



KARC - Kingsport Amateur Radio Club

Website: W4TRC.org

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 13, 2025

Location: (Food City) The Press Room, 300 Clinchfield St., Kingsport TN

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: Antenna Build

Attendance: 36

Next Meeting: April 10, 2025

Location: (Food City) The Press Room, 300 Clinchfield St., Kingsport TN

Time: 1900

Training/Presentation: What New HAMS Need To Know - James Young

Attending: Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Joshua Carmack, William Ewing, Joe Ewing, Michael Gallatin, Travis Hutchison, Jeffrey Hutchison, Peter Stuart, Gerald Schneider, Ron Grooms, Lynn Anderson, Gary Tmegaskis, Scott Schneider, Rick Brooks, Rick Curtis, David Herron, Gus Stensler, Phil Alley, Charles Collingwood, Ken Klotz, Neil Weber, Ron Burns, Jason Blankenship, Larry Dale, John Williams, Tom Price, Mike Lambert, Matt Babler, Robin Frakes, Gail Frakes, Jeff Henderson, Robert Price, Heather Schneider, Greyson Schneider, Kyle Schneider

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report: (Neil Weber, KM4NWH)

- Santa Train communicating with Food City to try to get a spot.
- Need leaders for special events - encouraging new hams – John Williams is willing to help.
- John Williams brought up Rocky Mount Special Event for commemorating Rocky Mount State Park.
- New HAM, Kyle Schneider (KR4ABN) will host Netherland
- New HAM, Mike Gallatin (KR4ABX) will lead Rocky Mount
- FunFest - trying to get table with hot air balloons, foxhunt demonstration (July 18-26) More information to come in future meetings.
- Eastman New Hire Event - will have table set up
- Bays Mountain state park contact has asked to have metal cabinet removed, Neil has volunteered to move cabinet to his basement. Would like to get inventory.
- Justin has proposed that the club needs a new radio for events so that others are not having to use personal equipment for club events. Rick Brooks KD4AKW has volunteered to donate a Yaesu 991A radio to the club.
- Repeater Trustee: Current trustee, Dustin McClure (KO4LBE), will be resigning from the position and the club will be voting for a new trustee. Candidates Joshua Carmack N4JHC and Dave Herron K4UVU–Gave brief introduction and history, club cast vote by show of hands 10/11 Joshua Carmack N4JHC will be the new KARC Repeater Trustee.
- Club vote for funds to purchase new banner.
- FoxHunt will be this Saturday 03/15 beginning at 3pm **UPDATE: Neil will be out of town for work, and unable to participate.**
- HamFest in Sevierville this Saturday 03/15 as well.
- POTA still up and active, would like to invite new HAMS to participate.

Vice President's Report: (Justin Compton, KO4DCD)

- Discussed upcoming presentations and trainings.
- Upcoming presentations and trainings include:
 - April - What New HAMS Need to Know - James Young (KK4CJR)
 - May - SOTA - Ron Burns
- Boy Scouts - will revisit topic at a later date.
- Will be contacting Kingsport city to see about doing comms for local events
- Need volunteers for events
 - Netherland Inn **UPDATE: Will be led by Kyle (KR4ABN)**
 - Field Day **UPDATE: Will be led by Justin (KO4DCD)**

- Fun Fest **UPDATE:** Neil is currently working on this. More info to come.
- Fire Prevention Week **UPDATE:** Will be led by Tom (KI4CVU)
- Wooly Worm **UPDATE:** Not doing Wooly Worm this year.
- Santa Train **UPDATE:** Still looking for volunteers.
- Rocky Mount **UPDATE:** Will be led by Mike (KR4ABX)

Secretary's Report: (Christina Compton, KQ4CDM)

- Field Day is approaching, and we would like to have volunteers to help with food, supplies, setup, and miscellaneous needs. Joshua will setup a form on the W4TRC website for people to RSVP and volunteer. (Will be up by Sunday)
UPDATE: RSVP/volunteer list is now live on w4trc.org

Treasurer's Report: (Rick Curtis)

- Balances Reported

29 members have not yet paid their 2025 dues.

Please Note: Dues are \$20 per individual, or \$25 for a family, and should be paid to the treasurer by April 1st.

Repeater Trustee Report: (Dustin McClure, KO4LBE)

- No update/Not in attendance.
- **UPDATE:** Joshua Carmack (N4JHC) will assume the Repeater Trustee Role and will have an update/report ready for the club at our next meeting.

Old Business:

Meshtastic Node: **UPDATE:** Node was repaired and in good working condition when taken to the repeater site, however once on the tower, it no longer receives.

UPDATE: Repaired node will be taken back up to the repeater site at a TBD date and placed in a different spot which should allow it to work properly.

New Business:

- New banners for the club are needed. **UPDATE:** Club voted to allow \$100 in funds to go toward the purchase of new banner(s)

- Interest in having another meshtastic presentation. **UPDATE: Joshua (N4JHC) has agreed to do an updated presentation/training at a TBD date.**
- With the purchase of a meal being a big factor in being able to continue having the monthly club meetings at the Food City Press Room location, it has been proposed that the club members have a degree of involvement in selecting the menu each month. Neil has stated that there is a list of options for meals at this location, and he will email the selections and/or put them on the website for vote.

Special News/Announcements:

- Ken Klotz: "Breakfast Club" Randalls 3rd Wednesday of each month room reserved from 10-12.