



KARC - Kingsport Amateur Radio Club
Website: W4TRC.org
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 10, 2025

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

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: What New HAMS Need To Know - James Young

Attendance: 25

Next Meeting: May 08, 2025

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

Time: 1900

Training/Presentation: SOTA - Ron Burns

Attending: Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Heather Schneider, Greyson Schneider, Michael Gallatin, Larry Dale, Neil Weber, Kyle Schneider, Joshua Carmack, Liz Young, James Young, Tom Price, David Herron, Ken Klotz, Rick Curtis, Greg Johnson, Peter Stuart, Ron Grooms, Michael Lambert, Jeremy Briggs, Ellen Diep, Dan Smerdon, William Ewing, Joe Ewing, Phil Alley

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report: (Neil Weber, KM4NWH)

- 16 Meals were sold at this evening's meeting. Next month we will have fried chicken. Discussed options for future meals, such as pork tenderloin, and turkey with dressing and sides. As of now we have roast beef, meatloaf, and fried chicken on rotation.
- Santa Train **UPDATE: still communicating with Food City to try to get a spot.**
- FunFest - trying to get table with hot air balloons, possible foxhunt demonstration (July 18-26) **UPDATE: Numerous attempts have been made to contact someone for FunFest, but no success at this point. Will continue to reach out.**
- Eastman New Hire Event - **UPDATE: Meshtastic was the most popular topic.**
- FoxHunt will be Saturday 04/19 beginning at 3pm.
- POTA and SOTA still up and active, would like to invite new HAMS to participate.
- STEM Day - let kids talk to each other on HT's, but due to the age of children participating, they didn't seem to learn a lot, but had a good time.
- Cabinet moved from Bays Mountain to Neil's. Taking inventory, and all equipment is now accounted for.

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

- Discussed upcoming presentations and trainings.
- Upcoming presentations and trainings include:
 - May - SOTA - Ron Burns
 - June - APRS Balloon - Steven Bible
 - July - Digital Modes Basics, with demonstration
 - August - Picnic
- NVIS Net Rogersville Club - Tuesday 8:30 pm

Secretary's Report: (Christina Compton, KQ4CDM)

- Field Day is approaching, and at this time we only have two individuals who have RSVP'd via the form on w4trc.org. We would like for anyone who plans to attend to RSVP, and if possible volunteer to help with something or bring something to contribute. **The sign-up form is live on the w4trc.org website.**
- E-mail issues: As we are still transitioning from Outlook to Gmail for the club, we are continuing to work on issues with sending and receiving. If you are a paid member, and are NOT receiving messages (this includes meeting minutes, and other updates) please make sure that one of the club officers is made aware so that we can fix the problem.

Treasurer's Report: (Rick Curtis)

- Balances Reported
- 51 Paid Members

Several 2024 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.

****Starting next year (2026) we will begin charging \$30 for family.**

Repeater Trustee Report: (Joshua Carmack - N4JHC)

- FCC paperwork has been filed
- Any repeater related question or concerns can be directed to Joshua at: repeater@w4trc.org
- Echolink is doing well

Old Business:

Meshtastic Node: Unable to get the node to work at the repeater site, but will possibly be moving it to WKPT property.

Upcoming Events:

- Netherland Inn Kyle Schneider (KR4ABN)
- Field Day Justin Compton (KO4DCD)
- Fun Fest UPDATE: Neil is currently working on this. More info to come.
- Fire Prevention Week Tom Price (KI4CVU)
- Santa Train UPDATE: Still looking for volunteers.
- Rocky Mount Mike Gallatin (KR4ABX)

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) UPDATE: Greg and Joshua are working on a redesign/reformat of the club logo for banner.
- Contacted Chris Early on 6m repeater and 900mhz, waiting for response.

Special News/Announcements:

- Rocky Mount special event update (Michael Gallatin) - Mike and Larry Dale met with a representative at Rocky Mount. Date planned will be October 04-05 2025 from 10am to 5pm during the Rocky Mount Fall Festival. Ours will be the first

booth seen. There will be music, food, etc.. Got a call sign for the event. **Would like to have a flyer made with club information to hand out.** Will put everything on facebook. We will be able to set up the day before.