

Newport County Radio Club (NCRC) Meeting Minutes, 13 JUL 2026

Attendees: Jim Sendrak, Derek Sendrak, John Vecoli, Nathan Quaintance, Evan Bowen, Joe DeMarco, Mike Rousseau, Vince Cruz, Rene Martel, Rich Townson, Corry Thibault, Brian Swann, Brian Maynard, Willy MacLean, Ted Wrobel, Scott Nacey, Rob White, Paul Fredette, Kim Hanna, Ed Gosling, Greg Lavoy, Bob Matose, Kirk Dyer, Keith Henry, Mike Cullen, Bruce Manning, (Z), Stephen Crawford, (Z), Howie Naugle, (Z), Bill Cassidy, (Z), Brian Cottle, (Z), Bob Beatty, (Z), Dave Quinn, (Z), Jay Nuzum, (Z), Bjorn Wellenius, (Z), Mike Seil, (Z), Walt Hudson, (Z).

-Salty Walt Hudson, K4OGO; Walt Hudson presented to the Club via Zoom offering a variety of antenna options for portable and QRP operations. He is quite familiar with the Rhode Island area and was very enthusiastic regarding the many locales available to us for FB POTA ops. This is owing, in particular, to the prevalence of locales where salt water ground is available. At Mackerel Cove in Jamestown, for example, Walt was able to work Japan on SSB with a simple vertical antenna running 5W.

Walt's two ARRL publications; "*Salty Walt's Portable Antenna Sketchbook*" and "*Salty Walt's Next Level Portable Antenna Sketchbook*" are more than likely well worth the investment.

-NCRC May Meeting Minutes; Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

-Treasurers Report; Please see the John Jackman report [slide 3 in the NCRC July meeting presentation deck.] Discussion of the Treasurer's report was tabled until such time as John Jackman is available to go over.

-Field Day Results; The NCRC FD 2026 entry was submitted on 03JUL. Salient totals as shown in the tables below;

NCRC FD 2026 Mode QSO Summary

		<u>CW</u>	<u>Digital</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<i>Total QSOs</i>	1495	177	1549	<u>4893</u>
	<i>Total Points</i>	2990	354	1549	
Claimed Score = QSO Points X Power Multiplier = <u>9,786</u>					

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:						
	<u>CW</u>		<u>Digital</u>		<u>Phone</u>	
	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>Pwr(W)</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>Pwr(W)</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>Pwr(W)</u>
80m	57	100				
40m	487	100			115	100
20m	698	100			705	100
15m	253	100			1	100
10m						
6m			177	100		
Satellite					4	100
GOTA					724	100
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1495</u>		<u>177</u>		<u>1549</u>	

Prior years comparison;

<u><i>Year</i></u>	<u><i>QSOs</i></u>	<u><i>Score</i></u>
<u>2026</u>	<u>3,221</u>	<u>15,116</u>
<u>2025</u>	<u>3,539</u>	<u>15,296</u>
<u>2024</u>	<u>3,692</u>	<u>14,975</u>

NE1RI GOTA Station Results;

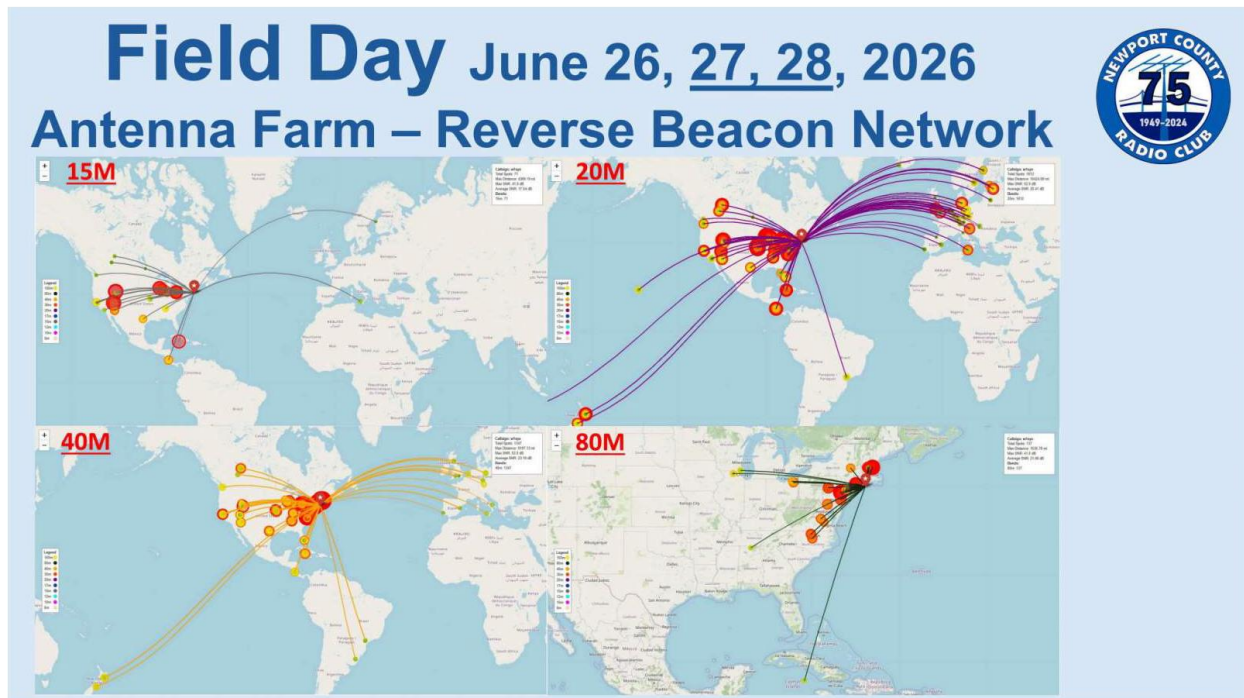
GOTA Bonus: GOTA Coach - 100 Bonus Points			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>Bonus Points</u>
Nathan Quaintance	KC1ZBU	145	725
Gunner Cook-Dumas	KC1ZTM	95	475
Julie White	KC1JHL	86	430
Jeff Frederick	KC1YHY	85	425
Ellen Vadney	N1ELN	83	415
Joe Griego	KC1ZEP	65	325
Scott Hayes	N4JNI	42	210
Mary Nassaney	KC1ODO	36	180
David Quinn	KC1ODE	27	135
Greg Lavoy	KC1WKY	22	110
John Conte	KC1VXL	20	100
Kim Hanna	K1KLH	8	40
Fazal Hameed	KC1YGL	8	40
Ian K.	N/A	1	5
Logan M.	N/A	1	5

Bonus Point Total = 5,330

- 100% emergency power
- Media Publicity
- Public location
- Public information table
- Formal message to ARRL SM/SEC
- Section Manager Only Message Traffic
- W1AW Field Day message
- Formal messages handled (10 x 10, max of 100)
- Traffic Combined FD 2026.pdf]
- Natural power QSOs completed
- Alternate Power QSOs FD 2026.adi]
- Site visit by invited elected official
- Site visit by invited served agency
- Educational activity
- Youth participation (3 x 20, max of 100)
- Safety officer
- Safety Officer CheckList 28JUN2026.pdf]
- Social media
- Satellite QSO
- GOTA Station
- GOTA Coach
- Entry submitted via web
- Total bonus points 5,330

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Joe DeMarco did a post-Field Day antenna farm assessment by mining data from the Reverse Beacon Network [RBN].



Salient Field Day Hotwash Comments below;

Field Day June 26, 27, 28, 2026

Hotwash Comments

"Demonstrations of FRS/GMRS as an emergency tool might be useful and perhaps of more interest to visitors. Children could be given a couple of FRS handhelds to see how they work."

"I loved the video and everything done with that! Food was amazing! It was a perfect experience and wish to learn more next year! It has given me my motivation to continue to general and potentially beyond. I want to thank everyone and hope to see what's in store for next year!"

"The antennas need work; The 40 Meter Moxons need going over and tuned for 40 CW or SSB. The CW Yagi was not working on 10 meters. I feel they need cleaned specially the traps and make sure they are assembled correctly."

"I think Friday's setup could be more efficient by dividing job tasks beforehand & allowing members to specifically volunteer for specific job tasks (e.g., Rohn tower setup; Yagi antenna assembly; Moxon antenna assembly; Coaxial distribution; Tent setup; Safety flag/yellow tape marking, etc.). I think many of these tasks could begin & be accomplished simultaneously instead of serially & there is enough understanding & familiarity to allow members to volunteer beforehand for specific job tasks."

"For those of us not familiar with the radios, a walk through of its features and how to use it beforehand."

-NCRC Equipment Inventory; Jay Nuzum, N1CFY, has volunteered to sort out the NCRC equipment inventory. This is a formidable undertaking as indicated by the plethora of gear at our North Kingstown storage location. Please see below;

NCRC Radio Stuff Steward Jay Nuzum – N1CFY

