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**NPARC Hybrid Meeting Dec 8, 2025**    Location: Salt Brook School Cafeteria

Zoom Coordinator: W2PTP            Time: 7:30PM–9:00PM Local Time

Attendance: K2AL K2DAM W2EMC W2EWQ KE2EZM K2GLS KC2HLA KD2ONY KC2OSR K2OT  
K2PER W2PTP K2UI KC2WUF K2YG WA1VMI.    Lillian Mackessy & Tom Mackessy (both  
guests of W2EWQ)

On Zoom: AE3A K2ESH K2EZR KE2FKE W2OKB N2TO WB2QOQ

## Meeting summary

### Quick recap

The meeting began with K2AL welcoming club members and guests Lillian and Tom Mackessy and Peter, WA1VMI, owner and trustee of the W2TW open repeater (147.030 (+) MHz, PL 151.4 Hz). Peter invited NPARC members to use the repeater. Ed, W2EWQ, then presented a comprehensive history of his involvement in amateur radio and the positive influence ham radio had on his life and career, detailing his experiences growing up in the Rockaways and his career as a communications engineer. The conversation ended with a Q&A session with Ed and brief discussions about upcoming club activities and an announcement by KC2OSR about an upcoming presentation by Dr. Rebecca Mercurie, K3RPM, on January 12 to discuss the MORE Project and her role as director.

### Next steps

- [K2AL: Drop off Honorary Life Member badges to Rick \(WB2QOQ\) and Frank \(K2EZR\) at their convenience.](#)
- [K2AL: Keep members posted on status of permission to use the room for Winter Field Day on January 24th, and coordinate participation if permission is granted.](#)
- [Per KC2OSR: Recommended that members watch Dr. Rebecca Mercurie's MORE Project presentation on YouTube before the January 12th meeting.](#)
- [KC2OSR: Consider and plan future club programs, including possible session on Logbook of the World \(LOTW\) based on member interest and reported issues.](#)

## **Presentation**

### **Amateur Radio Journey and Career of KN2SIS/W2EWQ**

Ed, W2EWQ, presented a detailed history and slideshow of his involvement in amateur radio, tracing his journey from his youth in the Rockaways to his current radio setup. He shared stories of his experiences with various radio equipment, his participation in military radio systems, and his work with the New York Army National Guard. Ed also discussed his career as a communications engineer for Long Island Lighting and his involvement in radio communications for power plants and the Shoreham Nuclear Plant.

### **Future Club Events**

The meeting ended with brief discussions about Winter Field Day in January, upcoming club activities and a scheduled presentation by the director of the MORE Project ("Make Operating Radio Easier"), K3RPM at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Annual NPARC Auction and Mini Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Notes recorded by Zoom AI Companion and edited by K2AL President/Secretary NPARC