



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

The business meeting opened at 7:33 PM EDST on July 9, 2015 with 21 people in attendance and one guest, a quorum was present.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Haggie (KB1HCC) and Steve (KC1AXJ).

The meeting was opened and chaired by President, Bill (W1KKF).

Announcements – The next meeting, an activity meeting, is July 23 which will be our picnic at Hubbard Park.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – June's Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site. Correction, Rob (KC1ACN) is the Station Activities Manager.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed at meeting and accepted.

Contributions – Not discussed

Correspondence – Mutual fund financial report and one new membership application from W1DQ.

Program & Entertainment – The club is still searching for a replacement for Rich (WA1TRY) for the Program & Entertainment chairman.

Scholarship – The recipient, Jeremy Santiago from Meriden, accepted the club's Scholarship award this evening. Jeremy's Dad was present as well. Jeremy will be attending CCSU and majoring in Communication. Good luck Jeremy.

Club Station & Facilities – The cabinets need to be re-organized to gain easier/quicker access to equipment. Rob (KC1ACN) is getting cabinets to replace the worn cabinets we currently have. These cabinets are no cost to the club, thanks Rob.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month) –

The club picnic is July 23rd at Hubbard Park. If someone could bring a radio/antenna to this event that would be good (send an email to the reflector (marc_members@meridenarc.com) if you can accommodate. Plan to arrive at the Pavilion by 6PM; tables in the Pavilion are first come/first serve. The Club will provide Dogs 'n Burgers. If folks could bring chips, snacks, salads, desserts or a side dish that would be welcome. Again, send a message out to the reflector if bringing food.

Nets –

10M – 10 check in's this past week.

6M – 3 this past week.

2M – 5 check in's this past week.

Castle Craig – The first weekend in August is the Summer QSO party. Intent is for Al (N1API) to have a short net to kick this off but that depends on Al's Step-IR back in operation.



Hamfests – We do not have a contract with the hotel. John (N1GNV) will check with the hotel to see what the holdup is. Reminder, Hamfest is October 18th.

Key Klix –Published, great job Dave (K1WJL). Dave's looking for shack/rig/antenna photos for posting in Key Klix, please send pictures to Dave for publication. Also Bob (WB1GYZ) will be restarting the reporter role again. Bob will be calling on members to open their shack for an interview with Bob and these articles will be in future issues of Key Klix. Thanks Bob for doing this.

Membership – Prior to new members this evening, total membership stands at 56. This consists of 53 paid members, 2 lifetime members and 1 complimentary membership. This evening we inducted two additional members to the club; John Elengo (W1DQ) is a new member to the club, and Jim Martin (WA1ZVY) was a member and has rejoined. Thanks John and Jim and welcome to MARC!

Interference and Technical – Nothing reported, if you do have issues let Rich (WA1TRY) know.

Repeater – Not discussed

Instruction & Testing – Don (KE1AY) is still waiting for a few folks that wanted a testing session to get back to him. If interested in having a testing session, let Don know.

Candy Store – We still have hats for sale at \$10.

EmComm – The ARES EC for Wallingford is Mike Meadows (KC1AYL). September is the Wallingford YMCA road race which would be the next event.

Misc Old Business –

Operate W1AW – Paul (K1SEZ) is checking with Harold Kramer (WJ1B) at the ARRL on July 14th about having a Saturday session with our club in the fall.

Scholarship – At this point it was decided to keep the scholarship at the \$500 level and not increase it mainly due to the return on the investment being produced by the mutual fund. Don (KE1AY) will complete the changes to the current scholarship wording and send to Dave (K1WJL) for publication in Key Klix. It's planned that we will vote on this at the next business meeting.

Antenna at clubhouse – The build of the G5RV is the next step. John (N1GNV) is providing material for the antenna (thank you John!). Haggie (KB1HCC) and Bill (W1KKF) have a meeting with Ernie to show plans of antenna installation and wiring.

New Rig – The committee came back with three suggestions based on the guidelines of a \$3k spend limit. The rig choices were; ICOM 7600 at \$2900, Yaesu FTDX3000, Kenwood TS-590SG. After a bit of discussion a vote was taken with the majority present voting to table the purchase of a new radio at this time. Tabling the purchase was centered on needing to have a permanent radio location (shack), having permanent antennas installed, and having a contesting agenda for the club. The club wants to thank the committee members who invested the time and effort researching technical specifications, pricing options and availability then presenting the choices to the club.



Field Day results – Bill (W1KKF) provided us with the results we are submitting. Rob (KC1ACN) and Al (N1API), thanks for help getting field day prep work done at the club house and organizing all the equipment..

In addition to 1050 points for emergency power, publication, message passing, capturing ARRL message, officials present, booth, etc. which added 1050 bonus points to the 2530 for a of 3580 points for our 2F class.

Last year we had 844 CW QSOs, 501 SSB QSOs and 1150 bonus points for a total of 5528 points. The solar flare that week help the cause so band conditions weren't optimal this year but we all had fun!

QSO's		
Band	CW	SSB
80	193	
40	185	63
20	187	29
15		17
6		25
2		1
Total QSOs	565	135

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New Business –

The Connecticut radio Society will be running Special Event this Sunday (July 11th). The call sign is K4U, look up K4U on QRZ for more details. This event commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Chance Vought F4U Corsair's 1st flight. Thanks Dave (W1CTN) for bringing this up.

Steve (WV2LKM) has a crank up tower for the taking. This is a two section crank up tower where the longer section is about 19 feet long.

Meeting was closed at 8:50 PM
Meeting Attendees on July 9, 2015

Call Sign	Name
KC1ACN	Rob Cichon
N1API	Al Kaiser
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
KC1AXJ	Stephen Allen
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
W1CTN	Dave Arruza
KB1FYL	Robert W. Carruthers
N1GNV	John Bartscherer
WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow
KB1JL	Eric Olsen
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak
K1VDF	John Blevins
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
N1ZN	James Savage
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeaniak
WA1ZVY	Anthony Martin
KB1ZMK	Dan Busa

guest