

The

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Newsletter of the Newport County Radio Club, November 2017

The Well Dressed Ham

Perhaps you've seen a couple of sharply dressed members in their navy blue tee shirts and mused "That could be me, looking good like that."



Hams looking good

Yes you can, and here's how it's done. John Mills, K1JSM, and I, KA1ZOU, had tee shirts screen printed by *The 401 Studio* at 369 Main Street in Wakefield, Rhode Island, (401) 783-5100.

As you can see, our calls are printed in large block letters on the back. The left chest in smaller italics reads *When all else fails...*

The small runs that John and I did come out to around \$63 for the first item. That includes a \$35 setup fee for less than 12 prints. But if a group of members shared the cost of printing 12 items with my front screen, they would save the setup and then they could have their own call heat transferred on the back for only a \$5 additional charge or about \$33 per item.

Saint Nick is coming—give the nice folks at 401 a call and enjoy that well-dressed ham look.

Another Great JOTA

Rob White, KB1ZZU, led another outstanding *Jamboree on the Air*, a weekend of radio and Boy Scouts at The Glen in Portsmouth.



The weather could not have been nicer, bright sunny days followed by chilly October nights. More pictures and tales of this great weekend will be featured at the November meeting.

Like many JOTA sponsors, NCRC also offers the opportunity for scouts to earn the Radio Merit Badge.



Control op, Rich Russel, KC1ARQ

A new model

This year we recruited more members to be involved directly with scouts as they worked their way through the merit badge

requirements. As we felt our way along this new approach, it became clear that this was working better for our member volunteers as well as for the scouts. When something was not quite solid, the volunteers took on the responsibility of reteaching, drawing on their own background. This ownership imparted new energy and led to 14 completions and 4 additional near-completions.



Merit badge workshop

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Next year we will ask volunteers to accept a single concept as their teaching element and to prepare and present it however their imagination takes them. If this year is any indication, this should create a fascinating mix of ideas and styles.



Final Vote

The final vote on the change of our By-Laws will be taken at the November meeting. There was some confusion about this at the October meeting, but our By-Laws state that there must be two readings *before* a vote to change the By-Laws may be taken.

This change primarily addresses the duties of the Vice President. The changes are shown below in red text:

Article 1, Section 2

"The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President during an absence. The Vice President shall be in charge of all club social activities and other activities as assigned by the President. **The Vice President shall also serve as the Chair of the Membership Committee and may enlist other members to serve as needed. The membership Chair shall maintain a current roster of all members in good standing, receive applications for new membership and facilitate their transition through vetting to new membership, and encourage and engage new members in club activities."**

Article One Section 3

Paragraph 4: **Correct typographical error, The Treasurer** shall be responsible for all filings with the Rhode Island Secretary of State.

Paragraph 5: **Delete the duty of the Treasurer to maintain the roster.**

Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers for the 2108 calendar year.

President - Paul Fredette, K1YBE

Vice President - Jim Sammons,
KA1ZOU

Secretary - Bob Beatty, WB4SON

Treasurer - Ted Wrobel, W1GRI

Director - Willy MacLean, W1LY

Director - John King, WA1ABI

Director - Paul Wynn, KC1HEP

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. The terms of the elected officers will begin on January 1, 2018.

Noteworthy event

Bob Beatty has just completed another TECH licensing class and the VE session for that class will take place November 16th. There may be *in excess of 30 candidates and a dozen VEs* for this session, the largest NCRC TECH VE session that this writer remembers.

Not so noteworthy

No, someone didn't snatch the rest of the November *Modulator*, it's usual that news slows at this time of year.

It's also usual that we don't publish a December issue. The next *Modulator* will be the January 2108 issue.

Christmas Party

Mark your calendar for the NCRC Christmas party to be held at the Mainstay Inn in Middletown on December 11th.

The Mainstay has done a fine job on our behalf in past years and the good news is that the price remains \$33 per person.

Cocktails at 6:00 PM will be followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 PM. This party has always been a good time for all and remains the most well attended membership event of the year.

It is enormously helpful to have all members indicate their intention at their earliest convenience. The easiest way to sign up and pay is to visit the club web site and click the Dinner Party tab for more information and a sign-up form.

www.w1sye.org

If you will not be attending, or if you would prefer to pay cash or use a check at the door, please e-mail me with your intentions.

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Please note that checks should be made out to the Mainstay Inn, not NCRC.

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