

Newport County Radio Club (NCRC) Meeting Minutes, 12 OCT 2026

Attendees; Jim Sendrak, Brian Cottle, Mike Rousseau, Joe DeMarco, Keith Henry, Bob Matose, Jay Nuzum, John Vecoli, Nate Quaintance, John Jackman, Paul Fredette, Kim Hanna, Ed Gosling, Evan Bowen, Ellen Vadney, Dick Bianco, Mark Mueller, Bruce Braga, Jeff Frederick, Michael Corey, Mark Barabas, Dave Vannier, Mike Pelczarski, Mark Nimiroski, Corry Thibault, Mike Cullen, Crystal Thibault, Bob Beatty (Z), Willy MacLean (Z), Bruce Manning (Z), George Zafiropoulos (Z), Nolan Byrne (Z), Scott Nacey (Z), Hayden MacLean (Z), Mike Seil

-KJ6VU AllStar Link Repeater Presentation; George Zafiropoulos, KJ6VU, discussed the machinations of the AllStar Link repeater linking technology. In its simplest form Starlink allows a user to access hundreds of repeaters worldwide using a smartphone running appropriate software. Indeed, the W1SYE repeater node is accessible using AllStar Link. Salient points from the presentation include AllStar ability to support personal hotspots and node linking.

-Vote to Approve August Meeting Minutes; No formal Club meeting was held in September as the Club held a rain-soaked Pete Lawson Outdoor Adventure [PLOA – see addendum below]. Jim Sendrak ran the meeting from the floor and the August meeting minutes were approved.

-New Member Introduction and Vote; Joe DeMarco introduced two new members to the Club. Both have paid 2026 membership dues.

Mark Barabas, N2IRY, is an Extra class operator who just moved to the area from New Jersey and now lives in Saunderstown.

David Vannier, KC1ZAQ, is a General Class ham interested in pursuing his Extra ticket. Like so many in the Club, he has salt water in his veins, with his commercial captain's license.

Both these gentlemen were voted into the Club. Welcome aboard!!!

-Treasurers Report; John Jackman's Treasurer's report was approved. John noted that most expenditures from the PLOA have been included, as well as the costs of trap repair for the W2DAN Cushcraft ATB-34 triband Yagi director.

-NCRC Christmas Party; The annual NCRC Christmas Party will be held Monday 14 DEC 2026 at the Hometown Tavern in Warren, R.I. Every attempt is being made to work with the venue to maintain the ticket price at \$35.00 per person.

-2027 Club Officer and Executive Committee Nominations; Mike Seil, chair of the 2027 Nominating Committee introduced other members of the Committee; Paul Fredette, Bruce Manning, Mike Rousseau and Corry Thibault. No nominations were tendered for any office from the floor. Voting will take place at our NOV meeting.

Nominee for President is Joe DeMarco, WA1VEE.

Nominee for Vice President [with no official duties] is Paul Fredette, K1YBE.

Nominee for Treasurer is John Jackman, N1SMX.

Nominee for Secretary [with no official duties] is Mike Seil.

Executive Committee nominees include; Bob Beatty, WB4SON, Mike Cullen, K1NPT, Willy MacLean, Bob Matose, KC1RFM, Jay Nuzum, N1CFY and Nate Quaintance, KC1ZBU.

The membership may vote for any five of the aforementioned individuals for EC membership.

-NCRC Equipment Auction; Jay Nuzum, N1CFY has been trying to whittle down the plethora of equipment present in our North Kingstown storage area. At Monday's meeting a Samlex 30A power supply was up for auction and had also been listed for bid on the Club website. This item was obviously little used and is in the original box. No bids were tendered from the floor and the winning online bid was for \$121.52.

One less item in storage and a power supply has found a good home.

-Pete Lawson Outdoor Adventure; The PLOA was held Sunday 13 SEP 1130 – 1500 hours at Colt State Park in Bristol, R.I., Pavillion #2. This was, for the second time since it's inception, a rain-soaked affair, but was well-attended in spite [Jim Sendrak, Derek Sendrak, Joe and Meri DeMarco, David and Theresa Emond, Brian and Claudette Cottle and grand-daughter Sophia, Nolan Byrne, Mark Mueller, Evan Bowen, Crystal and Corry Thibault, Keith Henry, Brian Swan, Hayden MacLean, Willy MacLean, Rob Jackson, Bob and Lynn Beatty, et al.] Jim Sendrak mentioned that perhaps the Club might consider moving the PLOA to a Saturday next year and paying an additional fee [\$150.00] to hold the pavilion for the following Sunday as a rain date...

The PLOA is an annual event where the Club remembers our Silent Keys [SKs] including Pete Lawson, W1LAB, John King, WA1ABI, David Cain, W1DEC and Jack Garforth, N1JK. This year we recognized Dr. David Brown, KC1AAA [SK] and his daughter Cheryl was present as guest of honor. The Club procured a W1AW brick in David's honor to be installed at ARRL headquarters with a scaled down commemorative copy presented to Cheryl. In her remarks to all there assembled she related how important Emergency Communications capability was to her father, especially in his later years. This is what prompted him to become a ham.

Willy MacLean and Rob Jackson also took the opportunity to activate Colt State Park. Willy used 20m FT-8 and Rob operated 2m CW in tough conditions. Also, earlier that morning the Active All Rhode Island initiative was concluded successfully as the 61st and final park was activated over the course of four days, 10 SEP – 13 SEP. See the link below for more details;

<https://ripota.org/activate-ri-2026/>

Instrumental in bringing this activation event to fruition were Brian Swan, N1BS, Rob Jackson, N1RWJ and Brian Maynard, K1NW.

-Club Calendar;

- MON 26 OCT – Build Night >>> Tentative FT-8
- MON 09 NOV – Club Elections
- SAT 12 DEC – Exam Session, Middletown PD Kempenaar Room
- MON 14 DEC – Club Christmas Party