



Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) August 2017

The MARC July business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EDST on August 10, 2017 at the Hope Hill Road EOC. There were 20 members in attendance.

Officers present:

Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Steve (KC1SA), Dave (K1WJL), Rob (K1RCT)

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

Announcements –

- Next meeting is August 24th and will be a talk on Fox hunting.
- Islands on the air – August 26th on Fireworks Island – 8AM to 3PM
- Taste of Wallingford – October 7th & 8th – We will have a booth downtown or perhaps the trailer.
- Fishbein Road Race – October 8th
- October 21st – Jamboree on the air
- October 22nd – Nutmeg Hamfest
- December 14th – Serafino’s Christmas Dinner – 6PM-7PM cash bar, 7PM dinner

Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The July Secretary’s Report was reviewed at the meeting and published on the W1NRG site and was recorded as read.

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

Contributions – none.

Correspondence –

- QSL cards

Program & Entertainment – Ed (W1YSM) reviewed upcoming activity meeting dates and topics.

August 24 th	7:30PM – 8:30PM	Fox hunt theory (Fox hunt 101)
August 26 th	9:00AM – 3:00PM	US Islands – See N1GNV to get an operating time slot
Sept. 28 th	7:30PM – 8:30PM	APRS (KC1GLM will lead this)
October 26 th	7:00PM – 8:30PM	QSL manger (Eric Williams – KV1J) from ARRL to speak
December 14 th 2018		Researching for guest speaker at Christmas Dinner Digital radio mode speaker for January

Scholarship –

Nothing new to report, next decisions (amounts, etc.) will happen at the annual meeting.

Club Station & Facilities – Nothing reported

Nets –

- 6M – Al (N1API) reported for Jim (N1ZN) reported, 11 check-ins at the last net. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time.
- 10M – John (K1VDF) reported the net has been very active a dozen check-ins. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time.
- 2M – Rob (K1RCT) reported for Todd (K1TDO) and reported about 5 or so check in to the 2M net this past Tuesday. This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time.
- Weathernet – Ed (W1YSM). Thursdays at 7PM on the 442.500 linked to 145.290 repeaters.

Castle Craig – Al (N1API) reported on the summer QSO. Next event is a one-day sprint in October and the winter QSO party.

Key Klix – Dave (K1WJL) is always looking for articles from members so keep the information rolling into Dave. A contest was run last month, WB1GYZ and K1LYP were the winners of the coffee & donut.

Membership –One new member joined this evening;

KC1NS – Nancy Tipping

Welcome Nancy!

The membership roster now stands at 89.

Interference and Technical – Steve (KC1SA) gave a short experience of 20m interfering with his radiant floor heat GFI thermostat.

Repeater – Not discussed.

VE Sessions – Don (KE1AY) gave the following dates when we will hold VE sessions:

- October 22nd (Hamfest)
- December 9, 2017 (9AM – approx. 1PM)
- March 24, 2018 (9AM – approx.. 1PM)
- September 12, 2018 (9AM – approx. 1PM)
- Hamfest 2018

We will need VEs at these sessions. We are looking for more members to be VEs. Here is a list of club members who are VEs:

FirstName	LastName	VE	Callsign	TGEA
James	Surprenant	Yes	AB1DQ	E
Mark	Mokoski	Yes	K1PU	E
Mike	Meadows	Yes	KC1AYL	G
Stephen	Allen	Yes	KC1SA	E
Robert	Cartier	Yes	KD1JG	E
Donald	Mitchell	Yes	KE1AY	E
Al	Kaiser	Yes	N1API	E
Patrick	Dionne	Yes	N1BF	E
John	Bartscherer	Yes	N1GNV	E
Frank	Cicccone	Yes	N1OKR	G
James	Savage	Yes	N1ZN	E
Ed	Snyder	Yes	W1YSM	E
Christian	Sievert	Yes	WA1VXH	E
Kramer	Harold	Yes	WJ1B	E

Anyone interested in being a VE, here's the link to the exam and study manual:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/VEs/VE%20Manual%20Web%20FINAL%202014.pdf>

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/VEs/Prospective%20VE%20pkg%202014.pdf>

Hamfest – Event is October 22, 2017 at the Four Points in Meriden. Looking for volunteers to help at the event, see Jim (N1ZN) if you can give an hour or two during the event. Assisting at the event gets you free admission. Lend a hand and help support the club. We have one speaker for high altitude balloon launches and looking for a second speaker on antennas. If you have something to sell, AI (N1API) handles the club table.

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 – Chris (WA1VXH) reported;

We have a meeting with the Y to finalize the Fishbein event on October 8th, a requirement report will be given at the next business meeting.

The Emergency Management trailer will most likely be at the Taste of Wallingford event on October 7th and 8th and we will be set up in it.

Old Business:

70th Anniversary

- Open format much like the 13-Colonies
- Announcements have went out to QST and CQ
 - Will be in the October QST (which we get in September)
- W1NRG is the call sign we will use.
 - Must sign up if you are going to operate
- Mark (K1PU) is the coordinator
 - Will have signup on the web
 - Notice the end time? No one else has for the past two months!
 - K1PU to correct, end time should read 23:59 UTC.



The graphic features two calendar icons on the left: one for September 30, 2017, and one for October 1, 2017. To the right of these icons, the text reads: "MARC 70th Anniversary On Air Event", "Starts ... September 30, 2017 @ 0000 UTC (8PM Friday 9/29 local time)", "Ends ... October 1, 2017 at 2959 UTC (8PM Sunday 10/1 local time)", and "Location - Clubhouse and member stations".

Boy Scout letter Shawn (KB1ZNT)

- Message was read to members present at the meeting from Shawn about the Deer Lake Boy Scout Reservation Amateur in Killingworth.
- Shawn is the trustee of the license.

- Tabled until next meeting

New Business

- Does anyone know where the club's 40' ladder is (was at SCOW)?
- Who has keys to the portion of the SCOW building we occupied
 - Chris (WA1VXH) suggested Len could get us a key
- Need new pictures of OEM/Club house for webpage
 - Al (N1API) will take photos and email to K1PU
- Create a schedule of open times where members can operate the rigs
 - Chris (WA1VXH) will work with Rob (K1RCT) on setting up a schedule
- Balance of QSL bureau is low
 - Steve (KC1SA) will add \$10 to the account.

Meeting was closed at 8:37 PM.

Meeting Attendees on August 10, 2017

Callsign	Name
K1LYP	John Yusza
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1STM	Anne West
K1VDF	John Blevins
K1WJL	Dave Swedock
KB1JL	Eric Olsson
KC1NS	Nancy Tipping
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1OKR	Frank Ciccone
N1POP	Gregory Ploski
N1ZN	James Savage
NZ1J	Dave Tipping
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin