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June 9, 2025

# Minutes of the May Meeting

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)

Jim Sammons described 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.

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

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Field Day 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 passed 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

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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.



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Paddle Around New England (Paul Mello, W1PMM); This is an update of a previous talk from approximately ten years ago detailing how Paul built various kayaks and canoes 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.

# New Members

Report from Vice  
President

Jim Sendrak, KC1LYG



# Old Business

- From the floor?

# Member's Moments

This new meeting segment is an open invitation to members to share items of interest with each other.

# Ask an Amateur

Here's another new meeting segment –

Your opportunity to get expert advice from a room-full of fellow hams who have been in the same place that you're in now.

# New Business

- Pota demonstration at Fort Adams.
- Final committee arrangements for Field Day
- From the floor?

# POTA activation at Fort Adams



The field behind the Eisenhower House at Fort Adams is perfect for a multi-station activation. Plus, it's drop-dead gorgeous!



# POTA activation at Fort Adams

Three stations made the required ten contacts to qualify as an activation.



This is the last meeting before  
Field Day, June 28-29

Final committee arrangements

**End of June  
meeting**



# Portable Operating

Clearly Amateur Radio has many facets loved dearly by hams of every stripe.

That said, High Frequency portable operating arguably comes closest to the spirit and adventure of Marconi, Armstrong, and the other early radio pioneers.



And not just Rhode Island! NCRC activated islands in Maine, Massachusetts, and Florida.

Coasters Harbor	RI005S		Narragansett Bay	Newport	NA-031	KA3UNQ/P	W. Of Newport - Take Training Station St. To It
Conanicut (Jamestown)	RI007S		Narragansett Bay	Newport	NA-031	KA3UNQ/P	Between Middletown & Saunderstown - On Rte 138
Cornelius	RI026S		Narragansett Bay	Washington		W1SYE >OPs	Wickford Harbor
Crab	RI039		Barrington River	Bristol		-Not yet qualified	
Cranberry	RI022R		Providence River	Providence		W1SYE >OPs	Immediately west of railroad causeway/E. Bay Bicycle Path
Despair	RI020S		Narragansett Bay	Newport		W1SYE >OPs	One of the Miantonomi gift islands. N of Hope (RI018S)
Dutch	RI017S		Narragansett Bay	Newport	NA-031	W1SYE W1LY, KA1ZOU, & KC1ARO	Just west of Conanicut/Jamestown Island (RI007S)
Dyer	RI019S		Narragansett Bay	Newport	NA-031	W1SYE >OPs	between Aquidneck Island (RI006S) and Prudence (RI008S)
East	RI029S		Rhode Island Sound	Newport		W1SYE >OPs	READ MORE
Fox	RI025S		Narragansett Bay	Washington		W1SYE >OPs	
Gardner	RI016S		Point Judith Pond	Washington		W1SYE >OPs	about 4 miles SW of Narragansett RI, just W of RI015
Gingerbread	RI034		Seekonk River	Providence		-Not yet qualified	N of I-195 Washington Bridge.
Goat	RI003S		Narragansett Bay	Newport	NA-031	KA3UNQ/P	City Of Newport - Off Americas Cup Ave.
Gooseberry	RI002S		Narragansett Bay	Newport	NA-031	W1SYE >OPs	Off Hope Island, West Passage, Narragansett Bay

# Despair Island



Despair at High Tide



# Dutch island



# Cuttyhunk



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# Islands inside of Islands



Slates Island in Cuttyhunk Pond



Gosnold Island in Westend Pond  
on the West end of Cuttyhunk

# Nashawena Island in the Elizabeth Islands



# Parks On The Air — POTA



# From the POTA website

NCRC already has a presence in the POTA awards

## Awards



Bronze Hunter



Silver Hunter



Gold Hunter



Platinum Hunter



Diamond Hunter



Sapphire Hunter



Arizona Agave Hunter



Enrubio Hunter



Support Your Parks Hunter

## Recent Activations

Date	Park	CW	Data	Phone	Total QSOs
07/30/2022	<a href="#">US-2875 Fort Wetherill State Park (US-RI)</a>	0	0	28	28

## Recent Hunter QSOs

Date	Activator	Park	Band	Mode
01/26/2025	W5STR	<a href="#">US-10236 Lake Sylvia State Park (US-AR)</a>	15M	PHONE
01/26/2025	W5STR	<a href="#">US-4424 Ouachita National Forest (US-AR)</a>	15M	PHONE
01/26/2025	W5STR	<a href="#">US-7335 Winona Wildlife Management Area (US-AR)</a>	15M	PHONE
01/26/2025	W2H	<a href="#">US-4384 Siuslaw National Forest (US-OR)</a>	15M	PHONE

## POTA accommodates many styles



Does this look like a hard-core contester?

# Bob, WB<sub>4</sub>SON, running FT-8



## Bob, KC1RFM, running SSB



# US-2874



# Buy it or make your own



# Willy's drive-on antenna



Same idea, but tied to a piece of reinforcing rod.



So, come along for our next  
adventure. Operate or just  
watch—your choice!

And if you're a TECH, maybe  
think about that General  
License...