

Meeting Information

Event name	NPARC Hybrid Meeting No. 123
Time and Place	Sep 22, 2025, 07:30 PM - 08:55 PM (EDST) Salt Brook School Cafeteria, NP, NJ
Participants	On Zoom: K1DK, N2TO, W2EMC, WB2QOQ, AC2GL, KB2FCV, K2ESH, W2IOC At Salt Brook School: K2AL, W2EWQ, KE2EZM, KE2FKE, K2GLS, KD2JRI, KC2OSR, K2OT, K2PER, W2PTP, K2UI, KC2WUF, K2YG, KE2GPG, WB2ZDH

Quick recap

The meeting began with logistics planning and casual conversation about upcoming activities, including Fox Hunting events scheduled for October. The group discussed various club matters including membership updates, holiday luncheon details, and amateur radio topics ranging from HF operations to digital modes. The conversation ended with volunteer assignments for various activities and a proposed Mentor List and a review of recent participation in the New Jersey QSO Party, where members shared their experiences and scoring results.

Next steps

- James KB2FCV: Prepare PowerPoint presentation and demonstration materials for Fox Hunting review on October 13th
- James Kern and Kevin N2TO: Finalize Fox Hunt location and details for October 25th (Rain Date 10/26)
- N2TO: Secure necessary permits and permissions for the fox hunt location
- KB2FCV: Determine whether the fox hunt will be a walking or driving event and communicate details by October 13th
- KB2FCV/N2TO: Ensure Dave K2YG is informed about any permit fees that need to be paid for the Fox Hunt
- N2TO: Reach out to Ed W2EWQ regarding a presentation
- N2TO: Contact Greg W2GLS about his presentation on Alfred Vail and the history of Morse code for either November or December
- Members: Consider running for office for the November elections
- Members: Email Dave K2YG their intentions to attend the Holiday Luncheon on December 6th
- Members: Send checks for the Holiday Luncheon to Dave's home address, 29 Montross Ave., Summit.
- Club members: Consider a field trip to Dayton Hamvention and the Air Force Museum in Dayton

Summaries

Fox Hunt Planning Meeting

James Kern KB2FCV announced plans for a fox hunt in October. The first meeting on October 13th will be a review of Fox Hunting with a demonstration of antennas and transmitters. The Fox Hunt is tentatively scheduled for October 25th or 26th, with the possibility of a driving or walking format

depending on the location. K2AL inquired about the setup for the transmitters, and James explained the differences between the driving and walking hunts from previous years.

Club Updates and Upcoming Events

The meeting covered several topics, including upcoming events and membership updates. K2AL mentioned rumors of a new 10-band DXCC Award, for which KB2FCV might qualify. The group welcomed new member Ed KE2GPG and guest Barry WB2ZDH and discussed potential future presentations, with N2TO coordinating with ED W2EWQ about a possible November talk. K2AL reminded members to consider running for office in November elections, and K2YG mentioned the upcoming Holiday Luncheon on December 6th.

Holiday Luncheon, Awards Planning, Club Shirts

K2YG discussed the annual holiday luncheon and awards event, noting that the price remains the same as last year at \$40, with checks to be sent to his home address. He emphasized the importance of email confirmation for reservations due to a room occupancy limit of 35 people and clarified that dues remain unchanged at \$20. K2AL also addressed questions about shirt orders, confirming that they will include the club logo, call sign, and first name, with an alternate option to add the 60th anniversary text. He mentioned a mentoring program initiative and shared a spreadsheet for interested volunteers.

NPARC Mentor List

K2AL encouraged club members to volunteer for an NPARC Mentor List, offering to add any suggested topics to the existing list. Many new topics and volunteers were added to the list. The group discussed potentially adding the mentor list to the club's website, with K2UI and W2PTP suggesting sending the list to club members as a spreadsheet for easy updates.

New Jersey QSO Contest Discussion and Results

The group discussed the New Jersey State QSO Party, where K2AL participated but did not win the Northern New Jersey category this year. K2YG operated QRP with 5900 points, while Kevin scored 23,856 points running QRP with a wire antenna. K2AL showed scores on the 3830 website, noting he made 285 contacts over 10 hours in low power mode with 54,000 points, compared to his previous year's performance of 390 contacts and 70,000 points. K2AL said he worked 19 NJ counties but missed Hudson and Bergen counties.

The conversation concluded with a brief discussion about electronic QSL cards, which N2TO noted are not accepted for awards, and a mention of an upcoming New York QSO Party where K2AL, N2TO and W2EMC plan to operate within New York.

The meeting was closed at 8:55PM.

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