

NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB



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Minutes from Mar 10, 2014 meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Willy MacLean, W1LY, at 7:00 PM. 26 Members and one guest were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were posted online. Since the treasurer is on vacation, there was no treasurer's report. Willy mentioned that several members are behind in paying their dues.

Willy announced that KVH in Middletown has agreed to host our club at their manufacturing facility starting with the next meeting. He described his meeting with KVH as very cordial and exciting. They have several hams on staff now and the possibility exists to groom more. The facility is very modern and has excellent presentation equipment. An email will go out giving directions on how to find the facility and the sign-in process.

Bob Beatty, WB4SON, mentioned that there are a total of 9 people who would like to travel by club bus to the ARRL Centennial National Convention in July, fewer than the number required for a full size bus with bathroom. Bob will explore other options. Bob also mentioned that he was currently giving a Technician class in Coventry with 16 students. The next opportunity for a class will be in May. To date a total of 3 people have signed up for a potential General Upgrade Class. Since such a class would require several hundred hours of instructor preparation time and so few people are interested, odds are it won't be held. However a new survey will be sent out in a few weeks. If 8 people agree to take the class it will be held.

Jack Garforth, N1JK, held a Volunteer Exam session this past Saturday, but no one showed up to take an exam.

Willy reminded members that John King will be giving a presentation on propagation tools next month, he (Willy) spoke of all the summer/fall HF "leaning" opportunities (RIlotA, JOTA, FD). James Sammons, KA1ZOU, gave more details on the upcoming Rhode Island Islands on the Air (RIlotA) event. Those with an interest in participating should contact James at jimsa@cox.net Planned activations are:

- June 7/8 Beavertail
- July 12/13 Gould Island
- July 26/27 Goat Island
- July 25/27 IOTA Contest (several locations)
- Aug 16/17 International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (Beavertail)
- August 30/31 Dutch Island
- Aug 16/17 ILLW (Beavertain again?)

Bob gave a presentation on Digital Modes (a PDF of the presentation is on the website).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Submitted by Bob, WB4SON, Secretary