Rogus | |
| WA1TRY | Rich Aubin | |
| WA1VXH | Christian Sievert | |
| WB1GYZ | Bob Biancur | |
| WV2LKM | Steve Waldmann | with guest |
| N1HCA | Sue South | |