



Newport County Radio Club

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The April 11, 2022 meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Nancy, KC1NEK. At various times there were 35 members present.

Opening Comments by Nancy KC1NEK (7-7:16pm)

Tonight's Zoom meeting will last one hour with a **presentation by John K1JSM on Logbook of The World (LoTW)**, an ARRL "tool to confirm ham radio contacts and use the confirmations as credit toward awards". We plan to record the presentation and post it to the website. John's presentation will start around 7:15 pm after our new-format condensed business meeting.

Please note tonight's remote meeting will be followed by an **in-person POTA gathering Saturday April 23, 2022 from 11am-1pm at Colt State Park**. This will be an in-person chance to compare notes and help mentor one another with equipment and logging options. You can easily spot hams operating by looking for antennas facing the water. Or: call with your handheld on the W1SYE repeater.

- The NCRC has gotten off to a strong start with **presentations on [Satellites for Beginners](#), and [Celestial Navigation](#)**, accompanied by in-person gatherings to learn more.
 - Please see the slide decks posted to the website.
 - I was pleased to hear one club member, John Jackman N1SMX - with a Technician license, has already bought satellite antennas and set a goal for himself to make a satellite contact this year - inspired by Bob's presentation. New member Teri W1PUP (already active with RI-Ares and the BVARC club) has joined NCRC out of enthusiasm for our celestial navigation exploration - and drove across the state to participate at Brenton Point!
- We practiced resilience during the **Winter Field Day** blizzard, with the official results just posted. We almost doubled participation, although **not everyone got into the official logs** - showing how timely it is for John Mills K1JSM's talk on why it matters for hams to help each other figure out logging.
 - Many contributed to our WFD success by making only a handful of local contacts on their handheld radio, testing 2m Simplex, and I thank them. **WFD is about resilient**

communication, and I stand behind the goal of broad 2m Simplex HT engagement by all club members once a year for WFD.

- That said, the **top three scoring members who posted over 5000 points from Home Stations used the Multiplier Strategy**: Leveraging bands and modes and other multipliers was a successful strategy for **top scorers: 1) Peter KQ1X; 2) Mike S. AA1XQ; and 3) Rob KB1ZZU**.
- WFD results for NCRC members are gathered here on groups.io:
<https://groups.io/g/W1SYE/message/427>
- **Please join w1sy@groups.io** for the latest information on resources and club member in-person gatherings/workshops you can initiate! Check out the excellent user forums on various radios too.
- Don't forget to read the Committee Report that can be found prior to the meeting on the following link: https://w1sy.org/?page_id=6044

Condensed Business Meeting

- Roll Call via Chat (Nancy KC1NEK)
- Approval of March Minutes (Nancy KC1NEK)
- Two new members were voted in by the membership (Paul K1YBE), bringing the total membership to 179. Bob KC1RFM has volunteered to take over the membership badge duties and will be sending out new membership badges soon.
 - Daniel Hass (KB1RON, General)
 - Theodora Di Iorio (Teri, W1PUP, General)
- The membership voted and approved \$2000 for the purchase of at least 15 tablet computers to be used at VE sessions (Bob WB4SON)
- Update on new 10m net starting up. Please add post your interest in the chat, or reach out to Jack N1JK or Jim KC1LYG
- Website is up for the "Pete Lawson Outdoor Adventure" including meal tickets and donations.
- Field Day update (Nancy KC1NEK): The NCRC has a deep bench of expert radio operators who have consistently led the club to score in the top 1-3% of 2Alpha competitive stations for decades. For example, in 2021, the NCRC scored 3rd nationally (in 2A). See: <https://groups.io/g/W1SYE/message/428>
- **We are hoping for an in-person monthly meeting next month on Monday May 9th.** Either under the Glen Park Pavillion in Portsmouth or possibly back at KVH in Middletown. Get ready to discuss Field Day, June 24-26th, and all the ways you can get involved at this annual "Boston Marathon" of amateur radio, from GOTA for new hams to lots of planned demos, as elite radio operators do their contesting thing. We may also propose running a separate F-class station at the Portsmouth

EOC, or elsewhere - if club members step up to make this second station happen. Lots of brainstorming underway on how to meet competing needs of club members at quite different points in their radio skill-building journey. Join in!

The business meeting was closed at 7:16 PM.

A presentation on the ARRL's Logbook of the World (LotW) was given by John K1JSM, which concluded at 7:45 PM

Lively discussion on this and other matters continued until 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted

Bob Beatty WB4SON, Secretary