

NPARC HYBRID ZOOM MEETING (#71) MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

Time: 7:55- 9:00p.m. local time. Zoom Coordinator: W2IOG

Place: Salt Brook School Cafeteria

ATTENDEES

In Person (11): K2AL, K2DAM, W2EWQ, K2GLS, W2IOG, KC2MTN, KC2OSR, W2PTP, K2UI, KC2WUF, K2YG.

On ZOOM: (6): K2EZR, AC2GL, K2JV, WB2QOQ, N2TO, KD2VZA

1. Club President K2UI started the Hybrid Zoom Meeting at 7:55p.m.

2. New Providence Memorial Day Parade:

Per WB2QOQ:

NPARC members are invited to participate in this year's Memorial Day Parade, taking place on Monday, May 29. Our club has participated in this town event for many years.

*This is the one public event where hundreds of town's people get to see the club members, and a good attendance from our members is **Most** welcomed. We currently have 8 members who have volunteered and are seeking more!*

Our unit will walk the parade route, down Springfield Ave., between Central Ave. and Academy St. Please consider taking part in this community event.

Paul, W2PTP, had offered one of his vintage vehicles to take part in the club unit, as there was a request by members who would like to take part, but are unable to walk the parade route. If you wish to take part in Paul's vehicle; please indicate. There is room for 4 riders. More details to follow. Please contact Rick, WB2QOQ, if you are interested in participating in the parade or have questions. rick243@comcast.net; (908) 464-8911. Thanks Much!

3. NPARC CW Net Propagation Reports:

The NPARC CW Net takes place weekly on Thursdays at 9pm local time on 28.050 MHz.

We have been having pre-net tests on other frequencies to test propagation starting at 8:30 pm. We are trying to determine which is the best band to support our HF nets.

See K2YG's comments below for the procedure for these tests:

Respond to K2YG's CQ with your call 2 or 3 times; K2YG will respond with standard RST (especially S) several times; calling station will respond in similar fashion; K2YG will send "73 QRZ" moving on to the next qso. If you want to try a second antenna, please wait till all stations have a qso, and then call K2YG again with the second antenna.

> If you are unable or do not want to respond on the air, please note the signal report you would give for the calling station and send them in an e-mail to <hdbarr@comcast.net>. Please continue to include signal reports for all the stations you hear.

Please look for Net and propagation test announcements on the NPARC Reflector.

4. NPARC "Rig Registry"

K2UI is compiling a list of radios owned and used by Club members. Jim has received 11 replies so far. Jim and KC2WUF will compile the information. This list will be an aid to members seeking assistance with operating or programming their radios. Send your list to k2ui@arrl.net

5. Technical Meetings:

- Contact KC2MTN if you have a topic for a Club presentation at jjz7@njit.edu
- Tentative topics for May (related to FD):
 1. Operation of Kenwood TS-440
 2. Tutorial on N3FJP FD logging software
 3. Operating Digital Modes

6. Club Tables at Hamfests

- Sussex (July 16) – 2 tables indoors (2 x \$25 w/ 2 admissions) have been reserved for NPARC
- Fair Lawn (June 10) -?? (\$15/space w/ admission). Email K2UI if there is interest in going.
- Piscataway (June 17) -?? (\$7 / space). Email K2UI if there is interest.

7. Field Day Planning/Issues

- FD Manager (K2UI) – Use of Governor Livingston School back field is approved.
- **Publicity** (K2AL)
- **Food** (KC2OSR) -Sam will plan for enough food for 45 attendees. Sam has obtained use of a grill but will need help getting it to GL. Chatham Sandwich Shop is back in business.
- Station Managers – Rig, antenna(s), logging PC, Gazebo, generator
 - **VHF** (K2AL / WB2QOQ)
 - **HF NEAR Field**-SSB (N2TO)
 - **HF-FAR Field** CW/FT8 (KB2FCV?) + WSJT PC
 - **NO GOTA** station this year.
- Per N2TO, a reminder to **bring tarps** as sun shields for the gazebos.
- **GAZEBOS**- We have accounted for 3 gazebos (K2AL, K2EZR, W2PTP) K2YG will check to see if he has one. There is also a 5th one unaccounted for.
- K2UI to visit the GL site to determine if there are any changes from last year.

8. FD Bonus Points

K2AL reviewed FD Bonus points and the assigned members. KD2VZA said she can help with the message handling bonus.

9. NPARC Nets:

- NPARC Digital Net at 9p.m. Mondays. Watch for announcements, schedule and mode on the NPARC Reflector.
- NPARC CW TRAINING NET at 9p.m. Thursdays.
- NPARC 2 Meter Phone nets Sundays at 9p.m. on W2LI repeater and K2AL-R Echolink node.

10. Meeting closed by K2UI at 9 pm. Recorded by K2AL.

