

NPARC HYBRID MEETING No. 124

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2025

LOCATION: SALT BROOK SCHOOL CAFETERIA

TIME: 7:30PM-8:50PM

ZOOM COORDINATOR: K2UI MEETING COORDINATOR: K2AL-PRESIDENT NPARC

ATTENDANCE: K2AL, K2DAM, KD2EKN, KB2FCV, KE2FKE, KE2FTA, K2GLS, KD2ONY,
KC2OSR, K2OT, K2PER, W2PTP, K2UI, KC2WUF, K2YG, KD2ZUV, KD2RAU,
WB2ZDH.

ZOOM: W2EMC, K2ESH, KE2EZM, KC2HLA, W2IOC, WB2QOQ, N2TO.

AI Notes Oct 13, 2025, Edit by K2AL, Secretary Oct 14, 2025

Quick recap

The club discussed upcoming officer elections and holiday luncheon details, including reservations and payment information. KB2FCV presented an in-depth overview of fox hunting as a radio direction finding sport, covering equipment needs, techniques, and practical tips for finding hidden transmitters. The group concluded with discussions about an upcoming fox hunt and potential participation in the New York State QSO Party.

Next steps

- KB2FCV to send out links for tape measure Yagi antenna plans and Bionics website for fox hunting accessories.
- N2TO and KB2FCV to secure a location for the fox hunt planned for October 25th (Rain date Oct 26).
- KB2FCV to provide more information about the upcoming fox hunt once the location is confirmed.
- K2YG to continue collecting reservations for the Holiday Luncheon on December 6th at 11:30 AM.
- KD2EKN to collect nominations for club officer positions.
- Club members asked to consider volunteering for the Zoom Manager position.

Summary

2026 Officer Elections, Holiday Luncheon, 2026 Dues, Club Shirts

The club discussed upcoming officer elections for 2026, with Tim KD2EKN seeking nominations for president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and activities chair positions. Dave K2YG reported that reservations for the December 6th Holiday Luncheon were at 30-31 people with a soft limit of 35, and requested members to send payments to his home address at 29 Montrose Avenue, Summit 07901. The club also noted that dues are due at \$20 annually. Club shirts have been ordered with a 2-3 week turnaround time (currently at the embroiderers), and the club will present awards at the holiday luncheon.

Fox Hunting: Radio Direction Finding

James, a ham radio enthusiast since the late 1980s, introduced fox hunting, also known as radio direction finding, as a sport and hobby. He explained the basics of fox hunting, including the equipment needed, such as a 2-meter handheld radio, directional antennas, and an attenuator. James discussed different types of fox hunts, including mobile transmitter hunts, pedestrian transmitter hunts, and amateur radio direction finding competitions. He emphasized the benefits of fox hunting, including learning radio principles, building skills, and enjoying the outdoors. James also highlighted the importance of tools like compasses, maps, and apps like Sigtrax for triangulation during hunts. He demonstrated various tools like attenuators and showed a handmade Yagi antenna. James presented a detailed overview of fox hunting techniques, including signal tracking, antenna use, and practical tips for finding hidden transmitters.

NPARC Fox Hunt and NY State QSO Party

The group discussed an upcoming fox hunt scheduled for October 25, with Kevin confirming efforts to secure a location. Rick WB2QOQ inquired about using aluminum foil as an RF shield for HTs, which James suggested could be worth trying. The conversation ended with a brief discussion about the New York State QSO Party this Saturday from 10:00am-9:59pm, where Kevin, N2TO, mentioned his plans to operate in Staten Island and K2AL in Orange County.

The meeting ended at 8:50 PM. K2AL President/Secreatry



