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to  
**CONTESTING**  
by  
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W2DAN  
*aka DaveDan*

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# Newport County Radio Club

Monthly Meeting **Mon May 8, 2023**

Founded 1945; ARRL Chartered 1949.  
A 501(c)(3) non-profit

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# Business Meeting

Welcome! Please Sign In via Chat & Approval of Minutes

Expanded Committee Reports are on the club website: <https://www.w1sye.org>

## NCRC in the ARRL New England Division News

Posted on April 24, 2023 by Rob



— NCRC Digital VE Session Lead Mike Seil, AA4XQ (standing left) April 22, 2023

Read more at: [Newport County Radio Club: "One Year of Digital VE Sessions"](#)

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Thank you  
Rob White  
KB1ZZU for  
club website  
updates.



# Business Meeting

## Welcome New Members!

- Björn Wellinius KC1SWK
- Greg Bonaguide WA1VUG
- Tom Viscione KC1QIF

## Round of Applause to Successful Exams

- Liv Rayne KC1SWJ (Technician)
- Linda Matthews KC1SWV (Technician)
- Jacqueline Day KC1SWT (Technician)
- Patricia Strong K2PRU (General)
- Björn Wellinius KC1SWK (General)
- Tom Viscione KC1QIF (General)
- More to follow w June 10 VE session

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- **VE Updates: Mike Seil AA1XQ**
  - **Tech Class updates: Bob Beatty WB4SON**
  - **General/Extra Class: updates Paul Fredette K1YBE**
  - **HamStudy.org self-study option**
  - **EXAM SIGN-UP**  
<https://ham.study/sessions/02842/inperson>

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# Digital VE Sessions & Next Exams / Fall Classes Oct - Nov 2023





# Business Meeting

- **Membership Report**  
Pleased to report **140 paid members** for 2023.
- Dues renewal season seems to run late December to late April. With this settled, your officers will update the club website member roster by the next meeting.
- **ARRL RI Section Manager** - Election underway to May 20 w new candidate Nancy Austin KC1NEK **Only RI ARRL members can vote.** Campaign website: [ResilientNancy.com](https://ResilientNancy.com)
- [c2000 RI Hams](#) (1928 as of 6May2023) Be that welcoming ambassador to radio.

# POTA

## Activate-All-Rhode Island

September 6-9, 2023

We are excited to announce the [Newport County Radio Club](#) (NCRC) is gathering a team including local enthusiasts and nationally known POTA ambassadors to **activate all 52 Rhode Island POTA parks over four days in September**. Teams of operators will spread out to activate the parks using SSB, CW, and digital modes.

Mark your calendars for this major opportunity to make a clean sweep of all RI parks - including Block Island and other seldom activated references in our much sought after, small state. (41 of the 52 POTA parks in RI have been activated less than 50 times ever.)



POTA K-2875, Fort Wetherill, Jamestown, RI

**Contact: Jim Garman,  
KC1QDZ@gmail.com**

<b>KC1QDZ</b>	Jim	Garman	NCRC - Lead	Newport	Worked all RI - POTA; 164 Activations
<b>W1LY</b>	Willy	Maclean	NCRC - availability?	Newport	Worked all RI - POTA; 218+ Activations
<b>KC1NEK</b>	Nancy	Austin	NCRC - president	Middletown	16 of 52 RI POTA
<b>KB1ZZU</b>	Rob	White	NCRC - secretary	Middletown	
<b>K1JSM</b>	John	Mills	NCRC - former president	Tiverton	
<b>KA1ZOU</b>	Jim	Sammons	NCRC - former president	N. Kingstown	
<b>KE1AK</b>	Corry	Thibault	NCRC	Portsmouth	
<b>KB1DJ</b>	Alan	Kline	NCRC	Charlestown, RI	
<b>W1GHD</b>	Glen	Davies	NCRC friend of 80m net	Woodbury, CT	101 Activations
<b>W2DRE</b>	Dave	Steussing	W1OPS - secretary	Scituate, RI	

### RI + MA/CT Local POTA Friends

<b>KC1NDQ</b>	Fran	Kelly	Swansea, MA	Worked all RI - POTA; 489 Activations
<b>K9JFB</b>	John	Brady	Exeter, RI	Worked All RI - POTA; 156 Activations
<b>K8ZFJ</b>	Randy	Jones	East Greenwich, RI	Worked all RI - POTA; 55 Activations
<b>N1BS</b>	Brian	Swann	West Greenwich, RI	59 Activations
<b>K2JWD</b>	Mel	Markowitz	Framingham, MA	26 Activations
<b>KB1RS</b>	Rob	Sawyer	Jewett City, CT	63 Activations
<b>K1RDD</b>	Doug	Daniels	Shrewsbury, MA	70 Activations
<b>N1NTM</b>	Michael	Nye	Berkeley, MA	140 Activations

### HOSTING NATL POTA AMBASSADORS

<b>KB3WAV</b>	Kerri	Wright	New Windsor, MD	<i>tentative</i>	<b>400-4000+ POTA Activations</b> 4476 Activations
<b>KC3RW</b>	Ray	Wright	New Windsor, MD		1302 Activations
<b>KE8PZN</b>	James	Mon	Chapmanville, WV		2143 Activations
<b>N2BTD</b>	Brian	Duddy	Valley Cottage, NY		702 Activations
<b>WC1N</b>	Rob	Farquharson	South Easton, MA		701 Activations
<b>KB3CMT</b>	Curtis	Turner	Pittsburgh, PA	<i>tentative</i>	653 Activations
<b>WZ3J</b>	Louis	Nickles	Sykesville, MD		412 Activations

**Club Website POTA Sign-up Survey here:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhksqWvtJDhFRDJpkaTkwbhwXhGpMr5hqiaLnAjfdhn01EoQ/viewform>



# Updates on **2nd PLOA** - Pete Lawson Outdoor Adventure **Sun Sept 10, 2023** Colt State Park





# What We Do

Daily 2m Net

Weekly Breakfasts

Weekly HF & DStar Nets

Weekly Youth STEAM radio club at ASA - see K1NPT

Monthly Meetings

Monthly In-Person hands-on gathering

Quarterly VE Exams & Licensing Classes

Annual Field Day  
(top 1-3% nationally since 2001)

Annual WFD, JOTA, PLOA

Ongoing GOTA, POTA, DX **contesting**, resilient comms, **experimenting**: EME, Satellite, Microwave

# Hands-on Community Involvement

*Local Friday June 23, 2023.* Thank you to **Teri W1PUP** and **Ray Perry** for organizing the conference. Great to have **Pat K2RU** and **Nolan K1PRU** step up to staff the NCRC table!!!



ANNUAL  
PREPAREDNESS  
CONFERENCE  
#BeRhodyReady

2023 Annual Preparedness Conference

Friday June 23, 2023

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SIGN UP: <https://riaem.wildapricot.org/page-18160>

*Local St. Barnabas Festival NCRC Booth*  
Saturday June 17, 2023





- **SkyWarn Training** 9:30-11:30am  
by Norton NWS Rob Macedo, KD1CY

- Ham Bootcamp [free Zoom May 13 10-6](#)





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# CONTESTING

presenter

# Dave Neal W2DAN

Shout out to the  
contesters in our club.  
Their expertise &  
dedication is evident  
everywhere - from the  
Repeater to Field  
Days. Thank you!







NCRC Summer Field Day 2022  
Overnight Shift CW Bruce Manning,  
NJ3K

NCRC Winter Field Day Contesting Team members: Dave Neal, W2DAN  
and Peter Bartram, KQ1X - January 2023

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# NCRC Winter Field Day Jan 2023

Glen Park Field  
Team:

29,020 score

AA1XQ K1JSM K1YBE KB1ZZU  
KC1KOO KC1LYG KC1QDZ KQ1X  
W1LY W2DAN

Thank you!

NCRC Individual Contributors -  
Almost matching score thanks to:

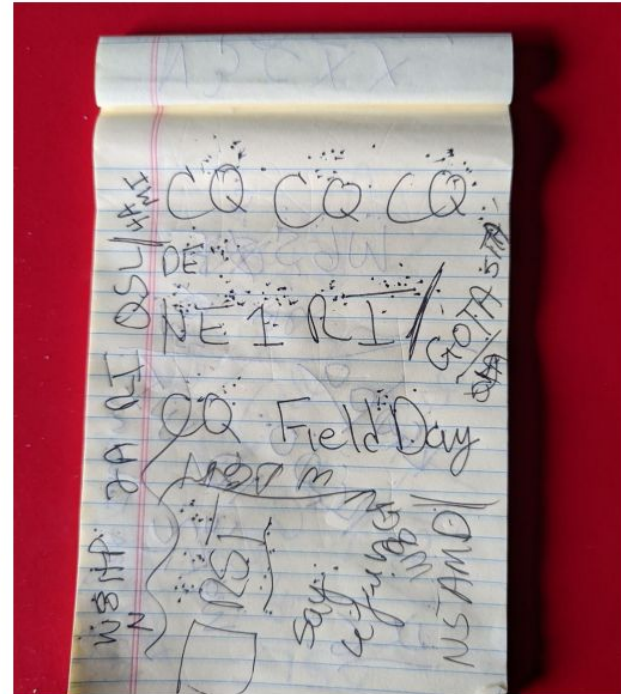
K1NPT, WA1TFF, NJ3K, N1SMX, N1CKT,  
WB4SON, K1TCP, N1TBT, KC1NEK,  
WX1X, KC1IPA, WA1GJF, KE1KAT,  
KC1LPV, K1YBE, N8ZFH, W2RBM,  
KE1AK, W1GRI, W1MBF, KB1JRM,  
WA1GVM, KC1QEC, and more

**WFD CLUB SCORE Category: pending**

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# ARRL FIELD DAY Fri-Sun June 23-25, 2023



# Summer Field Day SET UP TEAM Friday June 23



[https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2022/1\\_63-Aggregate%20Club%20Scoring%20FAQ.pdf](https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2022/1_63-Aggregate%20Club%20Scoring%20FAQ.pdf)

# NE QSO Party just wrapped during a CME

**Peter KQ1X wrote:** *You probably noticed the bands were pretty bad. We got hit with a Coronal Mass Ejection that started on May 5th/6th and the Earth sailed right into it. See below. It was a weak one in terms of impact, but not weak for radio! It made the contest very difficult.*

**A CME JUST HIT EARTH, WEAKLY:** A coronal mass ejection (CME) hit Earth's magnetic field on May 7th at 1544 UT. [The weak impact](#) did not cause a geomagnetic storm. This might not be [the CME we've been waiting for](#). Its arrival was early and its impact weaker than expected. Stay tuned for a possible second CME later today or even on May 8th. **CME alerts:** [SMS Text](#)

Curious to learn more? Sign up for the Skywarn class and check out FEMA course 066 on Space Weather

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**Peter KQ1X wrote:** Here are my results: 294 stations worked 587 points 43 multipliers for a total score of 25,241.

Nancy KC1NEK wanted to just show up and give it a try. c. 67 QSOs over a few one hour tries on 40m, 80m. Many stations were chatty. All were patient and welcoming. Skills at listening, logging, strategy all got much better by just practicing here.

# W1AW/1 Rhode Island VOTA Operation, July 26-August 1, 2023



RI Lead: Mike Corey, KI1U; to sign up as an operator fill out please this form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3bm7fcV\\_4wdXE77A2Eeq2bG20g\\_VhpsYK0Nmy-xSHINZvQA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3bm7fcV_4wdXE77A2Eeq2bG20g_VhpsYK0Nmy-xSHINZvQA/viewform)



# NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

## MONDAY JUNE 12, 2023

All About ARRL  
Field Day  
June 23-25, 2023



**CLOSE OF  
BUSINESS  
MEETING**



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# CONTESTING

presenter

# Dave Neal W2DAN







**Dave Neal, W2DAN THANK YOU!** And thanks to all who attended!  
Hybrid meetings are the new norm, but good to see how all remote meetings encourage long post-presentation conversation to continue as here for another hour with the speaker. What an opportunity! Interesting to hear the various thoughts on Remote Stations in contesting - both the history and the future of "Radio Stations as a Service".

# NCRC May 8, 2023 meeting - Zoom only (36)

Dave Neal W2DAN, Guest Speaker	Jay Nuzum N1CFY, VE Team	Dave Emond KC1IPA
Nancy Austin KC1NEK, President	Nolan Byrne K1PRU, Prudence Island	Steve Day N3VHI
Paul Fredette K1YBE, Vice President	Pat Strong K2PRU, Prudence Island	Bob Matose KC1RFM
John Jackman N1SMX, Treasurer	Brian Cottle N1TBT, Portsmouth EMA	Jeff Allen N1CSE
Bob Beatty WB4SON, EC	Crystal Thibault KE1KAT	Art Weeks W1AGW
Ted Wrobel W1GRI, EC	Linda Matthews KC1SWV	Andrew Ferranti AB1BX
Dick Bianco KC1IPJ, EC	Dave Fredette KC1EBB	John Brewer N1SXB
Peter Bartram KQ1X, EC	Keith Henry KC1LPV	Mike Skorvanek III WA1KSN
Jim Garman KC1QDZ, RI-POTA Lead	Steve Meade KC1AQQ	Neville Bedford W1ESQ
Jim Sendrak KC1LPG, PLOA Team	Howie Naugle K1TZQ	Dan Hass KB1RON
Carl Dumas KC1NAM, Satellite Lead	Corry Thibault KE1AK	Dave Brown KC1AAA
Bruce Manning NJ3K, FD CW Lead	Björn Wellinius KC1SWK	Katrina Kloewer KC1GUA