

NCRC Meeting 12 MAY 2025

AA1XQ Notes

Attendees; Jim Sammons, Jim Sendrak, Willy MacLean, Paul Fredette, John Jackman, Mike Rousseau, Rich Townson, Ellen Vadney, Ed Gosling, Greg Lavoy, Joe DeMarco, Brian Cottle, Bob Matose, Jay Nuzum, John Brewer, Bruce Braga, Keith Henry, Corry Thibault, Crystal Thibault, Stephen Crawford, John Vecoli, Joe Kaiser, Paul Mello, Rene Martel, Mike Seil, Rob White, John Mills (Z), Bob Beatty (Z), Nolan Byrne (Z), Howie Naugle (Z), Sean Baker (Z), Rich Travers (Z), Dan Britton (Z)

March Meeting Minutes (Jim Sammons); The April meeting minutes were shown to the group assembled and will be archived on the Club W1SYE.org website. Jim also mentioned a Get-On-the-Air effort conducted on Armed Forces Day where several students from All Saints STEAM Academy were able to conduct QSOs with the US Naval Academy. The Academy were operating on MARS frequencies that necessitated split operation – USNA XMIT on MARS/W1SYE listen, W1SYE XMIT on ham/USNA listen. We are exploring the possibility of moving the W1ADD D-Star repeater from Portsmouth HS to a location that is more readily accessible and cost effective to operate.

-FD Picnic (John Vecoli); The NCRC FD picnic is scheduled for Saturday 28 June from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and will be free of charge with donations accepted. John suggests \$15.00/person. The W1SYE.org website may be used to sign up. All are welcome to partake, as well as to enjoy all that FD has to offer. Families, in particular, are encouraged to bring their kids to the GOTA tent to take a turn behind the mic. We will also need volunteers to serve food and assist with cleanup.

-FD Signup Sheets (Jim Sendrak/Willy MacLean); FD signup sheets were parsed out at each table at the meeting. These mimic the W1SYE online FD signup form and lend clarity to where various individuals will be able to assist at FD. Responses have been positive thus far but we need to develop a succession plan for the antenna farm setup. This has traditionally been a very ambitious endeavor as we set up moxons, tribanders and dipoles. This has been primarily honchoed by W1LY. It is time for him to Elmer a newbie as antenna farmer of the future.

We need help with antenna setup on Friday, 27 June.

Training sessions to become familiar with the Elecraft K3s rigs, the ToughBook laptops and N3FJP logging program (ACLog) we will use for FD are scheduled for 19 June and 02 May at 1900 hours at St. Barnabas Parish Hall.

Station leads as follows; Bruce Manning/CW, Matt White/Phone, John Brewer/GOTA

-New Members (Jim Sendrak); Kirk Dyer, KD1MD, and Tom Kaiser, KC1WFO, were voted in as new members.

-Club Photos (Keith Henry); Keith has been documenting Club activities for several years. Most recently this includes a group picture from the April '25 well-attended meeting. These photos are available in electronic form by contacting Keith directly.



Paddle Around New England (Paul Mello); This is an update of a previous talk from approximately ten years ago detailing how Paul built various kayaks to paddle and portage a plethora of waterways in his quest to circumnavigate New England. Ham radio played a part using QRP 40m CW and 2m FM repeater operations.

-50/50 Raffle (Jim Sendrak); Raffle conducted with \$1.00/ticket or \$5.00/3 tickets. Winner was Joe DeMarco, WA1VEE.

