

# NPARC -Hybrid Meeting #125 Monday, October, 27, 2025

Location: Salt Brook School Cafeteria      Time: 7:30PM-8:30PM

Meeting Coordinator: K2AL      ZOOM Coordinator: K2UI

Attendance: K2AL K2DAM KD2EKN W2EWQ KE2EZM KB2FCV KE2FKE K2GLS KA2HZP  
N6JIV KD2JRI KC2OSR K2OT W2PTP K2UI KC2WUF K2YG

On ZOOM: K2ESH AC2GL W2IOC WB2QOQ N2TO

## Quick Recap

The group deliberated on forthcoming events and meetings, the 2026 Holiday Luncheon, the status of the club's custom polo shirts order, officer nominations for 2026, and in-depth technical discussions regarding antenna systems and the NYC Marathon.

## Next steps

- K2AL: Called vendor about club shirts status - they are being embroidered and should be done by end of this week, then send out an email when ready.
- K2AL: To subscribe KE2FKE to the NPPARC Reflector
- K2AL/KB2FCV: Submit application for Fox Hunt at Watchung Reservation and work on securing a date
- K2YG: Will continue checking P.O. box for dues payments
- KD2EKN: Continue recruiting at least 2 new people for 2026 officer positions - members should contact him to volunteer. K2YG has volunteered to continue to run for Treasurer and W2EMC as VP. We will need a new Activities Manager. K2AL has volunteered to run again for one position.
- KD2EKN and Henry K2HEN: Will be driving into Manhattan on November 2 as mile captains for the NYC Marathon
- N2TO: Coordinate with Greg W2GLS for Alfred Vail presentation on first club meeting in November
- N2TO: Coordinate with Ed W2EWQ for slideshow presentation on his amateur radio experience at December 8 club meeting
- K2AL: Move annual business meeting and elections to second meeting in November instead of first meeting
- Members: Send 2026 dues - can bring to meeting, luncheon, or mail to Dave's home address with callsign clearly marked

# **Summary**

## **Club Shirts and Fox Hunt Planning**

The club shirts are still being embroidered with call signs and names, expected to be completed by the end of the week. The group discussed the Fox Hunt, which did not take place last Saturday. They are exploring options for a new location, including Watchung Reservation and Morris County Park, with KB2FCV planning to compile a list of potential sites. The process of securing a new date is ongoing, and the group agreed to put it on the calendar once a date is confirmed.

## **Club Operations and Officer Updates**

The club discussed ongoing efforts to locate and identify individuals interfering with W2LI's transmissions, with K2AL encouraging members to monitor the frequency and report any interference. They confirmed details for the upcoming holiday luncheon on December 6th at 11:30 AM at the Vintage Tavern, where awards will be presented. KD2EKN provided an update on club officer nominations for 2026, noting that all positions are one-year terms and K2YG has agreed to continue as treasurer, while Tim will need to find someone to serve as nominating chair in the future due to his increased scouting responsibilities starting in February. Tim also noted that K2AL is willing to continue in either the President or Secretary role, while W2EMC will remain Vice President for another year.

## **Board Recruitment and Role Transitions**

KD2EKN discussed the need to recruit new members for officers, as Kevin wants to step down from his role as Activities Chair. Tim emphasized that there are no strict requirements for joining, just a willingness to contribute. He encouraged interested individuals to contact him, and mentioned that the upcoming New York City Marathon will have about 250 ham radio operators volunteering, including club members KD2ONY and KC2HLA.

## **Club Meetings and Dues Update**

The club will hold its annual business meeting and elections on November 24, and a presentation, "Who Really Invented Morse Code?" on Alfred Vail by Greg W2GLS on November 10, which will explore the controversy around Morse code's invention. On December 8, Ed W2EWQ will give a slideshow presentation about his amateur radio experience. The club will not meet on December 22 due to the Christmas holiday (school closed). Dues for 2026 are due, with annual dues being \$20 and \$10 for students, to be sent to K2YG at 29 Montrose Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901.

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## Technical Discussion: Dipoles and Antenna Issues

There was a discussion the concept of off-center-fed dipoles and end-fed dipoles and their functionality and whether they are indeed “dipole antennas”. It was determined that they are dipoles with several members explaining the electrical principles involved. They also addressed a visitor from Malawi, Don Horn, who visited to work on antenna issues at QTH of KC2OSR. The conversation ended with a reminder about the next meeting dates in November.

