



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

Meeting Date: May 08, 2025

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

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: Summits On The Air (SOTA) - Ron Burns

Attendance: 29

Next Meeting: June 12, 2025

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

Time: 1900

Training/Presentation: APRS/PICO Balloon - Stephen Bible

Attending: Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Christopher Lewis, Peter Stuart, Ron Grooms, Gerald Schneider, Scott Schneider, Lynn Anderson, Gregory Johnson, Michael Gallatin, David Herron, Mike Lambert, George DeVault, Matt Babler, Larry Dale, David Rotenberry, Neil Weber, Dan Smerdon, Rick Curtis, Tom Price, Walt Baldree, John Williams, Andrew Burch, Ralph Young, Ellen Diep, Kyle Schneider, Heather Schneider, Greyson Schneider, Ron Burns

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

***Special prayer request for Bill Powers who has suffered a stroke.*

President's Report: (Neil Weber, KM4NWH)

- 23 Meals were sold at this evening's meeting. Next month we plan to have pork tenderloin with sides.
- Santa Train **UPDATE: still need volunteers to make this happen. We will need stations set up throughout the route as well as on the train.**
- FunFest - trying to get table with hot air balloons, possible foxhunt demonstration (July 18-26) **UPDATE: Finally heard back from FunFest coordinator who says Monday and Tuesday will be the best days for us to have a table setup. The proposed location would be the VO Dobbins Senior Complex during the Kids Central event. Michael Gallatin and family have volunteered to coordinate this event for the club, with the assistance of Neil.**
- FoxHunt will be Saturday 05/17 beginning at 3pm.
- POTA and SOTA 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:
 - June - APRS/PICO Balloon - Steven Bible (?)
 - July - Digital Modes Basics, with demonstration
 - August - Picnic

Secretary's Report: (Christina Compton, KQ4CDM)

- Field Day is approaching, and we are still looking for volunteers. **The sign-up form is live on the w4trc.org website. **We would also like to know how many people intend to spend the night.**

Treasurer's Report: (Rick Curtis)

- Balances Reported
- \$200 Paid out for insurance.
- 57 Paid Members

Repeater Trustee Report: (Joshua Carmack - N4JHC)

- Meshtastic is still a work in progress. Adjustments are being made, and testing will need to be done to determine where it will work best. ****Will follow-up on this at the next meeting.**

Upcoming Events: Event Name/Designated Host

- 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:

- David Herron (K4UVU) has volunteered to fill the opening for Net Control Coordinator for the club. With no opposition or competition, the club by majority vote agreed.
- 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. **This is still a work in progress, and we will follow-up at the next meeting for updates.**

Special News/Announcements:

- Rocky Mount special event update (Michael Gallatin) - Interested in having QSL cards made for this event. Some in favor, some opposed, however many feel as if for a special event, a QSL card would be nice to have.
- Thank you to the Net Controllers who have been using the online form submission to send in their logs for the net. This helps us to keep track of attendance and trends. Special thanks to George DeVault (W3KPT) who has on multiple occasions filled in for net controllers who were unable to keep their commitment on their assigned nights. ****We will be working on an updated schedule for Net Controllers as well as a system for ensuring a back up net control station is always available.**
- Voted to have the club Christmas meeting/gathering at The Press Room versus any other locations. Menu was discussed but will be finalized closer to time for the event.

- Tom Price shared that there would be an upcoming crossband event for the Armed Forces on Saturday.