

NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB



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The October 7, 2014 Regular NCRC Meeting was called to order by Willy, W1LY, at 7:05 PM. By headcount, there were 17 members present.

Ted, W1GRI, described the many public service opportunities available in MA and RI for hams, including a 500-car meet sponsored by the Rotary Club this past weekend.

The W1SYE repeater has been up/down for the past couple of weeks as the Water Department completes construction at the site. The major issue is a lack of power to the "pit" which was not part of the original construction project. Power is essential in that room anyway because of sump-pumps and heaters. The repeater will continue to be up/down until the project is complete.

Members are reminded that the annual party will be held December 8, at the Mainstay Inn, 151 Admiral Kalbfus RD, Newport, RI (across the street from Newport Slots). There will be a cash bar at 6PM, followed by dinner at 7PM. The cost for the buffet dinner (featuring a steamship round beef roast) is \$30. Don't forget to bring a gift for the Yankee Swap. Please make reservations with Ed, W1NQH.

Art, W1AGW, looking to downsize, is offering a large number of PC Motherboards and various other items to interested hams.

Bob, reports that there are 8 students at the Technician Class, including two couples. The current class will take the exam on November 18. Another class is being planned for the last full week of March in Newport in cooperation with the Newport EMA.

NCECT and NCRC will be represented at the Aquidneck Island Emergency Preparedness Expo, held on November 15, from 1:00 until 3:00 PM, at the Edward King House in Newport. Members of the public are invited to attend and chat with many of the EMA directors and other volunteer organizations that will be present.

Rob, KB1ZZU, gave a summary of the JotA event planned for October 17-19. Members were asked to monitor the repeater or assist with either the VHF or HF on-the-air stations.

While there will be no formal presentation at our next meeting on November 10th, club members will attempt to help each other program their HTs or other radios. Particular emphasis will be placed on ensuring members can enter simplex frequencies while in VFO mode.

The meeting was closed at 8:15PM

Respectfully submitted, Bob, WB4SON, Secretary