

NCRC Meeting 10 MAR 2025

AA1XQ Notes

Attendees; Jim Sammons, Jim Sendrak, Bob Beatty (Z), Willy MacLean, Nolan Byrne (Z), Paul Fredette, Evan Bowen, John Jackman, Mike Rousseau, Rene Martel, Rich Townson, Ellen Vadney, Ed Gosling, Greg Lavoy, Sean Baker, Bill Bagwill, Joe DeMarco, Brian Cottle, Mike Cullen, Bob Matose, Jay Nuzum, Ted Wrobel, John Brewer, Bruce Braga, Dave Emond, Bill Boyes, Kirk Dyer, Melanie Dyer, Bruce Manning (Z), Nancy Austin (Z), John Mills (Z), Chuck Kesson (Z), Neville Bedford (Z), Mike Seil and Connor Priest.

-New Member; Bill Bagwill voted in as a new member. One of many who was licensed in a bygone era (i.e. 1968) and had life get in the way of the hobby. Now studying for Tech.

Also Kirk Dyer (KD1MD), his wife Melanie and Bill Boyes (KB1G) were in attendance at the meeting and they are interested in joining the Club. We look forward to voting them in during the April meeting.

-School Club Roundup; Mike Cullen (K1NPT) summarized results for this year's effort at All Saints STEAM Academy. Eight to ten participants through the course of the event and eight schools contacted. The students were enthusiastic as was the principal. Some discussion about the possibility of convening an after-school group to enhance understanding of, and participation in, the amateur radio hobby.

-W1ADD DStar Repeater; Ted Wrobel (W1GRI) mentioned that the DStar repeater may begin using a different reflector sometime in the future. More to follow.

-New Secretary; A new Club Secretary was voted in to office. Mike Seil (AA1XQ) will assume this role for the remainder of the calendar year.

-Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA); Sean Baker (K1SDB) is the Club lead for this year's JOTA activities.

GMRS; The General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) group established to link Aquidneck Island and surrounding towns meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Middletown Public Library. Mike Rousseau (KC1NEJ) and Mike Cullen (K1NPT) are the Club representatives involved with the group.

-Club Promotional Trifold; Some discussion regarding update of the Club trifold. This promotional piece summarizes Club activities and pictures all the wide range of interests present in the Club. It needs updating but not clear who will take the lead.

-Resilient Network; Mike Cullen (K1NPT) has pointed out that the NUWC Keyport Emergency Management Team is relying on amateur radio for their resilient networking capability. He is looking for POCs inside NUWC Newport for a similar purpose.

-Camping Tent Auction; A Club six-person Coleman tent was auctioned off. Sean Baker (K1SDB) is the proud new owner.

-Club Bylaws Update Reading; Bob Beatty (WB4SON) has updated the Club bylaws to remove inconsistencies and *non sequitur* verbiage. Theses changed and deleted portions were noted and the bylaws changes read aloud. The new bylaws version will be posted on the W1SYE.org website for closer scrutiny by the membership.

-Breakfast Get-Togethers; Jim Sendrak (KC1LYG) put in a plug to attempt to augment attendance at weekly breakfast get-togethers at Chelsea's in Middletown. We usually begin to filter in between 0730

and 0800 every Thursday morning and order at 0800. We want to start a similar group on Saturday mornings at locations TBD in West Bay.

-NCRC Club Badges; Jim Sendrak (KC1LYG) is cognizant officer on Club badges and had many to hand out at the Marcg Club meeting. Not clear how many remain to be claimed.

-50/50 Raffle; Raffle conducted with \$1.00/ticket or \$5.00/3 tickets. Winner was Sean Baker (K1SDB).

-Cyber-Security Presentation; Connor Priest is a senior-level student majoring in Cyber-Security at Roger Williams University. He just completed an internship at the Navy War College and discussed important aspects of cyber-security with case study examples from the recent past. An excellent presentation.

-Field Day Preparation; Willy MacLean talked to plans for another successful Club FD effort again this year. We wish to get as many involved as possible while still maintaining our high level of achievement. The key will be practice! To this end we have set up a number of training sessions for K3s transceiver, N3FJP software familiarization as well as operating techniques.