



Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) October 2016

The business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EST on October 13, 2016 with 21 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Steve (KC1SA), Dave (K1WJL)

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

Announcements –

The next meeting is an activity meeting on October 27, 2016. A presentation by James (AB1DQ) and Ed (W1YSM) on college radio clubs, similar to a presentation James and Ed made at Boxboro.

The Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) has a few classes coming up at the Hope Hill Firehouse:

Physiological First Aid – 10/18/2016 from 6PM to 8PM, contact 203-294-2065 to register.

CT Animal Response Training – 11/21/2016 from 6PM to 8PM, contact 203-294-2065 to register.

Nutmeg Hamfest is this Sunday, October 16.

Christmas Dinner is December 8th at Brothers Restaurant. Cost of the dinner is your dues, significant other is \$15. Cash bar opens at 6PM, buffet opens at 7PM. Honorary awards are presented at this event.

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The September 2016 Secretary's Report was published on the W1NRG site and is recorded as read.

Treasurer's Report – Dave (K1WJL) gave a treasurers report and was accepted.

Contributions – None reported

Correspondence – Three QSL cards and Vanguard statements.

Program & Entertainment –

Ed (W1YSM) went over our upcoming schedule:

October activity meeting – Presentation by James (AB1DQ) and Ed (W1YSM) on college radio clubs

November activity meeting - no meeting

December 8th – Holiday dinner at Brother's Restaurant with Tom Gallagher (NY2RF) giving a 10-15 minute talk. Betsy Doane (K1EIC) and Chuck Motes (K1DFS) are attending as guests of the club.

Need ideas from January moving forward, anyone with topics please email Ed (w1ysm@arrl.net).

Scholarship – Don (KE1AY) reported letters will be going out to the Meriden schools in the next couple weeks. Cutoff for applications is April.

Club Station & Facilities – Rob (K1RCT) wasn't present, nothing to report.

Nets –

6M – Jim (N1ZN) wasn't present but folks mentioned usually 6 to 7 check-ins. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time.

10M – John (K1VDF) gave a report of recent activity. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time.

2M – Todd (K1TDO) usually has between 4 to 8 check in's for the 2M Net. This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time.

Castle Craig – Al reported that 10m seems to be opening up a little bit. Next event with 10-10 is the February QSO party.

VE session – A VE session will be held at the Nutmeg Hamfest at 9:30AM. Don (KE1AY) reported that we have 5 folks signed up to take a test.

Key Klix – Great job on Key Klix. Dave (K1WJL) is always looking for articles from members so keep the information rolling into Dave.

Membership – Current membership is at 71. Dave (K1WJL), after reviewing minutes, it seemed we needed to vote on Harold (WJ1B) for acceptance to the club. A vote was taken and accepted. Welcome to the club Harold.

Interference and Technical – Nothing to report.

Repeater – Not discussed.

Hamfest – Nutmeg Hamfest this Sunday (10/16). There will be a club table where members can sell items at the event. The club takes 10% of the sale of small items, \$50 max. See Al (N1API) about having your stuff on the club table. Contact Jim (N1ZN) if you can volunteer some time to help out. The job entails policing the entrances, selling tickets and helping with clean up at the end of the event.

Candy Store – Gold Medal Ideas now has several types of shirts and a hat has been added to our landing page for Meriden ARC on their web page. Here's the link to Gold Medal Ideas: <http://stores.goldmedalideas.com/ygs>

AuxComm – Nothing new to report.

Misc. Old Business –

Logbook of the World: LoTW is now active for W1NRG. Thanks to Robert (KE1AU) for doing the work on getting this up and running. Many of the old logs have been uploaded to LoTW. Future logs for contests and events will now be logged to LoTW.

Hope Hill Firehouse: The shack is not ready yet but we now have equipment cabinets in the room. The electrician is to submit quote to the fire chief on the work that needs to be done and we need to have telephone poles installed.

New Business –

Instruction: The club is looking for a member to head up instruction. The club hasn't held a instruction class in a while and we'd like to get this started again. Please contact Bill (W1KKF) if interested in taking on this task.

Annual meeting for officer elections are held at our November business meeting. Our current President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary are on the ballet for 2017, Rob (K1RCT) wasn't at tonight's meeting but assuming Rob will be running for Station Activities Manager. Along with electing officers we will be electing Ham of the Year and Elmer of the Year. You must be present at the November meeting to vote (no absentee voting)

Meeting was closed at 8:17 PM

Meeting Attendees on October 13, 2016

Call Sign	Name
AB1DQ	James Surprenant
K1LHO	Mike Ash
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1SEZ	Paul Ciezniak
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olssen
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1ZN	James Savage
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeziak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann
KE4EYA	Ralph Ring
K1STM	Anne West
N1OKR	Frank Ciccone
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver