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May 12, 2025

Minutes of the April Meeting

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.

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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.

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CubeSmart Storage Area (Jim Sammons); The Club has leased the 5' X 5' North Kingstown temperature-controlled storage area for one 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 arrive for breakfast at 07:30-08:00 every Thursday at Chelsea's in Middletown and monthly at Old Mountain Lanes 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.

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

-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.

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



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

New Members

Report from Vice
President
Jim Sendrak, KC1LYG

Treasurer's Report, April 2025

Newport County Radio Club Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Capital At March 31, 2025	
Assets	
Cash.....	10,310.81
PayPal.....	6,244.18
Total Assets	<u>16,554.99</u>
Liabilities & Capital	
Liabilities.....	-
Club Equity.....	(16,554.99)
Total Liabilities & Capital	<u>(16,554.99)</u>

Newport County Radio Club Change in Capital 1 Month Period Ending March 31, 2025	
Beginning Capital.....	16,677.20
Prior period adjustment.....	-
Net Income (Loss).....	(122.21)
Ending Capital	<u>16,554.99</u>

Newport County Radio Club Statement of Income 1 Month Period Ending March 31, 2025	
Income	
Grants.....	105.00
Dues.....	2,025.00
Donations.....	5.00
Education.....	183.00
Misc.....	-
Total Income	<u>2,318.00</u>
Expenses	
Grants.....	(215.00)
Paypal.....	-
Supplies.....	(722.53)
Education.....	(330.25)
Utilities.....	(838.00)
Insurance.....	(222.00)
Banking.....	(112.43)
Total Expenses	<u>(2,440.21)</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(122.21)</u>

Newport County Radio Club Statement of Cash Flow 1 Month Period Ending March 31, 2025	
Cash at January 1, 2025	16,677.20
Cash Inflows	
Grants.....	105.00
Dues.....	2,025.00
Donations...	5.00
Education...	183.00
Misc.....	-
Total Cash inflows	<u>2,318.00</u>
Cash Outflows	
Grants.....	(215.00)
Paypal.....	-
Supplies.....	(722.53)
Education...	(330.25)
Utilities.....	(838.00)
Insurance...	(222.00)
Banking.....	(112.43)
Total Cash Outflows	<u>(2,440.21)</u>
Cash at March 31, 2025	<u>16,554.99</u>
Notes:	
Unrestricted cash	\$11,948.63
Restricted ARRL Grant	\$2,962.31
Restricted Pete Lawson Fund	\$1,253.90
Restricted IBM Grant	\$390.15

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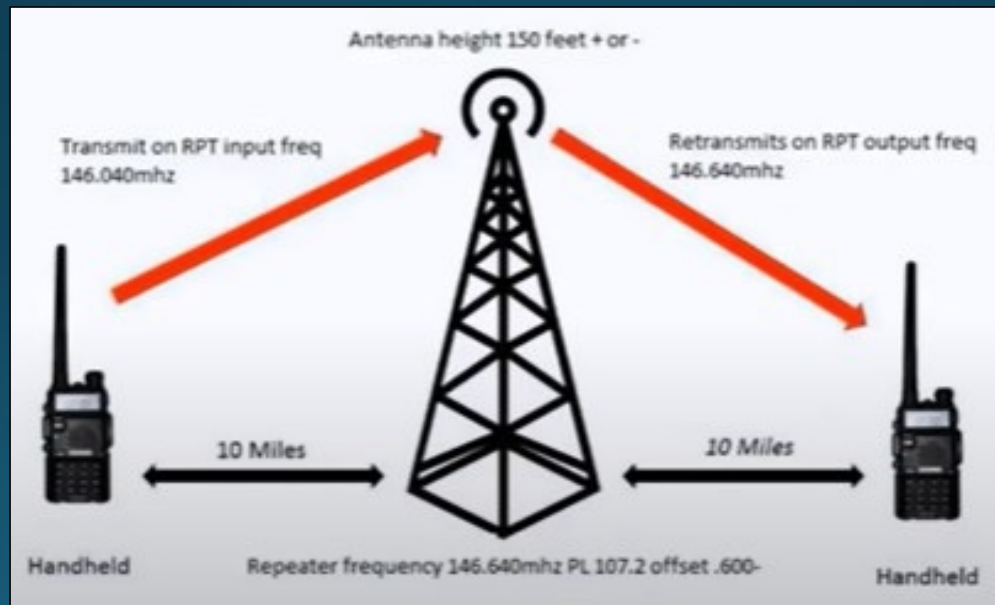
Old Business

- From the floor?

New Business

- W1AAD update.
- Armed Forces Day activity at Newport Naval Station.
- Report of the Field Day Committee.
- From the floor?

NCRC Repeater W1AAD



Armed Forces Day at Newport Naval Station







Newport County Radio Club Field Day 2025 - Family Picnic June 28, 4 – 6 PM

NCRC members and their guest are asked to join us during Field Day 25 for a Family Picnic. Family picnic with food and games for all ages. The goal is to develop a sense of belonging &

HAVE FUN!!

Ticket Donation: \$15 Adult, \$10 Under 12 yrs, FREE Under 6

Contact John, KC1KOO for tickets

John.Vecoli@gmail.com or (401) 556-1603



Menu:

Grilled Hamburgers & Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Corn on the cob and Watermelon

Where: Glen Park Pavilion

Gilbert Baker Rd, Portsmouth, RI
Directions: Take East Main to Glenn Rd, take the second right onto Gilbert Baker Rd

**End of May
meeting, 73**