

## *Newport County Radio Club (NCRC) Meeting Minutes, 09 FEB 2026*

**Attendees:** Willy MacLean, Mike Rousseau, Joe DeMarco, Ellen Vadney, Bob Matose, John Vecoli, Chris Lirakis, John Jackman, Brian Cottle, Greg Bonaguide, Jared Lazor, Bill Bagwill, Rene Martel, Rich Townson, Paul Fredette, Jim Sendrak (Z), Mark Mueller (Z), Ed Gosling (Z), Brian Maynard (Z), Bob Beatty (Z), Chuck Kesson (Z), Scott Nacey (Z), Mike Cullen (Z), Mike Seil

**-Treasurers' Report:** Joe DeMarco presented the John Jackman NCRC Treasurer's report for January 2026. The Club's largest recent expenditures are purchase of the Motorola MTR3000 repeater and ancillary cabling and software and our year-end Christmas party.

A motion to approve the January 2026 financials was approved.

**-January Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the January 2026 NCRC meeting minutes was approved.

**-New Members:** NCRC Vice President Joe DeMarco welcomed General class operator Jarod Lazor, KC1NFW, to the Club. Jarod and his wife are sailors and own a marine logistics company in Newport.

We have also received applications for membership from Arthur Potts and Edward Stewart. These individuals were not in attendance at the 09FEB Club meeting and have not yet paid their 2026 membership dues.

A radio amateur in Fort Worth, TX has recently applied for Club membership via Email. He is Vincent Cruz, K5VCZ. He has paid his membership dues for 2026 and is active as a POTA hunter and activator. He owns a summer vacation home in Rhode Island and is looking forward to working with the Club POTA activators this summer.

**-Winter Field Day:** Another Winter Field Day [WFD] is in the books and NCRC has much to be proud of in retrospect. This year we operated as 2 Oscar from the Secretary's booth at Glen Park, braving cold and wind to erect two dipole antennas, a tri band beam and a 6m Moxon antenna. We started operation at 1100 hours [Local] Saturday 24JAN and started breaking down on Sunday 25JAN at approximately 0800 hours [Local] in anticipation of a snowstorm that ultimately dropped seven inches of snow on Aquidneck Island. Even so our QSO totals were FB considering we cut our operating time short by some eight hours. Important this year was the contribution of the CW team of Joe DeMarco, WA1VEE, Jay Nuzum, N1CFY, Bill Boyes, KB1G and Brian Maynard, K1NW who racked up 330 QSOs. FB indeed!!!

The SSB team included Bob Matose, KC1RFM, Ellen Vadney, N1ELN, Jim Sendrak, KC1LYG, Dave Quinn, KC1ODE, Bill Bagwill, W1VRA, Willy MacLean, W1LY and sons Ross, KC1IPP and Hayden KC1IPM, et al. They tallied 415 QSOs!!!

Corry Thibault, N1OI, Mike Rousseau, KC1NEJ and Keith Henry, KC1LPV worked to QSO with the Nashua Area Amateur Radio Association, station N1FD, via ISS satellite. KC1NEJ also copied/transmitted a WinLink Email and Mike Seil, AA1XQ, copied the WFD Special Bulletin via PSK31 from station WOMET in Pepin, WI.

Through the course of the event, we worked stations on 2m, 10m, 15m, 20m, 40m, and 80m.

Our Objective Multipliers garnered through the course of the event were as follows;

- Operate 100% on alternative power: OM X 1
- Operate away from home: OM X 3
- Deploy and make at least one contact on multiple antennas: OM X 1
- Make a SSB or CW satellite contact: OM X 3
- Send and receive at least one Winlink email: OM X 1
- Copy the Winter Field Day Special Bulletin: OM X 1
- Make three contacts on at least six (6) different bands: OM X 6
- Use multiple modes: OM X 2
- Operate six continuous hours during the event: OM X 2

**Total Contacts by Band and Mode:**

<b><u>Band</u></b>	<b><u>CW</u></b>	<b><u>Phone</u></b>	<b><u>Dig</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
80	0	19	0	19	3
40	164	108	6	278	37
20	129	280	0	409	54
15	37	0	0	37	5
10	0	5	0	5	1
2	0	3	0	3	0
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>330</u></b>	<b><u>415</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>751</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>

Our claimed score is then;

$$\underline{330 CW \times 2} + \underline{415 SSB} + \underline{6 Digital \times 2} = \underline{1087}$$

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$$\underline{[20 OM + 1]}$$

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$$\underline{23,914 Points}$$

Thanks to Dave Emond, KC1IPA, who kept the generators stoked, John Vecoli, KC1KOO, who transported the tower and tri bander to the site and assisted with setup and tear down along with numerous others.

Kudos to Keith Henry, the Club's FB photographer/videographer. He provided the following video;

<https://w1sye.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Newport-County-Radio-Clubs-2026-Annual-Winter-Field-Day-Portsmouth-RI.mp4>

KC1LYG and KC1LPV provided the following photographs;



**-The Shack:** WA1VEE and N1CFY pounding brass to make CW contacts with Willy, W1LY and Mike, AAXQ working SSB.



Corry, N1OI and Mike KC1NEJ working satellite operations.



With snow falling tri bander and tower breakdown begins.



Another WFD in the books!!!

# Winter Field Day 2026

## Certificate of Participation

presented to Amateur Radio Station

# W1SYE

for their active and invaluable participation during the 2026 Winter Field Day Event. The WFDA, gratefully thanks you for your effort and recognizes your dedication to improving your operating skills, which may be crucial during an emergency event.

Contacts Logged: **751**



Previous WFD results;

<b><u>2023</u></b>					
<b><u>Band</u></b>	<b><u>CW</u></b>	<b><u>Phone</u></b>	<b><u>Dig</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
160	1	1	1	3	0
80	1	354	1	356	36
40	17	74	1	92	9
20	45	481	1	527	53
15	1	2	1	4	0
10	1	8	1	10	1
6	1	1	1	3	0
2	1	1	0	2	0
70	1	1	0	2	0
13	0	0	1	1	0
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>69</u></b>	<b><u>923</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>1,000</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>

<b><u>2024</u></b>					
<b><u>Band</u></b>	<b><u>CW</u></b>	<b><u>Phone</u></b>	<b><u>Dig</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
40	0	250	0	250	33
20	0	274	0	274	36
15	0	187	0	187	25
10	0	40	0	40	5
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>751</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>751</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>

<b><u>2025</u></b>					
<b><u>Band</u></b>	<b><u>CW</u></b>	<b><u>Phone</u></b>	<b><u>Dig</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
80	28	61	0	89	12
40	15	94	0	109	14
20	59	460	0	519	69
15	0	27	0	27	4
10	0	4	0	4	1
6	0	1	0	1	0
2	0	3	0	3	0
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>102</u></b>	<b><u>650</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>752</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>

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**-Winter Field Day HotWash;** Joe DeMarco quickly mentioned that he felt the tri band antenna was probably un-necessary given the amount of time and effort needed for setup and teardown relative to the paucity of contacts realized using it. Use of the W2DAN portable tower as a support for our second dipole antenna is helpful, however.

Two station operation from the Secretary's booth seemed to work FB with use of headsets and tightly controlled access keys to success. Also, a well-defined list of operators and assigned time slots also worked FB. This includes assignments for Objective Multipliers such as WinLink messages, satellite contacts, etc.

**-The W1SYE 2m Repeater Upgrade;** Dave Neal, W2DAN, has installed the Motorola MTR3000 repeater and the unit is on the air. The usable range of the repeater has been enhanced substantially but there still seems to be noise issues that need to be addressed.

**-Club Build Nights;** Chris Lirakis talked build night plans, with the next event scheduled for Monday 23MAR at St. Barnabas Parish Hall at 1900 hours. Build project is currently To-Be-Determined.

Chris would like to make build nights a regularly-scheduled event, perhaps the third Monday of every month. He also underscored the importance of collaboration among the membership as a vehicle for learning. Many online collaboration tools are available including Discord, MeetUp, MeshCore and Meshtastic.

Chris also has a Maker Space at FabNewport that may be useful down the road for build projects.