



Newport County Radio Club

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The March 13, 2017 NCRC meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Paul K1YBE. There were 30 members present.

A new applicant, Scott Tillotson, WX1X of North Kingstown, was voted into membership unanimously, bringing the member count to 89.

Bob WB4SON indicated that the W1SYE repeater would be off for maintenance for the next month or so. The W1AAD repeater software was finally received and will be installed the week of the 19th

Ted W1GRI gave the Treasurer's report indicating the club balance was up about \$200 to \$10,000. He circulated a list of paid/unpaid members, and by the end of the night 72 members had paid and 17 remain unpaid.

Mike K1NPT stated that the Equipment Plan for the BHS ARRIS contact has been accepted, along with a mention that HamTV will be attempted. BHS has a new 9th grader ham, bringing the total to 4. 14 students at ASA are currently working on their Technician license, which will probably lead to ten new hams around the middle of May.

Jim KA1ZOU, demonstrated a "SunnyDays" 20-foot flat fish pole that he converted into a 40-meter vertical using a center loading coil. He also demonstrated using plumb lines with the string replaced with wire as a quick adjustable dipole. Jim said that Jamestown Middle School is looking for volunteers to teach soldering for the next 3 or 4 Thursdays. He also spoke of attempting to collaborate with BVARC or other clubs.

Ted W1GRI, described the June 4th Tour de Cure and Sept 16th Westport Cycstic Fibrous events that need Ham support.

Willy W1LY, encouraged others to contact John Mills and to get permission to use the club call for DX hunting. He had great success in a recent DX contest.

New ID-style (portrait orientation) name badges will be available for purchase via the club website for \$9 each. New members will receive them automatically.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

There was no presentation after the meeting, but the first of two Pixie Build Nights was carried out. A large number of people had already finished their Pixies, and folks helped debug the few that didn't work (two bad solder joints and one solder-bridge). The second build night will be next month.

Respectfully submitted, Bob, WB4SON, Secretary