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Newsletter of the Newport County Radio Club, November 2018

Chilly Weather

The NCRC sponsored Boy Scout *Jamboree On The Air*, October 19-21, was the sixth running of this popular radio and camping weekend.

Rob White, KB1ZZU, was his usual master of planning, organization, and execution of this complex activity. During past JOTAs we've enjoyed Indian Summer weather, but this year chilly wind and rain Friday night prevailed. Rob admitted "I got a little uncomfortable last night." In spite of the marginal weather, everything came together very well.

On The Air

Antennas went up on Friday and Radio stations were up and open for business on HF, VHF and satellite communications throughout the weekend. NCRC volunteers served as Control Operators allowing our Scouts to make contacts with other Scouts and stations across the country and around the world.



Control Op, Rich Russel, KC1ARO

JOTA 2018—Another Success

Hanging Antennas

"How do you get those wires up so high?" One of the big hits was Willy's, W1LY, compressed air antenna launching cannon. As anyone who has seen Willy's launcher in action knows, this demonstration drew lots of oohs and ahs.



Attention down range

Radio Merit Badge

We offer Scouts the opportunity to earn Radio Merit Badge during JOTA.



Drawing the radio spectrum

This year saw a major program revision that depended on many more review volunteers than we have had in the past. Our mem-

bers stepped forward and the revision produced more successful completions than we have seen in the past.

We set up tables for each requirement so that Scouts could circulate cafeteria-style without having to wait for a reviewer.



Paul Fredette, K1YBE, reviewing

Satellite High Point

Bob Beatty, W1SON, successfully demonstrated Amateur Radio via satellite.



Many thanks from Rob, KB1ZZU, and Jim, KA1ZOU, to all the Review volunteers, Control Op volunteers, and everyone else who made JOTA 2018 a fine success!

November Meeting—Last Business Meeting of 2018

NCRC Christmas Party

Last Meeting?—What?

Well, not the last meeting technically, but the December meeting is reserved for the traditional NCRC Christmas Party.

Mark your calendar for the NCRC Christmas party on Monday, December 10th, a good time to see your fellow members in a relaxed setting. The Mainstay Inn in Newport has done a fine job on our behalf in past years.



Gary, Rich, and XYLs

Cash bar cocktails at 6:00 PM will be followed by an excellent buffet dinner at 7:00 PM. This party has always been a good time for all and remains the most well attended membership event of the year.

Significant events of the year will be reviewed, special awards presented, and the incoming club officers will be introduced. And then there is the Yankee Swap. To join in this ribald activity, please bring a small wrapped gift. Note the descriptor *ribald* and wrap accordingly. All of this bounty for a mere \$35 per guest.

To save a bunch of phone calling, all members are asked

to indicate their intention before November 25th by visiting the club web site and clicking on the Dinner Party tab for more information and a sign-up form. If you are unable to attend, please do visit the web site and simply fill in zero guests.

The simplest way to pay your freight is to render the \$35 per guest fee right there on the web site. If you would prefer to attend, but use a check or pay cash at the door, please keep our guest count current by emailing me with your intentions.

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Please note that checks must be made out to the Mainstay Inn, not NCRC.



The Mainstay is at 151 Admiral Kalbfus Road near the Newport-Middletown line.

The bent shape toward the upper left is the big shopping center that includes Walmart on O'Connell Highway. The white roof in the lower right is the former Newport Hi Li/Slots.

Election of 2019 Officers

The slate of officers for 2019 will be presented at the November meeting. After nominations are accepted from the floor, the membership will vote for their representatives for next year. Here is the unofficial list of candidates at this time:

President - no candidate

Vice President - Jim Sammons

Secretary - Bob Beatty

Treasurer - Ted Wrobel

Director - Paul Fredette

Director - Paul Wynn

Director - Willy MacLean

Director - Dick Bianco

Please note that Paul Fredette has served two years as President and so automatically becomes one of the three directors. We are still actively seeking a President candidate.

Meeting Programs

Mary Nebiolo, KC1NEB, will be our new Program Coordinator for 2019. Your suggestions for meeting programs are most welcome so that we can build intriguing presentations that will serve your interests. Presentations do not have to be strictly radio oriented, nor should you be influenced by what you think others may like to see. So please send us your thoughts regardless of where they may take you.

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