

CPARG Meeting Notes 27 April 2026

7:05 PM Meeting started with Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Report- Reviewed details from last month meeting

Treasurer Report-

No money expenditures in or out this month. VEC License testing continues at CPARG.

VP Report-

No new members

We regret to announce the passing of CPARG member Bud Valcourt NY1Z, ex W1EPV. He was licensed in 1955, worked at Lincoln Lab, an avid QRP'er and member of the NEQRP club.

President's Report-

Reminder of the monthly CPARG NET on the Derry Repeater second Monday at 8:00 PM. Always looking for volunteers for next year.

MONTHLY NET ASSIGNMENTS

2026

11 May 2026 – Tom Cronin
15 June 2026 – Chris Penta (3 rd Monday closer to Field Day)
13 July 2026 – Andrew Gaunt (Remote from Pawtuckaway SP)
10 August 2026 – Tom Cronin
14 September 2026 – Bill Bowhers
12 October 2026 – Chris Penta
09 November 2026 – Duane Lighty
14 December 2026 – Paul Maciel

2027

11 January 2027 – Bill Bowhers
08 February 2027 – Tom Cronin
08 March 2027 – Dave Cipolle
12 April 2027 – Bob Heusser
10 May 2027 – Chris Penta

Tom introduced Jim Enright, an educator at Sanborn High School. Jim is interested in putting together a ham radio station at the school. He does STEM activities with the students including model rockets and a student-built submarine competition.

New Business

Tom had some club activities suggestions prompted by a question to AI. One subject was a general question to the club, "What was the furthest DX you worked this past month. One member mentioned Japan, another Ginea-Bissau, a couple others worked the DX-pedition at Bouvet Island.

Presentation:

7:38- Chris gave a viewgraph and live demonstration of working FT8. Using a simple end-fed wire antenna outside the club building, he worked several HF stations on FT8.

Next meetings:

May meeting will be held Jun 1st due to Memorial Day. 6:30 meet and greet, 7:00PM start.
No meeting will be held in June since we will meet for field day June 27 and 28th
No December 28th meeting (holiday week).