

NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB



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The March 9, 2015 Regular NCRC Meeting was called to order by Jim, KA1ZOU, at 7:01 PM. By headcount there were 29 members and guests present.

After introductions, the minutes of the prior meeting (January 2015 as the February meeting was canceled due to snow), posted on the website, were approved by the membership.

John, W1JSM, gave the treasurers reports, which are posted on the website. He currently shows 62 paid members, and 10 members who have not renewed yet. There were two new member inquiries: Al, NN1U, and Lloyd, KC1NMS.

Bob, WB4SON, gave the education report, stating that the latest Technician class was to be held at the MET School in Newport, at 5:30 PM on April 30th. So far seven people have signed up including 5 students. Jack, N1JK, mentioned that his upcoming VE session on April 14 was expected to be busy as several students from All Saints Academy were expected, in addition to several other test takers.

John, WA1ABI, discussed Field Day 2015 (June 26-28), which will be held at the traditional Glenn Park location. Website updates will indicate leaders for the various operating tents. Volunteers, especially for setup, takedown, and feeding are graciously accepted!

Willy, W1LY, mentioned there will be multiple HF operations this year, including an opportunity to work on the Nantucket Light Ship, as well as several Islands on the Air activations. He also described the opportunity to help W1SYE obtain a club DXCC Certificate (those interested, please contact John, W1JSM for permission to use the call)

Mike, K1NPT, described the excellent work he and Rob, KB1ZZU, have been doing at All Saints Academy. They participated in the Rookie Roundup, making 82 contacts.

They have about 10 students that are half way through their Technician training (5 are expected to take the exam this coming Saturday). He also described a potential for the first ever Amateur Radio International Space Station contact by a RI school sometime in the first quarter of 2016. Two full satellite capable stations and operators are required along with substantial video/audio rebroadcast capabilities.

The formal meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Rob Vincent from URI gave a presentation on DLM Antenna Technology (Distributed Load Monopoles -- AKA shortened vertical antennas)

Respectfully submitted, Bob, WB4SON, Secretary