

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 Salt Brook School

May 11 - Ed Wilson, N2XDD - Hudson Div Director

May 26 - Field Day Planning (Tues, Zoom Only)

Upcoming Events

May 25 - Memorial day Parade

**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 2026

President: K2AL, Al Hanzl
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Treasurer: K2YG, Dave Barr
908-277-4283
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973-462-2014

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

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Climatological Data for New Providence - March 2026

The following information is provided by Rick, WB2QOQ,
who has been recording daily weather events at his station
for the past 45 years.

TEMPERATURE -

Maximum temp. this March, 80 F (March 11,31)
Last March(2025) maximum was 80 F.
Average Maximum temp this March, 57.5 F

Minimum temp this March, 35 F (March 2.3)
Last March(2025) minimum was 18 F.
Average Minimum temp this March, 36.6 F

Minimum diurnal temp range, 6 F (43 – 37 F)3/5
Maximum diurnal temp range, 32 F(78 - 46 F)3/10

Average temp this March, 47.1 F
Average temp last March, 44.8 F

PRECIPITATION -

Total precipitation this March – 4.40” rain/snow melt
Total precipitation last March – 4.62” rain

Maximum one day precip. event - March 5, 1.68” rain
Measurable rain fell on 15 days this March
13 days last March.

Measurable snow fell on 0 days this March

YTD Precipitation – 9.24” rain/snow melt; 34.8” snow

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Rick Anderson 4/19/2026

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Lat = 40 degrees, 41.7 minutes North
Long = 74 degrees, 23.4 minutes West
Elevation: 380 ft.
CoCoRaHS Network Station #NJ-UN-10

May NPARC President's Report

Looking Ahead to Spring

Thanks to the efforts of our Activities Manager KC2OSR, we continue to have informative presentations at our meetings. Thanks much to Barry, WB2ZDH, and Rich, KE2KE, for their two-part tutorial on the NanoVNA. And thanks to W2PTP and K2GLS for their efforts in coordinating the Zoom tie-ins at the meetings.

Programs will continue in May. We will have Ed Wilson, N2XDD, our ARRL Hudson Division Director as our guest speaker at our May 11 meeting. So please prepare any questions or concerns that you may have about the ARRL or the Hudson Division.

The Club will be marching once again in the New Providence Memorial Day Parade so it would be nice to have a good showing once again. Please contact Rick, WB2QOQ, if you plan to participate.

With the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no meeting on Monday the 25th, but there will be a Zoom only Field Day Planning Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, at 7:30PM. Field Day is around the corner, June 27-28 (always the 4th full weekend in June), so we need to start planning. There are always those same members who we perennially rely on at Field Day. It would be nice to get some "new blood" involved and we always need operators to occupy the stations.

So mark down the meeting, parade and Field Day dates in your calendars.

73,

AL - K2AL

President

Scenes from the April 27 Meeting



NanoVNA Training by WB2ZDH and KE2KE



KC2OSR presents birthday cake to K2AL

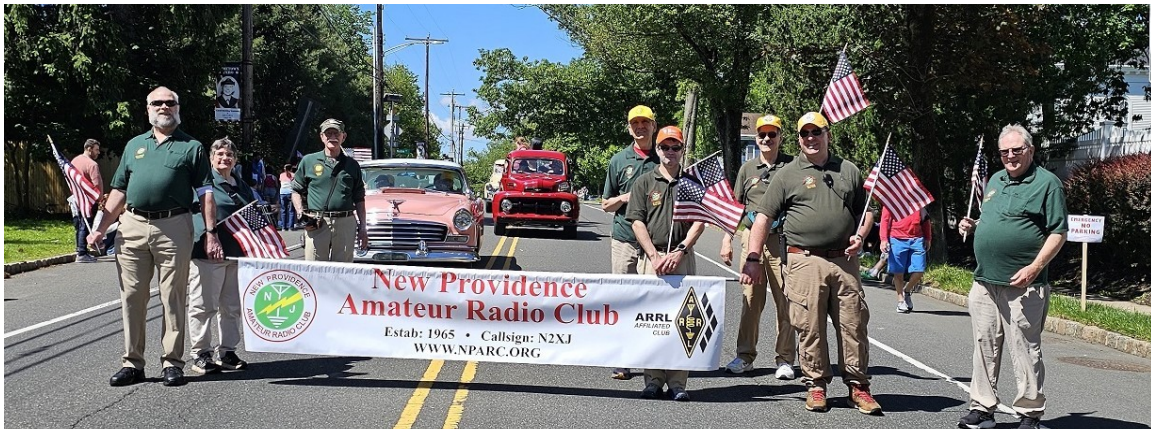
New Providence Memorial Day Parade Rick Anderson - WB2QOQ

NPARC members are invited to participate in this years Memorial Day Parade, ***taking place on Monday, May 25***. 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.

Our unit will walk the parade route, down Springfield Ave., between Central Ave. and Academy St. Please consider taking part in this community event. As last year, Paul W2PTP, has offered one of his lovely classic cars, for members who may not be comfortable walking the route. Please reach out to me to register for this event, either walking or riding; or questions. Limited room in car. Members are requested to wear club shirts and caps, as last year.

Thanks Much!

Rick Anderson, WB2QOQ, rick243@comcast.net; (908) 464-8911



Parade Participants, 2025, with Classic Car following !



Popular Contests in April 2026

Dave Barr – K2YG

Contest Name*	Dates (EDT)	Modes	Exchange	Notes & Websites
ARI Int DX Contest	5/2 Sat 8 am to 5/3 Sun 8 am	CW Phone RTTY	Italy: rs(t)+prov non: rs(t)+serial #	QRP/LP/HP 80-10 meters Rules: concurcos.ure.es
7th Area QSO Party	5/2 Sat 9 am to 5/3 Sun 3 am	CW Phone Digi (no FT)	7's: rs(t)+st&cnty non: rs(t)+state	QRP/LP/HP 160-10 m Exch: NJ ops send report + "NJ" Rules: 7qp.org
Indiana QSO Party	5/2 Sat 11am-11pm	CW Phone	IN: rs(t)+county non: rs(t)+state	QRP/LP/HP Rules: www.hdxcc.org
Delaware QSO Party	5/2 Sat 1 pm to 5/3 Sun 8pm	Phone Digi RTTY CW	DE: rs(t)+county non: rs(t)+state	QRP/LP/HP 160-10 meters, VHF Bonus K3QBD Rules: www.fsarc.org
New England QSO Party	5/2 Sat 4pm -1am (Sun) 5/3 Sun 9am - 8pm	Phone CW/Digital	NE: rs(t)+county non: rs(t)+state	QRP/LP(<150)/HP 160-10 meters Rules: neqp.org
VOLTA RTTY Cont	5/9 Sat 8am to 5/10 Sun 8am	RTTY	RST + Serial # + CQ Zone	No power restrictions 80-10 meters Rules: www.contestvolta.it
Canadian Prairies QSOP	5/9 Sat 1pm -11pm	CW Phone	VE4-6: rs(t)+ district Non: rs(t) + state	QRP/LP/HP 40-10m (no 80m) Rules: cpqp.ve6hams.ca
Arkansas QSO Party	5/16 Sat 10am-10pm	CW, Phone, Digi (no FT)	AR: rs(t)+county non: rs(t)+state	QRP/LP(150w)/HP 160-2 meters Bonus: WR5P Rules: www.arkqp.com
Feld Hell Sprint	5/16 Sat 4 pm to 8pm	FeldHell	Name, FH# (if member); QTH; Grid	No power restrictions. See Feldhell Club for freqs & member #.
CQ WW WPX CW	5/29 Fri 8pm to 5/31 Sun 8pm	CW	rst + serial #	QRP/LP/HP 160 – 10 meters Rules: www.cqwp.com

Check www.contestcalendar.com for more contests and information.

- 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.
- The 7th Area QSOP includes AZ, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA & WY. The New England QSO Party includes: CT, MA, ME, NH, RI & VT. All New England, 7th Call Area, and Indiana county codes are 5 digits beginning with the 2 letter state abbreviation and followed by a 3 letter county code. Delaware county codes remain the same 3 digit codes as they have been. The N1MM logging program has a logging choice named "IN7QPNE" which will log all qso's in the 7QP, the NEQP as well as the concurrent INQP and DEQP in a single log. That (Cabrillo format) log can be uploaded to each of the 4 qsop's sites which will automatically sort QSOs into the four contests. The advantage is we do not have to switch from one log to another as we participate in these four qso parties.