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Meeting 7-8:30

**POTA - All RI**

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**KC1QDZ**

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# Newport County Radio Club

Monthly Meeting **Mon Aug 14, 2023**

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# Business Meeting

## Welcome!

Please Sign in via Chat or in-person  
attendance sheet

## Approval of July 2023 Minutes

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

## Approval of New Members

- Chris Barlow KI4SMH
- Kilian Guarino KQ4IFR
- Stephen Anthony WA1POX
- Richard Townson KC1SCU

Thank you to the  
150 NCRC paid  
members for  
2023. *We can't do  
this without your  
support.*

22 new members  
Jan - Aug 2023

# NCRC 2023 Silent Keys



Center: Arthur Gladney, N1AJG  
(SK 9Feb2023)

*At Left is Jim Garman, KC1QDZ after his  
first POTA activation last July 30, 2022  
during a club mentoring activation in  
Jamestown, RI*



Life Member Jack Garforth, N1JK  
(SK 31Jan2023)  
DECADES running NCRC VE sessions  
Weekly Breakfast Club member sharing legacy

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# 2 ways to become a more active operator

Join our welcoming,  
mentoring **2m Nets**  
held weekdays M-F  
7pm + Sun 8:15 am  
on the W1SYE  
repeater

**145.450 -600 kHz**

**100 Hz**

[MORE: CLUB REPEATERS/NETS HERE](#)

## **Discover Parks on the Air (POTA)**

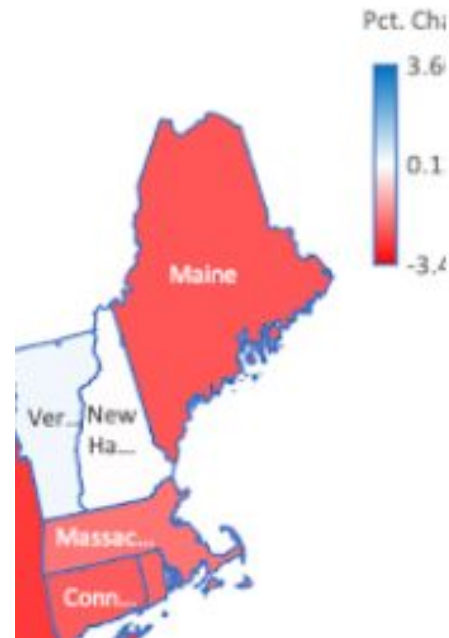
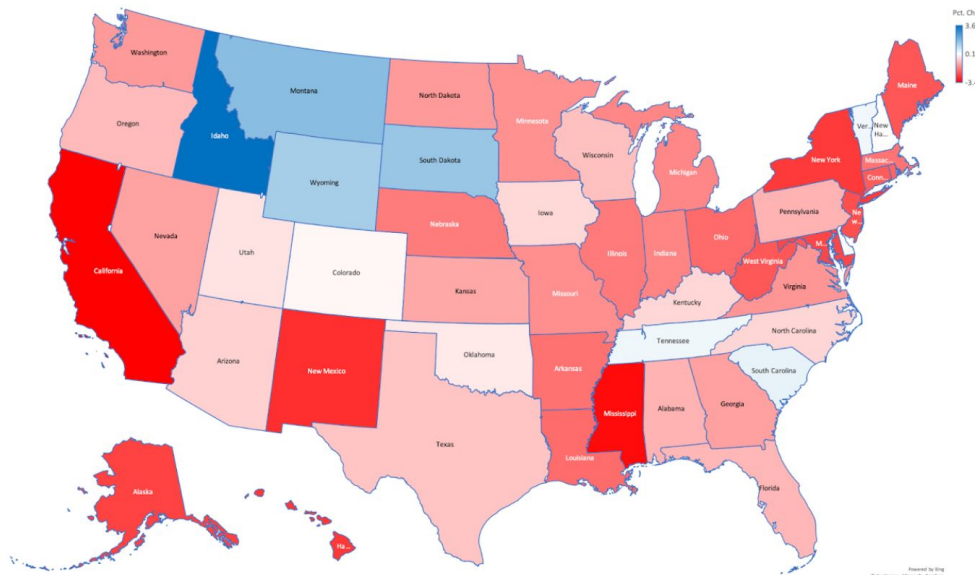
- new General class | **new to HF**
- experienced but now in an Apartment or HOA (or XYL?) **restricted antenna situation**
- ARES / **EmComm** hams practicing **field ops to be a better operator** - set-up, confidently passing traffic accurately, logging, community building across RI & beyond.
- discover RI's 52 POTA parks



# Amateur Radio Data

<https://sites.google.com/site/amateurradiodata/home>

U. S. States  
Percent Change in the Number of Amateur Radio Operators  
December 2021 to December 2022



**RI = 1908** [12Aug2023](#)

Dec 2015-2019 RI = 1977

*Covid surge +/- SK*

*We have work to do!*

This map shows the relative percent increase or decrease between 2021 and 2022. Blue indicates an increase and red indicates a decrease. the majority of decreases were in the Technician class licenses.

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Amateur Radio Licenses by License Grade				
June, 2022 through June, 2023				
License Class	June, 2022	June, 2023	Change	Percent Change
Extra	154,493	154,810	317	0.21%
Advanced	35,268	33,451	-1,817	-5.15%
General	186,195	186,907	712	0.38%
Technician	391,866	377,937	-13,929	-3.55%
Novice	6,546	6,021	-525	-8.02%
Total	774,368	759,126	-15,242	-1.97%
Excludes club and special event licenses with class category. In 2022, there were 11,743 in this group and in 2023 there were 11,499 in this group.				

760,000 hams  
(-2% Y2Y)

New Tech  
licenses not  
renewing > not  
becoming  
active

Great to see %  
increase for  
General .38%  
& Extra .21%

# 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

Club [NETS](#) link here

# NCRC - 75th anniversary in 2024



- Largest Amateur Radio club in RI
- Only [2m net](#) weekday + Sun (GOTA friendly)
- Only ARRL Special Service Club in RI recognized as
  - *"leaders in their Amateur Radio communities who provide active training classes, publicity programs and actively pursue technical projects and operating activities."*
- At least 51% of club members belong to ARRL - the national association for radio amateurs in the US, founded in 1914 as [The American Radio Relay League](#)
- Hosting 1st ever [POTA - Activate All RI](#)

# LOOKING AHEAD Q3 Updates: August 2023

- Aug 25-26-27: HamXposition (Marlborough off 495)
  - <https://hamxposition.org/> (tickets \$18)

## MAJOR RI PRESENCE, including technical & community:

- [ARTEN grant](#): [Leads: Paul Fredette, K1YBE and Rob White, KB1ZZU]
- [HamShack Hotline](#) co-founder & senior engineer, Dave Neal, W2DAN
- First ALL [RI Section Meet & Greet](#), Nancy Austin, KC1NEK

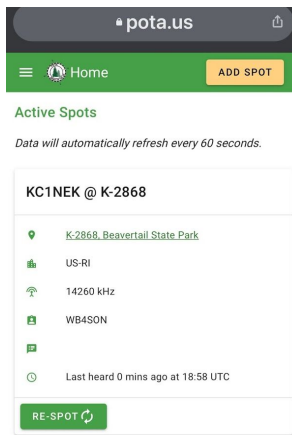
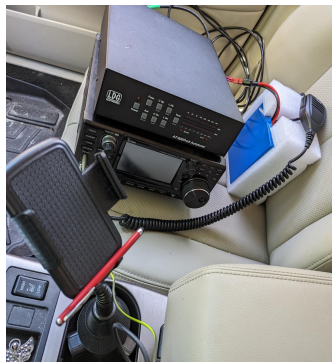


# LOOKING AHEAD Q3 Updates: Sept 2023

- **Sept 6-10:** [POTA - Activate All RI](#)
  - ***Today's presenter:*** Lead Jim Garman, KC1QDZ
- **Sept 10:** [PLOA](#) - major club annual picnic gathering  
Sunday Sept 10th 1-5pm, Colt State Park, Bristol RI
  - ***Today's presenters:*** Leads John Mills, K1JSM and Willy Maclean, W1LY
- **Sept 11:** Next Club Meeting in person/hybrid -
- **Sept 16:** [Next VE exam](#): Sept 16th
  - Lead: Mike Seil, AA1XQ
- **Sept 19:** [RI Day at the BIG E](#) - looking for volunteers

# Are you an active ham? Daily 2m Nets + POTA

- NCRC makes Getting On the Air as easy as possible. No elaborate home station or antenna set up required.
- The W1SYE Repeater Net appears to be the only (almost) daily net in RI - offering the best path to get comfortable GOTA, join a community, and stay active as you slowly learn. See: [NCRC Nets](#)
- POTA is IMO the BEST path for new General class licenses to learn about HF - at the lowest entry price and fastest learning curve.
- POTA is ideal for experienced hams now in apartments or living with HOA restrictions. Explore RI parks at your own pace.
- POTA helps you become a better operator, key to EmComm service.



# Getting started w Parks on the Air



Bob WB4SON put together an outstanding slide deck on basic equipment options for getting started on POTA and presented this introduction at the NCRC November 9, 2020 monthly meeting.

<https://w1sye.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/POTA-2020.pdf>







# Don't miss out on *POTA - Activate All RI* Sept 6-10, 2023!

Presenting up next  
is multi-tasking  
local organic farmer  
& **POTA Lead Jim  
Garman, KC1QDZ** -  
FIRST licensed in  
Dec 2021, less than  
2 years ago. POTA  
just one year!





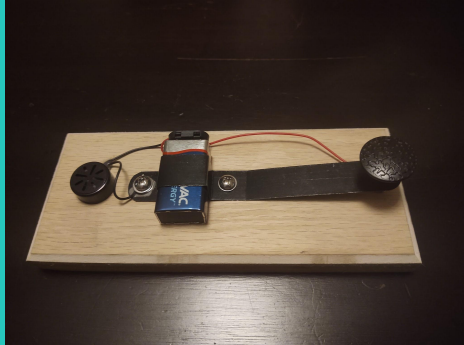
# PLOA Wraps up this big POTA push

Our major club annual free picnic Sunday

**Sept 10th 1-5pm,  
Colt State Park,  
Bristol RI**

Presenting after Jim are PLOA Leads: John Mills, K1JSM and Willy Maclean, W1LY

**PLEASE RSVP [here](#)**



# Microwave team, 13 Colonies, VOTA, HF Trading updates, Hawaii disaster preparedness takeaways for us all



News on the RI SECTION WEBSITE  
launched July 5th | <https://RI-ARRL.org>





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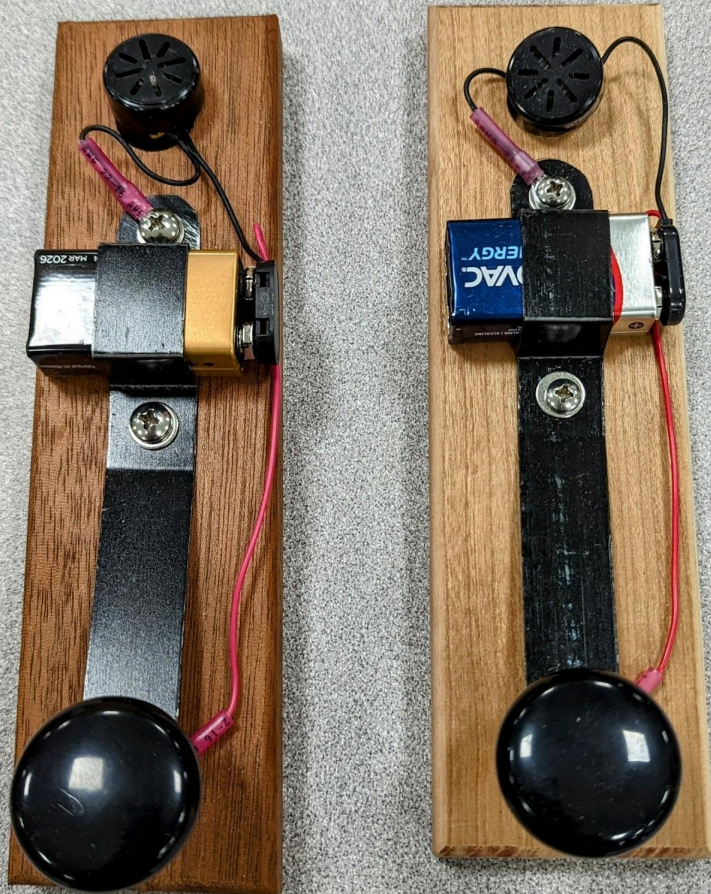
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Pete Lawson Outdoor Adventure  
Sunday Sept 10, 2023 1-5pm

By August 30th:

**PLEASE RSVP [here](#)**





After Meeting NCRC  
Mentoring continues!

Here is Earth Moon Earth  
weak-signal guru Bill  
Corbin, W3CJK gifting  
EME gear to Satellite  
wizard Carl Dumas,  
KC1NAM. Stay tuned!

# NCRC Aug 14, 2023 meeting - in person (37+)

Nancy Austin, KC1NEK, President	Ed Gosling, W1NQH	(Remote Via Zoom - est 13)
John Jackman, N1SMX, Treasurer	Carl Dumas KC1NAM, Satellite Lead	Paul Fredette K1YBE, Vice President
John Vecoli, KC1KOO, EC /Hybrid Tech	Bill Corbin W3CJK, EME Lead	Bob Beatty WB4SON, EC
Jim Garman, KC1QDZ, POTA Lead	Greg Bonaguide, WA1VUG	Sean Baker, K1SDB, ARTEN team
Willy Maclean, W1LY, EC	John Pudlowski, N0SWO	Alan Kline, KB1DJ
John Mills, K1JSM, PLOA Lead	Richard Townson, KC1SCU	Art Weeks W1AGW
Dick Bianco, KC1IPJ, EC	Bruce Braga, W1UQN	Scott Toner, N1SWT
Ted Wrobel, W1GRI, EC	Randy Jones, K8ZFI	others?
Dave Neal W2DAN, RI Section TC	Mike Skorvanek III WA1KSN	
Mike Seil, AA1XQ, VE Lead	Jim Sendrak, KC1LYG	
Brian Cottle, N1TBT, Portsmouth EMA	Bob Matose KC1RFM	
Paul Recupero, W1NWX	John Brewer N1SXB	

**[24 in person]**