

NPARC ZOOM MEETING #32

Date: Monday, August 23, 2021. Time: 7:30- 8:40 PM Local Time. Zoom coordinator: W2PTP

Attendees (21)

Members: AE3A, K2AL, K2DAM, KD2EKN, W2EWQ, K2EZR, AC2GL, K2GLS, KC2HLA, N6JIV, KD2JRI, W2OKB, KD2ONY, KC2OSR, W2PTP, WB2QOQ, N2TO, W2UDT, K2UI, KC2WUF, K2YG.

Discussion Topics:

1. Club President, W2PTP, started the Zoom Meeting at 7:40 PM.
2. W2PTP will schedule an Executive Committee Meeting for Monday, August 30.
3. Hillary, KC2HLA, stated that she received her Voluntary Examiner (VE) certificate.
4. W2PTP asked for "Show and Tell" items from Club members.
 - K2AL discussed a Half Wave End Fed antenna from MFJ that he used for the NAQP CW contest and the NJQRP Club Skeeter Hunt. He set up "backyard portable" QRP with his Icom-705 and Elecraft K-1 and a 12v/14AH battery.
 - N2TO spoke about portable antennas he has used for QRP field operations.
 - W2EWQ discussed using his AnyTone 578 2-Meter FM radio to monitor local repeater frequencies and asked if anyone knew which repeaters are active. A discussion about the popularity of digital modes such as FT8 replacing other modes of operation ensued. For information on WSJT-X digital modes, go to <https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjt.html>
 - KC2OSR showed some DX QSL cards he has recently received.
 - W2PTP discussed his participation in the NAQP SSB contest and the fact it is a great entry level contest for new contesters. It is a friendly contest with an easy exchange- name and state. The SSB versions of the North American QSO Party take place in January and August each year. See www.ncjweb.com for details.
 - N6JIV said that he has a battery analyzer available.
5. K2YG stated that the weekly NPARC Digital Net would take place after the meeting.

The meeting was closed by W2PTP at 8:40 PM.

The next NPARC Executive Committee Zoom Meeting is August 30, 2021, at 7:30 PM.
The next regular NPARC Zoom Meeting will be a Business Meeting and will take place on September 13 at 7:30 PM.

Al Hanzl K2AL Secretary, NPARC August 26, 2021

