

# NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB



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Minutes from May 12, 2014 meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Willy Maclean, W1LY, at 7:05 PM. Twenty members were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were posted online. Since the treasurer is on vacation, there was no treasurer's report.

Willy stated that he would like to establish an annual plaque award in memory of Charles Y Dunkin, who passed away this month. The award will be given annually to the club member deemed to have gone above and beyond assisting the club. Interested parties are asked to contact Willy, [W1LY@cox.net](mailto:W1LY@cox.net) about helping to sponsor the plaque.

John King mentioned that 10 students passed the exam and became official members of NCECT (Newport County Emergency Communication Technicians). Details are on the website. John also mentioned an EOC Drill to be held Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Portsmouth EMA beginning at 1300 hours.

With the closure of the ARC facility on Aquidneck Ave, the club is now looking for a new location to hold classes. Any members with proposals please contact Bob, [WB4SON@gmail.com](mailto:WB4SON@gmail.com). Willy graciously arranged to have our materials moved out of the facility.

The first RI IOTA event will be at Beavertail on June 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>. On-air operation will begin at 10 AM both days. Those interested in operating HF SSB from a beautiful location please contact Willy, [W1LY@cox.net](mailto:W1LY@cox.net)

The discussion then turned to Field Day, at a slightly different location in Glen Park this year (see our website for details). There will be food served on Saturday; both lunch and a picnic dinner. Ed Gosling is looking for a volunteer to cook Sunday breakfast. John King mentioned that Rich, KC1ARO, will be the

lead for the six meter station this year – we need operators for both that and the GOTA operation. Requirements for 6 meters is anyone with a license. For GOTA any non-licensed member of the public, new hams (licensed less than a year), or hams that have been off-air for 2 years or more. Due to the new location, folks are asked to bring folding chairs as seating will be limited. All those participating during the setup on Friday or takedown on Sunday MUST have a hard hat.

James Seltzer, K1SD, discussed the ARRL Centennial W1AW/x operation, and demonstrated the W1AW/1 sign-up sheet at <http://w1aw.dxusa.net>. Folks interested in operating must register at that site and let John, [W1XX@cox.net](mailto:W1XX@cox.net) know. W1AW was portable in Conn last week, and they logged over 38,000 QSOs, so the pileups are obviously huge. All operators are responsible for their own log, which must be converted to ADIF formation and submitted to John.

There will be a VE Session on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the Middletown Baptist Church. Potential hams are reminded that the old technician pool will no longer be in use at that time.

Bob, WB4SON, mentioned that the club is in serious need of an Artwork/Logo makeover. The club banner has been missing for years, and it is difficult to put together QSL cards or other items that should have the club logo without appropriate artwork.

Jeff Greer, gave a wonderful presentation on KVH, the world's largest mobile satellite TV and maritime VSAT vendor, and described their recently announced IP-MobileCast service.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Submitted by Bob, WB4SON, Secretary