

MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS

**NPARC—The Radio Club for the
Watchung Mountain Area**



Website: <http://www.nparc.org>

Club Calls: N2XJ, W2FMI

**Facebook: New Providence Amateur Radio Club
(NPARC)**

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Regular Meetings

**Second & Fourth Mondays
at New Providence Municipal Center**

March 10 - KC2WUF on FT Modes

March 24 - Program TBD

Upcoming Events

Digital Net Mondays at 9 PM – 28.085 MHz (+/-)
CW Training Net, 9PM Thurs – 28.050 or 7.030 MHz

Check announcements in the Reflector for details.

Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting: 7:30—9:00 PM
**2nd & 4th Monday
of each month**
Watch for Emails

Everyone is Welcome
If a normal meeting night is a holiday,
we usually meet the following night.
Call one of the contacts below
or check the web site

Club Officers for 2025

President: K2AL, Al Hanzl
908-872-5021
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973-543-2454
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908-872-5021
Treasurer: K2YG, Dave Barr
908-277-4283
Activities: N2TO, Kevin Glynn
917-885-4424

On the Air Activities

Club Operating Frequency
145.750 MHz FM Simplex

Sunday Night Phone Net
Murray Hill Repeater (W2LI) at 9:00 PM
Transmit on 147.855 MHz
With PL tone of 141.3 Hz
Receive on 147.255 MHz
Net Control K2AL

Digital Net
Mondays 9 PM
28.084 — 28.086 MHz
Will be using PSK and RTTY
Net control KC2WUF

CW Training Net
Thursdays 9 PM
28.050 or 7.050 MHz
Net control K2YG

Club Internet Address

Website: www.nparc.org
Webmaster KC2WUF David Bean
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Climatological Data for New Providence - January 2025

The following information is provided by Rick, WB2QOQ,
who has been recording daily weather events at his station
for the past 43 years.

TEMPERATURE -

Maximum temp. this January, 49 F (January 1)
Last January(2024) maximum was 56 F.
Average Maximum temp this January, 34.0 F

Minimum temp this January, +3 F (January 22)
Last January(2024) minimum was 14 F.
Average Minimum temp this January, 20.9 F

Minimum diurnal temp range, 9 F (30 – 21 F)1/6
Maximum diurnal temp range, 20 F(39 - 19 F)1/17
20 F(48 – 28), 1/29

Average temp this January, 27.5 F
Average temp last January, 33.4 F

PRECIPITATION -

Total precip this January– 0.78” rain/snow melt,6.7” snow
Total precip last January - 5.69” rain, 5.0” snow

Maximum one day precip events -
January 31, 0.13” rain; January 19, 4.5” snow
Measurable rain fell on 3 days this January
13 days last January.
Measurable snow fell on 4 days this January.

YTD Precipitation – 0.78” rain/snow melt; 6.7” snow

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Rick Anderson 2/6/2025
243 Mountain Ave.
New Providence, NJ
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rick243@comcast.net
Lat = 40 degrees, 41.7 minutes North
Long = 74 degrees, 23.4 minutes West
Elevation: 380 ft.
CoCoRaHS Network Station #NJ-UN-10

President's Column

The 2025 NPARC Auction is in the books and was a success thanks to all those club members who pitched in. There were over 100 attendees and we auctioned 43 items and sold a lot of smaller stuff at the flea market. A full report from our treasurer will be forthcoming. Thanks to all those who attended and special thanks to those members who contributed their time and talents.

Hillary, KC2HLA, again worked tirelessly as our auctioneer with WB2QOQ at her side to handle and display the items. K2GLS, W2PTP and KD2JRI manned the admissions table (thanks go out to K2YG for the **perforated** admission tickets!). Eric, K2ESH, Kevin, KD2EKN, and Roy, KD2CMS, lugged the items to the auction table. KD2ONY and KY2MM sold refreshments. K2UI completed the sale info on the tickets and handed them off to KC2WUF and K2YG who handled the vital task of handling the and distributing the sales proceeds at the Cashier Table.

Also, thanks to Heather, K4DH, for helping with publicity, KC2WUF for picking up the refreshments and K2UI for his work on documenting the auction items on the club web page and for coordinating with the Salt Brook School for the room layout.

One observation was that most of the items auctioned (and we auctioned all that were brought to the auction) were "club items" (either from club related estates or from club members). Whether this will become a trend or was simply an anomaly this year, we will see.

The club put our two Icom 756 Pros up for auction and we were pleased that both were won by club members.

Three attendees took advantage of our "Auction Special Membership" deal and we welcome them to NPARC: Matt KV4XZ, Jim W2WT (Jim was a member as a teenager back in the late '60's- so welcome back!) and James KE2DZK.

And many thanks to the Salt Brook School office staff and custodial personnel for their continuing outstanding support and effort in preparing the facilities for this and other NPARC events.
K2AL

73,

Al, K2AL

President and Secretary

NPARC

Popular Contests in March 2025

Dave Barr – K2YG

Contest Name*	Dates (EDT)	Modes	Exchange	Notes & Websites**
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	2/28 Fri 7pm to 3/2 Sun 7pm	SSB	W/VE: rs + QTH DX: rs + power	160-10 mtrs QRP/LP/HP Rules at: www.arrl.org
YB DX RTTY Contest	CANCELED for 2025	RTTY	RST + Serial #	80 –10 meters. No power classifications. Rules at: ybddxcontest.com
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	3/8 Sat 10am to 3/9 Sun 11am	CW	Four character grid square.	160 meters only. QRP/LP/HP Rules: www.kkn.net
Oklahoma QSO Party	3/8 Sat 10am - 9pm 3/9 Sun 11am-5pm	CW, SSB, Digi (no FT)	OKs: RS(T) + County Others: RS(T) + State/Prov/Cntry	80 – 6 meters. HP/LP/QRP Rules at: k5cm.com
TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest	3/8 Sat 1pm to 3/9 Sun 1:59 am (Saturday night)	CW	RST + Serial # + 4 character grid square	80 and 40 meters only. HP/LP/QRP. radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs DST starts during this contest.
Idaho QSO Party	3/8 Sat 2pm to 3/9 Sun 3pm	CW, SSB, Digi (no FT)	IDs: County Others: State/ Prov/Country NO RST	160-10m QRP/LP 150w/HP. Rules at: dahogsoparty.org
Wisconsin QSO Party	3/9 Sun 2pm-9pm	CW, SSB, Digi (no FT)	IDs: County Others: State/ Province/Cntry NO RST	All Bands HP/LP/QRP Rules at: www.warac.org
BARTG HF RTTY Contest	3/14 Fri 10pm to 3/16 Sun 10pm	RTTY	RST + Serial # + UTC (4 digits)	80 – 10 M HP/LP/QRP Single Op 30 hour limit Rules at: www.bartg.org.uk
Virginia QSO Party	3/15 Sat 10am-12m 3-16 Sun 8am-8pm	CW Phone Digital	VA: Ser # + Cnty Others: Serial # + St/Prov/Cntry	All Bands HP/LP/QRP Rules at: www.qsl.net
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	3/28 Fri 8pm to 3/30 Sun 8pm	SSB	RS + Serial #	160-10 mtrs QRP/LP/HP Rules at: www.cqwp.com

Daylight Saving begins in March. Dates/times in red are in **EDT**.

* State QSO Parties allow out-of-state stations to contact only in-state stations for that specific contest. In-state stations may contact all contest stations. See websites for county abbreviation lists.

** No WARC bands in any contest.

There are many more contests every month including weekly and monthly repeating contests with a variety of abilities required, such as slow speed cw contests. Check www.contestcalendar.com or [contest specific](#) websites for more information.

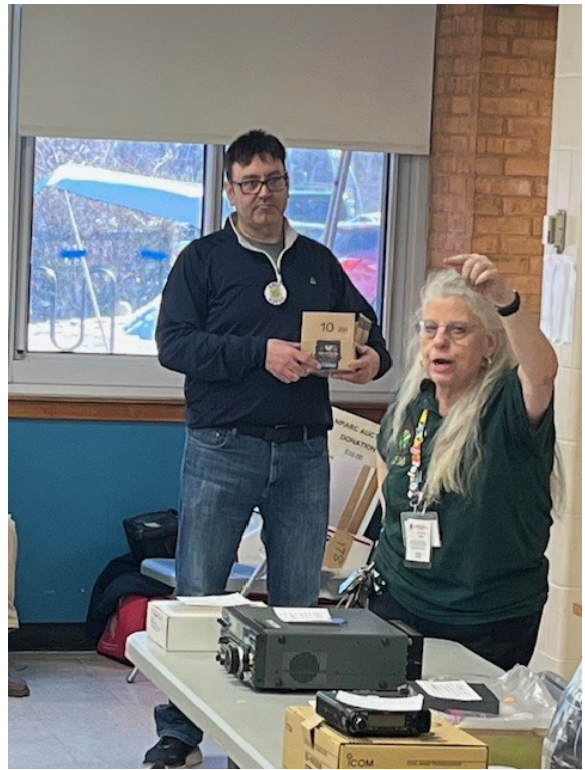
NPARC Auction - 2025



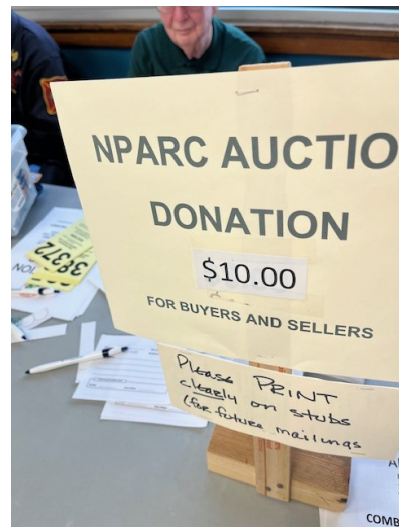
Over 100 attended the auction to bid and rub elbows with fellow hams.



Rick, WB2QOQ, holds up a direction finder for auctioneer Hillary, KC2HLA.



Eric, K2ESH, delivers auction items to auctioneer Hillary, KC2HLA.





The cashier's table where KC2WUF and K2YG collect the Benjamins.



The Hanzl family was well represented by W2IOC, K2AL, and K2ESH.



Gene, N6JIV, finally received his Wouff Hong award.





N.P. Mayor, Al Morgan, WB2QOQ, and Council members Diane Bilicska and Alex Kogan.



Mayor Al Morgan and NPARC President Al Hanzl



ARRL Hudson Director Ed Wilson, N2XDD