

NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB



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The July 13, 2015 Regular NCRC Meeting was called to order by Jim, KA1ZOU, at 7:01 PM. By headcount there were 25 members and guests present.

After introductions, the minutes of the prior two meetings (May and June 2015), posted on the website, were approved by the membership.

Bob, WB4SON, presented three new member-applications to the membership and all were voted in as members, which will bring our current membership total to 73 (what a nice number). Our newest members are:

Mac Cullen, KC1CWZ
Paul Fredette, K1YBE
RJ White, KC1DLT

Mike Cullen gave a report on Rob White and his activities at All Saints Academy, which is embracing all aspects of STEAM education. ASA has five new hams thanks to their efforts who have participated in the Club Roundup and VHF contests. They also held a Fox Hunt. ASA continues the effort for an ARISS Space Station QSO. Fund raising and outreach efforts are underway. The engineering proposal is due at the end of August.

There have been some power supply issues with the W1SYE repeater which were resolved due to the efforts of Paul, N1PSX, and John, WA1ABI.

Willy, W1LY, and Pete, W1LAB, will be heading to Dyer Island on July 25th. They plan to meet at 08:30 at New England Boat Works. Contact them if you are interested in participating in this HF event.

Jim and Pete will be heading to Despair and Hope Islands on August 1st and 2nd. Contact them for additional details.

John described the Field Day 2015 results as the best score ever, with 11,760 points. But even more importantly, nobody got hurt, everyone had fun, and everyone was well fed. Thanks to the many volunteers who were responsible for this emergency exercise disguised as a fun social event.

Ted, W1GRI, described the clubs participation in Safe Refuge 2015. This was a statewide shelter communication exercise (Middletown, Jamestown, Narragansett, South Kingstown and Wakefield had shelters and town EOCs participated along with the Red Cross EOC in Providence). John's well scripted simulation engaged the two dozen participants, who tested various 800 MHz, VHF High-band/Low-band, and ham communication circuits.

John King was presented with an ARRL Elmer Award from Paul, N1PSX, for all of his efforts in helping him (and many others) take his first steps into ham radio.

The August NCRC meeting will be held on TUESDAY August 11th, as the regular Monday date is an observed holiday (Victory Day).

The formal meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Following the meeting a live demonstration of a simulated Public Safety radio event was given by Ted. Thanks to our volunteer simulated bikers (Rob, Paul and Forrest).

Respectfully submitted, Bob, WB4SON, Secretary