



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

The MARC July business meeting opened at 7:30 PM EDST on September 14, 2017 at the Hope Hill Road EOC. There were 26 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 –

- Nutmeg Hamfest Board of Directors at September 21st at 7:30PM (interested club members can attend)
- Taste of Wallingford – October 7th & 8th – EM trailer at Main Street Fire Station.
- Fishbein Road Race – October 8th
- October 21st – Jamboree on the air – Our Radio Room will be open for scouts
- 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 August’s Secretary’s Report was reviewed at the meeting and published on the W1NRG site and was recorded as read.

Treasurer's Report – Dave (K1WJL) was not present, no treasurer’s report was read.

Contributions – none.

Correspondence –

- Vanguard statements
- Check from Vanguard accounts for club general operating funds

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

Sept. 28 th	7:30PM – 8:30PM	APRS (KC1GLM will present)
October 26 th	7:00PM – 8:30PM	QSL manger (Eric Williams – KV1J) from ARRL to speak
December 14 th		Speaker will be Maria L. Bouffard, the Director of Office of Emergency Management at Yale
Tentative 2018		Digital radio mode speaker for January
		KI1U – Emergency Preparedness
		Steve Williams – Skywarn
		Wallingford Fire chief
		KB1EHE - First Net
		K1RCT - YCCC
		DX engineering topics via Skype
		MARC – September 2017

Scholarship –

An article was posted in the paper (Front Porch News) and reposted on Facebook showing Don (KE1AY) and Alan Chen with a write up about the club and Alan. Here's the link for you to review this on-line.

<http://www.myrecordjournal.com/news/frontporch/10763453-154/the-meriden-amateur-radio-club-awards-scholarship.html>

Club Station & Facilities – K1RCT reported;

- Purchased software to back up profiles on the left hand 991A rig (“CW” rig)
- WAE contest - Made 50 contacts and two QTCs
- The VHF bench has a PC installed with new OS installed
- K1VDF donated a raid striping array

Nets –

- 6M – Al (N1API) reported for Jim (N1ZN) reported. This Net is on 50.175 MHz each Monday at 8PM local time, USB mode.
- 10M – John (K1VDF) reported the net has been active with check-ins. This Net is on 28.375 MHz each Tuesday at 8PM local time, USB mode.
- 2M – This Net is on the 147.360 MHz repeater each Tuesday at 7PM local time, FM mode.
- Weathernet – Ed (W1YSM). Thursdays at 7PM on the 442.500 linked to 145.290 repeaters.

Castle Craig –Next event is a one-day sprint on October 10th and the winter QSO party in February.

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

Membership –One new member joined this evening;

W1RPN – Seth Kolasinski

Welcome Seth!

The membership roster now stands at 90.

Interference and Technical – Nothing reported

Repeater – Not discussed.

VE Sessions – The September 12, 2018 VE session date will need to be changed. Don (KE1AY) will update this to 9/15/2018. John (K1LYP) is now a VE, Eric (KB1JL) has applied as well.

Hamfest – FT3200 2 meter rig, Go-Kit with Radio, 30A power supply and G5RV have been purchased as door prizes.

Guest Speakers/Topics:

Larry Reed (AB1JC) – On the air in the stratosphere – Amateur Radio & High Altitude balloons.
Joel Hallas (W1ZR) – Antenna Gain, what's it mean to me?

The 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. If you have something to sell, AI (N1API) handles the club table.

This event is also the Connecticut Section Convention for the ARRL.

Candy Store – Gold Medal Ideas is our club vendor of hats, shirts, jackets, etc. A link was 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;

Fishbein Race / Celebrate Wallingford – Need volunteers for the race, we were short 1 person for the race. At the meeting folks stepped forward and have the following members assisting the club with the Fishbein Race and Celebrate Wallingford (akaTaste of Wallingford).

Race Volunteers October 8, 2017, 8:30AM to 11AM - Sunday

KC1SA
N1GNV
K1RCT
K1SEZ
N1ZN
K1LYP
WA1VXH – Net Control

Celebrate Wallingford Volunteers October 7th - Saturday

11AM to 1PM	WA1VXH & WA1ZVY
1PM to 3PM	KC1SA & N1OKR
3PM to 5PM	K1LYP & NZ1J
5PM to 6PM	K1LYP & ??

Celebrate Wallingford Volunteers October 8th - Sunday

12PM to 2PM	WA1VXH & K1RCT
2PM to 4PM	KB1JL & N1GNV
4PM to 5PM	KC1SA & ??

Secretary Comments: I would like one or two more volunteers from the club to help out at the Celebrate Wallingford. We have open time slots on both Saturday and Sunday (the ??). If anyone can't do the times listed above, let KC1SA know what time slot you can do and we'll swap things around. The Celebrate Wallingford portion volunteers will be located at the Emergency Management Trailer at the Fire Station on Main Street. Your duties there are to evangelize to the public Amateur Radio. Hopefully we can get two or three more club members to volunteer their time at the trailer, else some of us will have to do multiple shifts.

Old Business:

70th Anniversary

- Open format much like the 13-Colonies
- Sept 30, 8PM local time, ends October 1st, 8PM
- Announcements have went out to QST and CQ
 - Is in the October QST
- W1NRG is the call sign we will use.
 - Must sign up if you are going to operate

- Watch the reflector for information about the club shack opening for the event
- Mark (K1PU) is the coordinator
 - Send K1PU@ K1PU.com and email if you'd like to operate from your QTH.
 - You will get a W1NRG-x call sign to use.
- Certificates given
 - PDF only
 - QSO person sends us their E-mail address and we send them a PDF certificate
 - Sent if SASE sent in
 - The QSO person sends us a QSL card with a SASE envelope and we send hardcopy certificate.
 - Members Certificates will be given too.

Boy Scout letter Shawn (KB1ZNT)

- This is the Scout reservation in Killingworth
 - Mark Clifton is the Park Range
- No ham station has been put up.
- Shawn is the trustee of the license.
- Recommendation to table this next year and ask KB1ZNT what progress was made.

U.S Islands Awards event. John B (N1GNV) reported;

- 39 QSOs
- 660 points

JOTA (Jamboree on the air)

- Bill (W1KKF) to call Douglas (WA1VXH) to see where this stands for Scouts operating at our station.

Rig check out

- Rob (K1RCT) has a check procedure for the radios for folks to walk through
- Contact Rob if you want to go through the process.

New Business

- FRS channel 1
 - A short discussion on supporting FRS frequencies by the club.
 - N1GNV will donate an FRS/GMRS radio to the club
- SET (Simulated Emergency Test) - ARES
 - October 14th
 - Conflicts with other trainings happening at the OEM building that day
- Emergency Management / CERT / ARES
 - Not just a certificate, you are willing to be deployed to emergency situations
 - Contact Chris (WA1VXH) or Steve (KC1SA) if interested in volunteering
- Swearing in
 - Saturday, October 7th at noon in front of Town Hall
 - This is what Len spoke of back in January "The Swearing in Ceremony".
- CW Single Lever Paddle
 - KC1SA will investigate and present to the club options at the next business meeting
 - This will be used in addition to the Iambic Bencher Paddle we currently own (give operators an option)

Meeting was closed at 9:00 PM.

Meeting Attendees on September 14, 2017

Callsign	Name
AB1DQ	James Surprenant
K1LHO	Mike Ash
K1PU	Mark Mokoski
K1RCT	Rob Cichon
K1STM	Anne West
K1VDF	John Blevins
KB1JL	Eric Olsson
KC1GLM	Robert Steers
KC1NS	Nancy Tipping
KC1SA	Stephen Allen
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell
N1API	Al Kaiser
N1GNV	John Bartscherer
N1OKR	Frank Ciccone
N1ZN	James Savage
NZ1J	Dave Tipping
W1DQ	John Elengo
W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak
W1YSM	Ed Snyder
WA1FFT	Raymond A. Irwin
WA1VXH	Christian Sievert
WA1ZVY	Tony, Jim Martin
WB1GGP	Jerry Sheppard
WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur
WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann