

NCRC Meeting 14 APR 2025

AA1XQ Notes

Attendees; Jim Sammons, Jim Sendrak, Bob Beatty (Z), Willy MacLean, Nolan Byrne (Z), Paul Fredette, John Jackman, Mike Rousseau, Rich Townson, Ellen Vadney, Ed Gosling, Greg Lavoy, Joe DeMarco, Brian Cottle, Mike Cullen, Bob Matose, Jay Nuzum, Ted Wrobel (Z), John Brewer (Z), Bruce Braga, Dave Emond, Bill Boyes, Bruce Manning (Z), John Mills (Z), David Quinn (Z), Keith Henry, Corry Thibault, Crystal Thibault, Stephen Crawford, John Vecoli, Mike Pelczarski, John Walge, Bill Boyes, Jay Schmidt, Alex Schmidt, Greg Bonaguide, Joe Kaiser, John Conti, Marc Ladin, Mike Seil.

March Meeting Minutes (Jim Sammons); The March meeting minutes were shown to the group assembled and will be archived on the Club W1SYE.org website.

-New Members (Jim Sendrak); Joe Kaiser, K1JGK, was voted in as a member of the Club at last month's meeting. John Walge, KC1WOC, Bill Boyes, KB1G, and Jay Schmidt, KG5BWG, voted in as new Club members at this month's meeting. Jay's license has expired but he is within the two-year grace period. We will contact him to advise regarding renewal.

-Field Day Picnic (John Vecoli); We will have a FD picnic this year on Saturday 28 June and will request a small donation from those in attendance. However, this is not a mandatory requirement and should not discourage participation. It will also be low key, just hots, hamburgers and sides. We may also have the famous KC1LPV steamed hot dog cart available on Sunday 29 June. Ketchup on the dogs is allowed but not encouraged and two kinds of mustard will be available.

-FD GOTA Operators (Willy MacLean); Club members are encouraged to bring spouses and children to observe and operate at the W1SYE/NE1RI FD station on 28/29 June. It will give an opportunity for our members to showcase the service we as hams provide to the community as a resource for emergency communications.

-Community Lifeline (Mike Cullen/Mike Rousseau); Cellphones are not a secure form of communication and are unreliable during times of natural disaster. First responders in Rhode Island are becoming aware that such is the case and are looking to GMRS/FRS for emergency communications on the local level. We have several GMRS repeaters in the area, two in Portsmouth and one in Tiverton, also a portable repeater in Newport, but simple line-of-sight or point-to-point relay is the only method available for FRS and the simplest for GMRS as well.

-W1ADD DStar Repeater (Jim Sammons); Jim Sammons mentioned that the Club plans to continue using the Channel 69 DStar reflector but noted that we will double the re-direct timer period.

-Club Bylaws Second Reading (Jim Sammons/Bob Beatty); The updated portions of the Club bylaws read aloud at last month's meeting were again presented to the group assembled. Some discussion ensued but in the end the membership voted to adopt all proposed changes. Note that the bylaws are available to peruse on the Club website. It should also be noted that the St. Barnabas WiFi cut out during the discussion. However, when WiFi was restored all Club members on the Zoom link voted to approve the amended bylaws as updated.

-CubeSmart Storage Area (Jim Sammons); The Club has leased the 5' X 5' North Kingstown temperature-controlled storage area for one more year.

-Pete Lawson Outdoor Adventure (Jim Sendrak); This year's PLOA will once again be held at pavilion 1 at Colt State Park in Bristol on Sunday September 7th. This will be a catered affair and all Club members and their families are welcome.

-NCRC Christmas Party (Jim Sendrak); This year's Club Christmas party will once again be held at the Home Town Tavern in Warren, R.I. on December 8th.

-Breakfast Get-Togethers (Jim Sendrak); Members of the Club meet for breakfast every Thursday at Chelsea's in Middletown. We usually begin to filter in around 0730 and order around 0800. Always riveting and spirited conversation. Also, monthly breakfast in West Bay at Old Mountain Lanes Café in Wakefield.

-Virtual FD Operator Training (Willy MacLean); Realistic operator training experience created by having an operator (Willy) call CQ and listening for members provided with log sheets containing various callsigns/classes/sections responding to the CQ. Good practice to get the cadence of the proper FD exchange and familiarity with the phonetic alphabet. Various other FD training opportunities to be arranged to go over logging and use of the Elecraft K3s transceiver. Jim Sendrak will publish a training schedule similar to the following; 12MAY – Willy virtual FD training, 19MAY – K3s + ACLog training (perhaps led by Bob Beatty); 02JUN - K3s + ACLog training; 09JUN - K3s + ACLog training.

-NCRC Club Badges (Jim Sendrak); Many badges to hand out at the May Club meeting. They may be ordered by contacting Jim Sendrak.

-Club Picture (Keith Henry); The meeting was well attended and the occasion documented with several photos of the group there assembled.



-50/50 Raffle; Raffle conducted with \$1.00/ticket or \$5.00/3 tickets. Winner was David Emond (KC1IPA).