



Newport County Radio Club

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The May 9, 2022 meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Nancy, KC1NEK. At various times there were 38 members present.

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

Thank you for your patience as we continue to test out different monthly meeting formats. Tonight's Zoom schedule leaves a bit more time for the Business Meeting and discussion. Followed by a panel presentation on what it's like to be an amateur radio volunteer at the Boston Marathon. We will wrap this up by 8pm and folks who need to leave can do so at that time. For others interested, we bring back the social Meet & Greet Zoom Break-out Rooms for one or two ten minute sessions, from 8-8:30pm.

Condensed Business Meeting (7:03 to 7:20 PM)

- Roll Call via Chat (Nancy KC1NEK)
- Approval of April Minutes (Nancy KC1NEK)
- Two new members were voted in by the membership (Paul K1YBE)
 - Gina Vincent (Air National Guard)
 - Adam Hobgood (K1OCD)
 - 180 current members
 - 143 have paid for 2022
- Members were reminded of the upcoming visit on Friday May 13 at 3 PM to the Newport US Maritime Resource Center. Contact Nancy for details.
- Please remember that Committee Reports are posted before the meeting
https://w1sye.org/?page_id=6044
- Education is underway with 29 upgrade students and 24 technician students. The VE exam will be held on Saturday June 4 at 9 AM and 10 AM.
- Members are reminded that NCRC 9 different nets EACH week, including a new 10 meter net which will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM on 28.305 MHz.

Following the business meeting, a presentation was given by Rob WA1ROB, Teri W1PUP, Scott WX1X, Nancy KC1NEK, and John K1JSM, all of whom supported the recent Boston Marathon. The presentation ended at 7:45 PM.

Breakout rooms were enabled and two 10 minute sessions were had, followed by general discussion which concluded at 9:38 PM

Respectfully submitted

Bob Beatty WB4SON, Secretary

NCRC Committee Reports for May 2022

Membership Report (Paul K1YBE)

- 2 new members for May
 - Gina Vincent (Air National Guard)
 - Adam Hobgood (K1OCD)
- 180 current members
- 143 have paid for 2022
- You can easily pay the \$25 annual membership fee on the w1sye.org website [here](#).

Education: (Bob WB4SON, Paul K1YBE, Mike AA1XQ)

- Tech Class running with 24 students. General/Extra Seminar (K1YBE) has 29
- Tablet purchase is underway (getting samples first).
- NCRC will be offering in-person, digital VE exams in early June.

Nets: (Rich N1ZSR, Ted W1GRI, Bob WB4SON, Jack N1JK, Scott WX1X)

- NCRC builds lifelong community-connecting through lively daily and weekly nets.
- Join in! Times and frequencies are on the w1sye.org website [here](#).
- A new 10m net launched last week on Thursday May 5, 2022 at 7:30pm on 28.305.

Events this month:

- **Monthly Meeting** will again be held via Zoom on Monday May 9, 2022 from 7-8:30pm with a presentation by the five NCRC members who were 2022 Amateur Radio Volunteers at the recent Boston Marathon: John K1JSM - Start; Rob Daniels - WA1ROB in the Course Field at a Hydration Station; Teri W1PUP at a Medical Tent; Nancy KC1NEK at a Net Control Operation Center; Scott WX1X - a repeat volunteer at the Finish.
- This panel presentation will be followed from 8-8:30pm by a social Meet & Greet via informal Zoom Breakout Rooms. All are welcome to join in or sign off, as they choose.
- Circling back to Paul's stellar presentation on Celestial Navigation, it's time to sign up if you'd like to **tour Newport's US Maritime Resource Center USMRC on Friday May 13th at 3pm**. They have a state of the art Marine Operations and Simulation Center, and it's generous of the center's leadership to extend

this offer to us as a local non-profit neighbor and view the facilities inside. Please rsvp via the w1sy@groups.io email that will go out tomorrow.

Summer Field Day June 24-26, 2022: (Nancy KC1NEK + Team Leads to date:)

- Antenna Farm: Willy W1LY, Dave KC1LON
- CW Station: Bruce Manning NJ3K
- SSB Station: Corry KE1AK [and Matt White?]
- Digital Station: Mike AA1XQ and Rob KB1ZZU
- GOTA Station: Paul K1YBE
- Logging: John K1JSM, John Vecoli KC1KOO
- Interested to be a Team Lead or Join a Team? We would love to hear from you!

Pete Lawson Outdoor Adventure at the Fort Getty Pavilion on Sunday Sept 18: (John K1JSM, Willy W1LY, and Jim Sammons KA1ZOU)

- Save the date! Please let us know you are coming so we can book catering for the right number of people. Sign up on the club website [here](#).

Treasurer's Report (Ted W1GRI)

Bank \$19,018.27

Paypal \$670.92

Total \$19,689.19

Designated funds

IBM \$390.15

Lawson Balance 4/9/22 \$3,560

Balance for future use \$2,000

Recent major expenses

IBM Grant receipts paid \$3,009.85

Major \$500,000 ARRL Club Grant proposals sought for June 30, 2022 deadline

- Learn more about the mission here: <https://www.arrl.org/club-grant-program>
- ARRL will fund project proposals that
 - Create significant impact beyond the funded club and have
 - Transformative impact on Amateur Radio
 - Educational and training impact
 - Create broad public awareness and support for Amateur Radio
- NCRC will be submitting 1-5 grants proposals. Please reach out to Nancy KC1NEK if you have ideas or want to contribute developing a grant proposal in the next 2 months.

Community Outreach and Engagement

ARTEN (1-10 GHz) Amateur Radio Training Experiment Network (Paul K1YBE)

- Field Trip (some carpooling possible) to W1AW in CT is being scheduled late/May Early June to help with a Mesh project at ARRL HQ. If you've never been, you may want to join us for the tour. Contact K1YBE@yahoo.com if interested.

ARRL NE section: Spectrum Protection and Use group happenings (Paul K1YBE)

- Action on several RF interference reports already completed.
- The details on how to track down a noise issue is at
- <https://nediv.arrl.org/%20rfi-troubleshooting-guide/>
- Rob Leidon, NE group head is looking for an RFI team leader for RI. **Help wanted.**
- Mesh and RFI message groups are now separated to allow focus but remain in the same group. nemesh@groups.io and spectrum-protection-and-use@groups.io
- Mesh radio activities for linking local nets is the primary discussion. Mike, K1NPT, has contributed the RI node status and please the group with our activity level. A node naming convention was proposed for review.

Scouting (John KC1KOO) Please let John (john.vecoli@gmail.com) know if you are interested in help for one or both events. We will need radio gear and operators along with people to help with the Radio Merit Badge training/education!

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

WHEN - Friday, October 14th - Sunday, October 16th, 2022, with our focus on Saturday October 15th

PURPOSE - Provide a HAM/Radio experience to the scouts and interface with the community. Provide an opportunity for the Scouts BSA to earn the Radio Merit Badge.

WHERE - There will be two locations that will be supported by NCRC:

- A) The Glen, off Glen Rd, Portsmouth, RI
- B) Yawgoog Scout Reservation, 61 Camp Yawgoog Rd, Rockville, RI

Note: John is working with other HAMs/Scouters to get two other locations to run similar to how NCRC has operated the Glen over the last few years. The goal is to provide a maximum opportunity for the Scouts to Get on the Air!

INTRODUCTION - Jamboree on the Air - Jamboree on the Internet (**JOTA-JOTI**) promotes a Scout's sense of belonging to the worldwide Scout Movement and builds cultural awareness, develops tolerance, advocates sharing and collaboration as well as demonstrates teamwork. It provides exciting opportunities for young people to explore technology and to develop technical skills including fostering innovation and creativity through communicating with other Scouts. A wide range of activities using communication technology are the chief methods of attaining these goals. JOTA-JOTI strives for a meaningful engagement of as many young people from as many parts of the world as possible annually

on the third weekend in October. This weekend is also an occasion to celebrate Scouting and to generate positive energy to support the development of the Scout Movement. The event seeks to promote quality Scouting in a manner faithful to the purpose, principles and method of Scouting and consistent with the needs and aspirations of young people in today's world. The JOTA-JOTI programme shall be a reflection of the Promise, Law, Principles and Method of Scouting, as defined by the WOSM Constitution, and shall also reflect the most up-to-date policies and initiatives of WOSM relating to youth programmes for all ages. For more information please visit the event website:

www.world-jotajoti.info

Adventure at the Fort (Jamboree)

WHEN - Friday, October 21st - Sunday, October 23rd, 2022

PURPOSE - Provide a HAM/Radio experience to the scouts and interface with the community.

WHAT - Join Narragansett Council at Fort Adams this fall for the first Council Jamboree in 20 years! The Narragansett Council is excited to bring Scouts and families together for a weekend of fun and adventure. Join thousands of Scouts from across New England, for an event like no other! Stay for the weekend with your troop or join us for the day on Saturday. The programs will be non-stop, highlighting unique scout activities, and opportunities you will only find at the 2022 Adventure at The Fort. We'll be joined by program partners including youth programs, colleges, universities, military, historical groups, environmental organizations, nautical clubs, and so many more! You won't want to miss the scout-led activities, food trucks, Sunday Services, trading post, and a full-scale Saturday Night stage show!

The Narragansett Council Jamboree is open to the public for day programs on 10/22, Scouts will not want to miss this chance to bring their friends. Adventure at The Fort is a can't miss event for every Scout.

- Weekend Camping for Scouts BSA Troops (11-18 years old)
- All-day programs for Cubs on 10/22 (6-10 years old)
- Public welcome on 10/22

Troops registered to camp will arrive on Friday evening, participate in all Saturday programs and depart on Sunday. Troops are responsible for their own meals, propane stoves are allowed, food trucks are available all-day Saturday. No fires.

Setup antennas prior to the event. Operated through the weekend (Scouts BSA) with a focus on activities on Saturday for Scouts BSA, Cubs, families, and the community!

Make it FUN!

WHERE - Fort Adams State Park - 90 Fort Adams Drive, Newport, RI 02840

WHY - Adventure at the Fort is the largest, most exciting, Narragansett Council event in years. Scouts will participate in activities not offered at summer camp or a typical scout Camporee! Meet scouts from across New England, camp in a one-of-a-kind 19th-century coastal fort located on the shore of beautiful Narragansett Bay. Bring your friends and family, show them all the awesome things that Scouts do. Join us Saturday Night for a stage show celebrating the fun and fellowship of Scouting. Food trucks! Sailing! Climbing! and More!