

The

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Newsletter of the Newport County Radio Club, November 2015

Field Day Final Standings

ARRI has published the final results from Field Day 2015 and again NCRC has reason to be proud! Number one in Rhode Island, second in the New England Division and sixth Nationally in the most competitive class—2A. The top finishers are shown as tables on page 3.

These results are all the more remarkable because we took a big hit just before dawn on Sunday when a squall mangled two of our antennas and left water sloshing around on the floor of the CW tent.



Mangled antennas

We received a nice note from RI Section Manager Bob Beaudet, W1YCR:

Congratulations to the Newport County Radio Club for placing second in Field Day, 2015 among all categories in the New England Division. Your score of 11,760 is remarkable.

NCRC, with the guidance of John, WA1ABI, and Willy, W1LY, has established itself as a consistent top Field Day contender.

Riding to the Hounds—Sort of

As has been reported previously, several members have been developing *Fox Hunting* for the club. A "fox" is a low-power 2-meter beacon that can be located using a 2-meter transceiver. We are now ready for a full dress rehearsal to which you are invited!

Fox hunting is not difficult at distance. Using the least efficient antenna, the stock rubber ducky that came with your HT, you can hold the transceiver against your chest and slowly rotate to determine the direction of the incoming signal. But it gets tricky as you close in.

There are several equipment and technique options that are helpful as the signal becomes too strong for body shielding to be effective.

You are Invited

Join us in Parking Lot 3 at Beavertail State Park on Conanicut Island to try your hand at Radio Direction Finding (RDF) techniques. We will meet at 10:00 AM on Sunday, November 15th for a brief orientation before setting out.

Competitive fox hunting looks more like a triathlon with folks in running shorts, but we are not looking for that kind of experience. Rather, we'll walk, enjoy the scenery, and concentrate on doing the job well.

We'll set out five foxes transmitting on different frequencies, so you can tackle them in any order.

Preparations?

We will have several loaner antennas and some shields that you can try, but you will have a good time with just your HT in hand. If you would like to lean in, run an Internet search for fox hunting antennas or RDF antennas. You'll find options that are as simple as an aluminum foil-

wrapped cardboard cylinder.

More important is your comfort. Dress for the weather and don't forget your hat and sunglasses. Bring a lunch because Beavertail is always the very best eye candy and you'll want to linger.

NB: Rain Cancels! Call (401) 295-5506 if in doubt.



Such a Bargain!

Willy, W1LY, is putting some spice into the November meeting raffle. The winner will become the new owner of a Cushcraft R7 vertical antenna! This is a well known and respected antenna that allows all band operation between 40 and 10 meters in a few square feet of ground space.

Although this stock photo shows a roof mount, Willy tested the antenna on a ground stand and got 59 and 59+ signal reports on all covered bands. One contact was in the Falkland Islands off Argentina, so it has DX legs.



Note that this is a *used* antenna; the new has been rubbed off. But it is in good condition and has an eBay value of around \$300.

Welcome aboard newest members

Sam Byron, KC1EBA
of Portsmouth, RI

Martyn Wade, WB5C
of Middletown

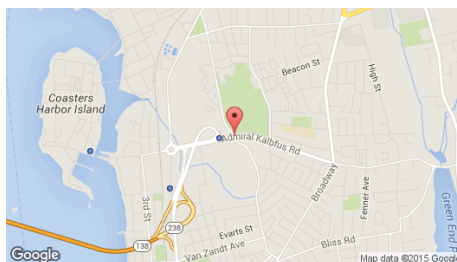
Christmas Party

The 2015 Christmas party will be held again at the Mainstay Inn in Newport on December 14th. This event and location have proved to be comfortable, convenient, and the food is fine.



Cash bar cocktails begin at 6:00 PM and the excellent buffet dinner begins at 7:00 PM. After dinner we will introduce the incoming club officers for 2016 and then have some laughs with a Yankee Raffle.

This cornucopia of good cheer is yours for \$33 per person. Call Ed Gosling at (401) 846-0812 to make your reservation. You can pay at the door, but do call Ed soon so he can plan gracefully. You are encouraged to bring a small gift to place on the Yankee Raffle table. Sometimes funny, sometimes utile, but never a show stopper on the Antiques Road Show.



The Mainstay is diagonally across from Newport Grand Slots (Hi Li), 151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd, Newport.

NCRC Officers for 2016

The next business meeting will be held on November 9th at KVH Industries. At this time we will elect our officers for 2016.

Nominating Chair, Jack Garforth, N1JK, reports the following candidates for office:

President	Jim Sammons
Vice President	Paul Silverszeig
Secretary	Bob Beatty
Director	Paul Fredette
Director	Pete Lawson
Director	Willy MacLean

The Tale of the Little Red Hen

One day the Little Red Hen found some seeds on the ground and asked her friends "Who will help me plant these seeds?" But nobody offered to help the Little Red Hen, so she choked them all in their sleep!

Well, that's a bit over the top for a nursery tale. NCRC is like every other club in that it takes a bit of a nudge to keep the wheels turning in the front office. You will note that there is no candidate for Treasurer. That's because no one has stepped up to relieve John Mills, K1JSM, who has held the office for multiple terms.

The Treasurer's job is well established and does not consume an inordinant amount of time. We are committed to having new candidates so that any officer can choose to gracefully leave office at the end of their term. Please give that some thought and step up so John can step down. Or sleep with one eye open.

Nationwide Standings Class 2A

#	Call	Score	Category	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Participants	Club
1	K5UZ	15,108	2A	5,027	2	K5BRC	AR	20	
2	K5TU	14,164	2A	3,946	2	K5WKC	STX	10	Tilson CC
3	KS0MO	13,190	2A	3,215	2	KC0MO	KS	9	Kansas City CC
4	N6HC	12,670	2A	3,879	2	W6GNS	LAX	18	ABCD Group
5	W1NVT	12,202	2A	3,675	2	W1PU	VT	25	Radio Amateurs of Northern VT
6	W1LY	11,760	2A	3,183	2	W1SYE	RI	72	Newport Cty RC Sakonnet 49ers
7	K5FD	10,610	2A	2,955	2	W5JSR	WTX	22	Big Bend ARC - TX
8	K5ALU	10,310	2A	2,342	2		AR	8	OF's FD Group
9	W6KB	10,142	2A	3,154	2	W6SG	SF	30	REDXA/MARS

Rhode Island Standings All Classes

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1	W1LY	11,760	2A	3,183	2	W1SYE	RI	72	Newport Cty RC Sakonnet 49ers
2	W1KDA	4,698	1A	1,354	2	W1TEM	RI	33	WA1QCA Rep Group
3	W1DX	4,498	2A	1,136	2		RI	18	CTRI Contest Group
4	W1DDD	3,892	2A	875	2	W1TBR	RI	52	Blackstone Valley ARC
5	W1OP	3,246	2A	821	2	W1PRA	RI	10	Providence RA
6	W1AQ	2,316	1A	569	2		RI	8	ARS of Southern New England
7	KK1PMA	1,154	2F	125	2		RI	21	
8	KB1RDE	1,064	2F	92	2		RI	7	Charlestown EOC
9	W1WIU	392	1D	162	2		RI	1	
10	KI4SMH	152	1B1	1	2		RI	1	
11	K4IJK	80	1D	15	2		RI	1	

Publication Notice

Please note that there will not be a December Modulator. The next issue will be January 2016.