

NPARC MEETING #86 MONDAY, January 8, 2024

LOCATION: SALT BROOK SCHOOL CAFETERIA, MAPLE ST., NEW PROVIDENCE

Time: 7:30- 9:00p.m. local time.

Attendees: (18)

K2AL, K2DAM, KD2EKN, K2ESH, W2EWQ, KB2FCV, K2GLS, KC2HLA, W2IOG, KD2JRI, KD2ONY, KC2OSR, W2PTP, K2UI, KC2WUF, K2YG, N5PBJ, AA9QB.

1. **K2UI started the meeting at 7:30pm.**
2. **The scheduled presentation by W2IRT, "Introduction to Dxing" was canceled and will be rescheduled.**
3. **Spring Fox Hunt:** KB2FCV discussed plans for a **walking Fox Hunt** in the Spring:
 - James will set up 5 each of low power (milliwatts) 2-meter transmitters in a local park TBD.
 - The event will take place on a Saturday in April or May.
 - TCRA will be invited.
 - NPARC will hold some "dry runs" and instructions on how to Fox Hunt at a future meeting at the adjacent ball field at SBS.
 - Some websites for info: <https://www.byonics.com> and www.arrrl.org/direction-finding

4. OLD BUSINESS:

1. PROGRAMS: KC2OSR summarized future programs.

January 22: "Call Sign Legacy"; Martin Crabtree via ZOOM

February 12: "Auction Planning"

February 26: "Pico Ballooning" To be confirmed.

March 11: "Soldering/Power Poles Workshop" **No ZOOM.**

March 25: "Use and Care of Meters" by KD2CMS

April 8: Social Meeting/Show and Tell- **No ZOOM**

April 22: Fox Hunt Planning

May 13/June 10 Field Day Planning (No Meeting on May 27)

July or Aug: "Raspberry Pi Applications for Ham Radio"; KD2ZRO

Contact KC2OSR if you have ideas for or want to make a presentation.

2. KIDS DAY REVIEW:

NPARC sponsored a Kids Day at the Salt Brook School cafeteria on Saturday, Jan. 6

8 kids showed up and were given demonstrations and put on the air by W2EMC and N2JU on 2 meters and HF. KD2ZRO, K4DH, NJ5R and others were on 2 meters to talk to the kids and the kids made contacts on HF to Italy and to southern and Midwestern USA with the assistance of N2JU and AE3A.

KC2OSR gave geography lessons and showed the kids his DX QSL Cards.

K2UI, K2AL, N6JIV and W2PTP put up an OCF dipole mounted to a 28-foot fiberglass mast for HF and WB2QOQ put up the 2-meter vertical.

KD2ITW handled the registration table.

KD2JRI filled in and presented the kids with participation certificates using his calligraphy skills. K2DAM was the event photographer. Photos are on his website: www.dmadson.photorelect.com Click on "Recent Events". And special thanks to N2TO and XYL ,Mary, for coordinating the event with SBS and NPARC and Mary for getting the pizza and talking with the kids. Please send receipts for expenses to K2YG for reimbursement.

5. NEW BUSINESS

1. NPARC AUCTION

- Date: Saturday February 24, 2024
- Location Salt Brook School Cafeteria
- K2AL will send out email notices and flyer.
- KJI Electronics will be there.

The meeting ended at 9pm. Summary by K2AL.

