



Club Meeting  
July 14, 2025

# Minutes of the June Meeting

Attendees; Jim Sendrak, Jim Sammons, Willy MacLean, Brian Cottle, Mike Rousseau, Dave Emond, Rene Martel, Rich Townson, Jay Nuzum, John Vecoli, Joe DeMarco, Keith Henry, Corry Thibault, John Brewer, Ellen Vadney, Rob White, Paul Fredette, Alan Schwartze, Stephen Crawford, Bruce Brage, Mark Mueller, Bill Bagwill, Bob Matose, Leeds Mitchel, Bruce Manning (Z), Dave Quinn (Z), Crystal Thibault (Z), Ted Wrobel (Z), Nolan Byrne (Z), Mike Seil (Z)

-NCRC President Turnover; Jim Sendrak officially accepted the office of NCRC President and Paul Fredette assumed the office of Interim Vice President. We thank Jim Sammons, KA1ZOU, for his FB service to the Club as President over the course of the last six months.

-**NCRC Membership Roster**; We endeavor to make certain that the Club membership roster hosted on the W1SYE.org website contains accurate and up-to-date information. Request all members check this portion of the site to ensure their information is correct.

-NCRC May Meeting Minutes; Motion to approve the May meetings was adopted.

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-New Members; Jim Sendrak welcomed two new members to the Club, neither present. William (Scott) Nancy, KK6IK, lives in California, but has ties to Rhode Island as his wife is from Barrington. He visits R.I. in the summer months and became acquainted with our Club while vacationing via the weeknight 2m net. He is planning to participate in FD as a CW Op.

Ray Farnum hails from Prudence Island and though a bit mic-shy, also participates in the 2m net. His membership dues were received via the NCRC PO Box last week.

-Treasurers' Report; John Jackman, NCRC Treasurer submitted his monthly report. It was noted that Utilities expenses were \$954.00. It turns out that the lion's share of this expenditure (according to W1LY) is the cost of maintaining the **Club D-Star repeater**.

- **Member Moments**; This is a new meeting segment where members are encouraged to bring to the fore items of interest to the Club at-large.

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Leeds Mitchel brough equipment from the estate of a SK, all free to a good home. A Yaesu boat anchor radio was also offered that was gifted to the Club from the Southeast Massachusetts Radio Association, also free to a good home.

**-Ask an Amateur**; Corry Thibault asked about the Eisenhower House POTA activation held Sunday 08 JUN. Four activators were present, W1LY, WB4SON, KC1LYG and KA1ZOU with seven observers. A variety of antennas were used including an inverted "V" and several verticals. WB4SON provided a FB introduction to the digital modes using FT8 to work several European stations. W1LY, KA1ZOU and KA1LYG worked phone and made domestic contacts. The participants enjoyed the FB Eisenhower House location and the introduction to **Parks-On-The-**

Air (POTA). The POTA website [<https://parksontheair.com/index.html>] provides a plethora of information about various parks available to activate, statistics regarding hunter/activator numbers, etc.

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John Brewer asked what happened to “Activate All Rhode Island.” This was actually a Jim Garman initiative and as far as is known this was a one-off affair in spite of the success we enjoyed with this effort.

Jay Nuzum pointed out that the **FD GOTA tent is much too busy** with individuals talking and distracting the operators. All agree that this is the case. A more suitable gathering place should be found, perhaps in the pavilion where Paul Fredette plans a microwave demo and where he will setup a GOTA station monitor receiver. Paul has sent an Email invite to our FD to several town politicians and VIPs and John Vecoli is working on tri-folds that will provide a quick look at the variety of activities the Club participates in, but this may not be ready for this year’s FD. In any event, we must find another greeting station for all who visit the FD site rather than the GOTA tent.

-**St. Barnabas Festival**; Mike Rousseau, KC1NEJ, will set up a SSB station at the St. Barnabas festival and operate on 20 JUN from 1500 – 1700 hours. This will provide a FB introduction to amateur radio for all festival goers to see and has always been well-received in the past.

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-**Libraries-On-The-Air**; Mike Cullen, K1NPT, and Mike Rousseau, KC1NEJ, are part of a Libraries-On-The-Air initiative being held on 28 JUN. They will operate from the Middletown and Little Compton Public libraries.

-FD Station Lead Presentations; Bruce Manning, NJ3K, is the FD CW lead. He has seven operators queued up to fill all 24 hours of FD. He will conduct a safety brief Friday morning, will take care of the five solar panel operation QSOs and will provide chili. Hard hats are mandatory headwear when raising towers on Friday. Willy stated that we still need operators for the sideband station and encouraged any interested parties to sign up on the website.

John Brewer is cognizant on the GOTA station. Saturday at 1800 hours is open as is the Sunday 0200 – 1000 hours timeslot.

Stephen Crawford has agreed to manage the VHF station but has a number of questions [ref. Email TUE 10 JUN 1131]. His bench is not deep but recommend he enlist Bill Corbin, W3CJK, Sean Baker, K1SDB, and Rob White, KB1ZZU and use a stressed Moxon antenna supported on metal greensticks available in the white shed. A big white tent is also available in the white shed but something more suitable is preferable.

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-FD Picnic; John Vecoli needs as accurate a head count as possible to properly estimate the amount of food we need for the Saturday afternoon picnic. To that end, all are encouraged to sign up on the [W1SYE.org](http://W1SYE.org) website ASAP. Also please make John aware of any food allergies.

*Thank you, Mike AA1XQ*

# New Members

Report from President

Jim Sendrak, KC1LYG

(former VP – Maintaining records until ...)

# New Members

Alan Schwartze WA1YDT  
General Newport

Brian Cook KC1EQB  
Technician Newport

# Treasurer's Report, June 2025

Newport County Radio Club Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Capital At June 30, 2025	
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash.....	10,007.66
PayPal.....	6,619.63
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>16,627.29</u>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Capital</b>	
Liabilities.....	-
Club Equity.....	(16,627.29)
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Capital</b>	<u>(16,627.29)</u>

Newport County Radio Club Change in Capital 1 Month Period Ending June 30, 2025	
Beginning Capital.....	16,677.20
Prior period adjustment.....	-
Net Income (Loss).....	(49.91)
<b>Ending Capital</b>	<u>16,627.29</u>

Newport County Radio Club Statement of Income 1 Month Period Ending June 30, 2025	
<b>Income</b>	
Grants.....	105.00
Dues.....	2,200.00
Donations.....	400.00
Education.....	213.00
Misc.....	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>2,918.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Grants.....	(215.00)
Paypal.....	-
Supplies.....	(722.53)
Education.....	(378.40)
Utilities.....	(1,287.26)
Insurance.....	(222.00)
Banking.....	(142.72)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>(2,967.91)</u>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<u>(49.91)</u>

Newport County Radio Club Statement of Cash Flow 1 Month Period Ending June 30, 2025	
Cash at January 1, 2025	16,677.20
<b>Cash Inflows</b>	
Grants.....	105.00
Dues.....	2,200.00
Donations...	400.00
Education...	213.00
Misc.....	-
<b>Total Cash inflows</b>	<u>2,918.00</u>
<b>Cash Outflows</b>	
Grants.....	(215.00)
Paypal.....	-
Supplies.....	(722.53)
Education...	(378.40)
Utilities.....	(1,287.26)
Insurance...	(222.00)
Banking.....	(142.72)
<b>Total Cash Outflows</b>	<u>(2,967.91)</u>
<b>Cash at June 30, 2025</b>	<u>16,627.29</u>
Notes:	
Unrestricted cash	\$12,020.93
Restricted ARRL Grant	\$2,962.31
Restricted Pete Lawson Fund	\$1,253.90
Restricted IBM Grant	\$390.15

# Old Business

# Field Day Stuff





Video Filmed and Produced by Keith Henry KC1LPV

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# Field Day Comparison 24/25

	<b><u>2024 CW</u></b>	<b><u>2025 CW</u></b>
80m	100	75
40m	523	567
20m	774	594
15m	303	273
10m	21	0
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>1721</u></b>	<b><u>1509</u></b>

*2024 versus 2025 NCRC CW FD Compare*

	<b><u>2024 SSB</u></b>	<b><u>2025 SSB</u></b>
80m	0	0
40m	407	534
20m	948	729
15m	2	12
10m	0	0
Satellite	4	1
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>1357</u></b>	<b><u>1276</u></b>

*2024 versus 2025 NCRC SSB FD Compare*

	<b><u>2024 Digital</u></b>	<b><u>2025 Digital</u></b>
80m	7	0
40m	40	0
20m	84	0
15m	5	0
10m	0	0
6m	54	55
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>190</u></b>	<b><u>55</u></b>

*2024 versus 2025 NCRC Digital FD Compare*

<b><u>NE1RI</u></b>	<b><u>2024 SSB</u></b>	<b><u>2025 SSB</u></b>
80m	57	208
40m	123	66
20m	218	404
15m	0	21
10m	22	1
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>420</u></b>	<b><u>700</u></b>

*2024 versus 2025 NCRC GOTA FD Compare*

# Field Day Comparison 24/25

<b>Bands</b>	<b>Mode</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
10m - 80m	CW	1,721	1,509
10m - 80m	SSB	1,357	1,276
	Satellite	4	1
6m - 80m	Digital	190	55
10m - 80m	GOTA	420	700
	<b>Total QSO</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>3,541</b>
	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>15,646</b>	<b>15,296</b>

# Hotwash Highlights & Challenges

- 28 Participating Members
- Many new and less experienced operators
- Difficulties of tear down – whew!!
- Need better plan to collect logs & equipment
- Station schedules posted

# Hotwash Highlights & Challenges

- Station schedules management
- More vigilant greeters
- Appeasing competitive and not-so-competitive operators
- Cooling down CW shack
- Picnic very well received

# Hotwash Highlights & Challenges

- More descriptive bill-of-materials needs creation
- Re-check RF exposure
- Enhance community outreach and signage
- In general,
  - More “ambassadors”
  - More operating schedule adherence

*Great Job To All!*

# Parks On The Air



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[Rules, FAQ, and Guides](#)

Click out [Help/Getting Started](#) in the menu above for rules and guides for participating.



*Over 500,000 unique hunter call signs (participants)!! Thanks ALL POTA volunteers! 73 W0ZAP*

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Welcome to the **Parks on the Air**® (POTA) site for international portable amateur radio operations that promote emergency awareness and communications from national/federal and state/provincial level parks.

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See list of program volunteers and view open positions

### Awards →

See current available awards

### Getting Started →

Learn how to participate in POTA

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# Parks On The Air

Active Spots *Data will refresh in 18 seconds.* ||

At a park now? [ADD SPOT](#)

Band: All **28** Mode: All **28** Program: All **28** QRT: Show **28** Hunted: Show **28** Sort: Time

📍 NV4H @ US-0686



📍 US-0686 Big South Fork National Wild and Scenic River

🏠 US-KY, + 1

📶 7062.2 kHz (CW)

👤 K9IMM-#

💬 RBN 13 dB 25 WPM via K9IMM-#

🕒 Last heard 6 mins ago at 11:41 UTC

RE-SPOT ↻

🕒 33

📍 K9HCA @ US-2256



📍 US-2256 Fort Harrison State Park

🏠 US-IN

📶 7185 kHz

👤 KD8MIV

💬 No spot information

🕒 Last heard 7 mins ago at 11:40 UTC

RE-SPOT ↻

🕒 6

📍 DF2HP @ DE-0092



📍 DE-0092 Lüneburger Heide Nature Park

🏠 DE-NI

📶 7150 kHz

👤 PD5JVD

💬 5-9

🕒 Last heard 10 mins ago at 11:37 UTC

RE-SPOT ↻



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# Parks On The Air



<b>Date</b>	<b>Leader(s)</b>	<b>Call(s)</b>	<b>Park</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Sunday, July 20, 2025	Willie Maclean	W1LY	Goddard Park	10:00am - 2:00pm	Activate All RI Parks*
Sunday, July 27, 2025	Jim Sammons & John Mills	KA1ZOU & K1JSM	TBD	10:00am - 12:00pm	
Sunday, August 3, 2025	Jim Sammons	KA1ZOU	TBD	10:00am - 12:00pm	
Sunday, August 10, 2025	Jim Sammons & John Mills	KA1ZOU K1JSM	TBD	10:00am - 12:00pm	

Member's Moments  
&  
Ask an Amateur

# New Business

- Amateur Radio Licensing Education
- Technician  General  Extra

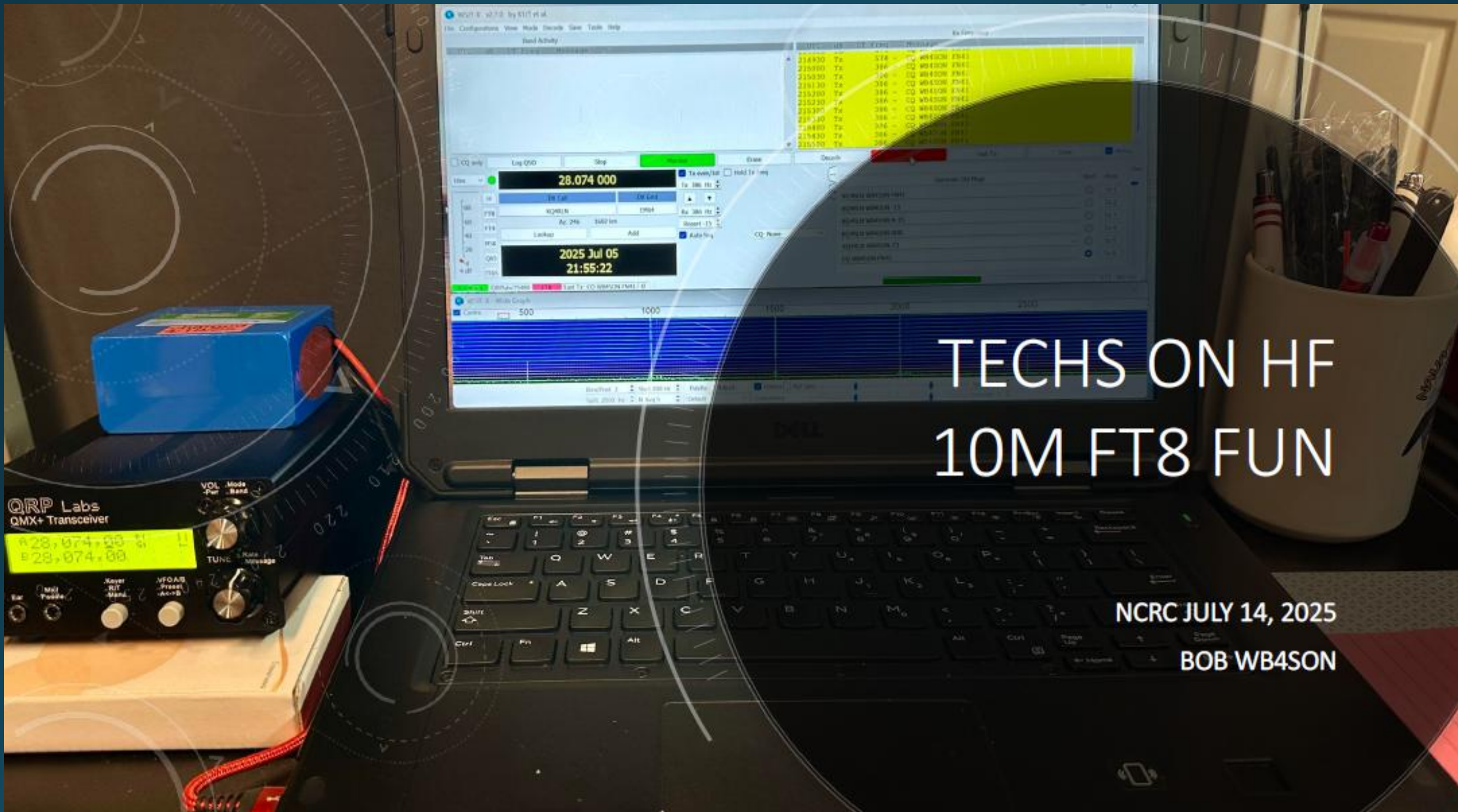
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HAM RADIO PREP





# TECHS ON HF 10M FT8 FUN

NCRC JULY 14, 2025  
BOB WB4SON