



## Newport County Radio Club

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The August 13, 2019 NCRC meeting was called to order by Dick KC1IPJ at 7:05 PM. There were 27 members and one guest present.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved by the membership, as posted on the website.

Jim KA1ZOU gave the membership report which stands at 130 after voting in three new member applicants:

- Michael Thombs, W9DAD, Portsmouth
- Clare Zawistowski, KC1LOL, Middletown
- Ryan Lukowicz, KC1KUF, North Kingstown (youth)

Mike K1NPT gave an update on his education and STEAM outreach activities. He had just returned from the National Jamboree where he had an opportunity to launch several low altitude balloons (payload weight including the transmitter was 1.5 ounces), and a large Fox Hunt. Mike hopes to work with ASA's new science teacher for a balloon launch. Their HF plans are moving forward as they are in the zoning process for their tower.

The treasurer was not available at the meeting.

Scott WX1X gave an update on ARES. The first EC001 class was given and next Saturday will be session 2. Still looking for people for the Tour de Cure (Sept 29th).

John K1JSM and Jim KA1ZOU announced the Pomham Rocks & Ruth Island activation planned for August 18th. Space is limited to one more operator, but transportation is provided from the dock.

Bob gave the preliminary results for the Membership Interest Survey. 43 people had responded (out of 130), which is actually pretty good. In broad terms the club is clearly interested in outdoor HF activities (Field Days, JOTA, Activations, etc.), but showed little interest in contesting as a club. Build-Night interest was quite high, but project interest varies widely (so we might have several smaller Build-Nights).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM

Peter Bartram, KQ1X, gave a wonderful presentation covering the history of the club during his membership in the late 1960s. He was able to correct several mysteries and had some excellent photos. His contribution to the club's history is much appreciated. Peter also described his interests in QRQ, high speed telegraphy. He pointed out an excellent reference "[The Art and Skill of Radio-Telegraphy](#)" by William G. Pierpont NØHFF

Respectfully Submitted  
Bob WB4SON - Secretary