#### NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB (NCRC) \*

Club Meeting: February 12, 2024 President: John Vecoli, KC1KOO



## AGENDA

- 1. NCRC Events
- 2. Minutes
- 3. Financial Report
  - a) Dues status
  - b) 2023 Audit Status
- 4. Membership
- 5. Education and Licensing
- 6. Winter Field Day Summary
- 7. Committee Reports
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business



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## Daily and Weekly Events

<b>Sunday at 8:15 am</b> <b>Mon-Fri at 7:00 pm</b> On W1SYE repeater 145.45/144.85 PL 100. Coordinator: N1ZSR, Rich	<b>Tuesday at 8:00 pm</b> Dstar W1ADD Repeater normally linked to reflector 69C Coordinator: W1GRI, Ted	Wednesday at 7:30 80 m Frequency 3.900 MHz+- 5 kHz. Coordinator: WB4SON, Bob	<b>Thursday at 8:00 am</b> Chelsea's – 1015 Aquidneck Ave. Middletown, Rl
Daily	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
2m Net	DSTAR Net	HF Net	Breakfast

## **Upcoming Events**

#### February

• 12 - NCRC Meeting

Bob WB4SON: Alternate Power Supplies

#### March

• 11 – NCRC Meeting

**Presentation?** 

#### April

• 8 – NCRC Meeting

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**Presentation?** 

 13 – RI-ARES (W1RIA) Net at 7:30  12 – RI-ARES (W1RIA) Net at 7:30  9 – RI-ARES (W1RIA) Net at 7:30

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Field Day – Jun 23-24
PLOA – Sep 15
JOTA/JOTI - Oct 18-20
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https://w1sye.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCRCmeeting-minutes-202401v1.pdf

Secretary: Rob White, KB1ZZU

All minutes and Slide Decks at <a href="https://w1sye.org/?page\_id=1538">https://w1sye.org/?page\_id=1538</a>

#### **3. FINANCIAL REPORT** (JANUARY)

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Treasurer: John Jackman, N1SMX 2024 Dues Status 2023 Financial Audit Status

#### JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT<sup>+</sup> •

Newport County Radio Club Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Capital At January 31, 2024	Newport County Radio Club Statement of Income 1 Month Period Ending January 31, 2024		Newport County Radio Club Statement of Cash Flow 1 Month Period Ending January 31, 2024			
Assets Cash	Income Grants Dues Donations Education Misc Total Income Expenses Grants Paypal	325.00 725.00 15.00 9.00 - (150.00)	1,074.00	Cash at January 1, 2024 Cash Inflows Grants Dues Donations Education Misc Total Cash inflows Cash Outflows Grants Paypal Supplies	325.00 725.00 15.00 9.00	16,479.46 1,074.00
Newport County Radio Club Change in Capital         1 Month Period Ending January 31, 2024         Beginning Capital	Supplies Education	- (105.00) (105.95) - (27.52) —	(388.47) <u>685.53</u>	Education Utilities Insurance Banking Total Cash Outflow Cash at January 31, 202 Notes: Unrestricted cash Restricted ARRL Gra Restricted IBM Grant	<b>S</b> 2 <b>4</b> nt on Fund	(388.47) 17,164.99 \$12,273.63 \$2,962.31 \$1,538.90 \$390.15

#### 2024 Dues is Due Now

Please pay your 2024 as soon as possible. (You will receive an email to confirm your dues is paid.)

February 1, emails will go out to those who are in good standing and have not paid their 2024 dues as of the date of the email.

According to the by-laws members who do not pay their 2024 dues by 7/1/2024 will be removed from the **active roster** and added to the **inactive roster** (Member not in good standing).

Members on the **inactive roster** who want to return to the active roster must pay all overdue and the current year to be returned to the **active roster**.

If you have questions on your membership status, please email treasurer@w1sye.org.

Member	2024		
Life	12		
Paid	> 42		
Unpaid	< 118		
Total	172		

Active Roster (Life and Good Standing) Inactive Roster (Members who missed dues deadline (July 1)) Silent Key Roster (Members in Good Standing who have become SKs)

#### 2023 Financial Audit

- Assign Audit Team (Bylaws October)(Action January)
  - John Mills K1JSM
  - Paul Fredette K1YBE
  - Nolan Byrne K1PRU
- Audit Team Brief Membership
  - (Bylaws January Meeting)(Action March Meeting)
- We now have the additional member, K1PRU, who volunteered to assist John and Paul this year and be assigned to 2024 Financial Audit.



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Vice President: Paul Fredette (K1YBE)

## Membership Applicants

- No new applications
- Minutes has members voted-in.



#### 5. Winter Field Day (WFD) January 27-28, 2024

Dave Neal W2DAN

https://winterfieldday.org/

#### **Submitted Report**



- Thanks to all who helped setup, operate and take down.
  WELL DONE!
- We operated from 2 pm Saturday until Midnight. Operations started back up at 8 am
- Sunday until 2 pm Sunday with 748 HF Contacts on only 4 different bands.
- Mike KC1NEJ Sent and Received 1 Winlink Message
- Carl KC1NAM Completed 1 Sat Contact.

## Summary



- Special thanks to Willy W1LY for setting up the Antenna and getting the club funded Port-a-John.
- Using the Ticket Booth was very good. It was nice and warm with the heaters we had. We were informed that the booth may be replaced and/or moved.
- Generator worked well. Thanks to K1JSM
- Midnight to 8 am had no operators.
- We used 40, 20, 15 and 10m. Need to work more bands to achieve the 6 different bands objective.

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## 6. EDUCATION AND LICENSING

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#### **EDUCATION:**

Technician/ Bob Beatty (WB4SON) Tuesday evenings April 23 – 6 weeks General and Extra/ Paul Fredette (K1YBE) Friday evenings April 26 – 6 week ARTEN project (website for details) Licensing (VE Coordinator): Mike Seil (AA1XQ)

## **ARTEN Mesh Project 2024**

- Mesh Build activity held Friday January 19 to get the 9 Microtik AC3 radios working and deployed to members/teams that came to the meeting.
- WFD mesh rules did not fit this activity this February /March would be a mesh antenna build/test.
- February. YAGI Antenna being tested on the VNA for performance to spec.
- March/April do a microwave fox hunt. Possibly multiband 2m and 2.4 Ghz
- May/ June some additional activity during Field Day deploy nodes for the summer growing season.
- CO<sub>2</sub> data sensor with Solar power is in operation near a Rhododendron in Portsmouth. Changes from around 450 ppm to 550 ppm observed.
- Family activity with new hams from the classes being organized
- September. PLOA mesh network for DYDX certificates.
- Make collected data available to schools
- October JOTA activities with mesh radio.?
- November/ December TBD

#### Technician Class (Bob WB4SON)

- Start: April 23 (Tuesday Zoom)
- Exam Review: June 4 (Tuesday Zoom)
- Exam: June 8 (Saturday In Person)

#### General and Extra Class (Paul K1YBE)

Start:

- April 26 (Friday Zoom)
- Exam Review: June 7 (Friday Zoom)
- Exam: June 8 (Saturday In Person)

#### NCRC Digital Exams

- Dates: 09 MAR, 08 JUN, 14 SEP\*, and 14 DEC\*
- Location: Kempenaar Family Room, Middletown Police Department
- Register for upcoming exams >>> HamStudy.org >>> Find a Session
- See also W1SYE.org >>> Become a Ham

\*Note: These test dates are not yet in the ExamTools application index

# New Volunteer Examiners (VE) are welcome.

- See <a href="https://www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners">https://www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners</a>
- General license minimum
- For more information contact our VE Coordinator: Mike Seil, AA1XQ

#### ExamTools Volunteer Examiners (VE)

- WB4SON, Bob Beatty
- KA1ZOU, Jim Sammons
- K1YBE, Paul Fredette
- KB1ZZU, Rob White
- N1CFY, Jay Nuzum

- W1NQH, Ed Gosling
- KE1KAT, Crystal Thibault
- AC1DV, Mike Martin
- K1NPT, Mike Cullen

- These are the Ves who have established credentials in the ExamTools test environment AND the ExamTools SandBox application.
- ➢ Note the K1JSM, John Mills got the Club started using ExamTools BZ to him

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#### Way Forward

We are a volunteer organization! We need your help to keep our programs and club going. Every member should have a role with few exceptions. We need you to volunteer and pick the area where you think you can learn and add value. When we all lift together it is not a heavy load. When people begin to let go, the weight falls on those left behind. If you have more than 5 roles, you need to find people to pick up some of those responsibilities.

#### JOIN or CHAIR A COMMITTEE:

- > If there is a committee chair, please contact them to volunteer.
- If no chair is identified, contact John Vecoli
- If you wish to be the chair for a committee, send an email to john.Vecoli@gmail.com



## Field Day - Operations June 22-23, 2024

- Chair: ?????
- Members:
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# Field Day – Family Outing/Outreach June 22-23, 2024

- Chair: ?????
- Site equipment: Willy W1LY
- Members:
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#### Pete Lawson Outdoor Adventure September 15, 2024

- Chair: Jim Sendrak, KC1LYG 860-985-8558 jimsendrak@comcast.net
- Members:
- ➢ Jim Sammons, KA1ZOU
  ➢ Willy Maclean, W1LY
  ➢ John Mills, K1JSM
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#### JOTA/JOTI October 18-20, 2024

- Co-Chairs: Sean Baker, K1SDB 978-491-7166 <u>sean@seandavidbaker.com</u>
- Co-Chairs: Doug Belcher, KC1NFL 781-248-7686 dwbelcher@comcast.net

• Members:

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#### Year-end Party (75<sup>th</sup> Celebration)

- Chair: ????
- Members:
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#### Winter Field Day January 25-26, 2025

- Chair: ?????
- Members:
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#### Webpage Review

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- Members:
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#### Webpage Review -Membership MGMT

- Chair: John Mills, K1JSM
- Members:
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- ➢Bob Beaty, WB4SON
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#### **Recognitions/Awards**

- Chair: ????
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#### Hospitality

- Chair: ????
- Members:
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#### Marketing

- Chair: Sean Baker, K1SDB 978-491-7166 <u>sean@seandavidbaker.com</u>
- Members:
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#### THANK YOU

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