



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

Meeting Date: July 09, 2026

Location: Toy F. Reid (Eastman Rec Center)

400 S Wilcox Dr, Kingsport

Start time: 7PM

Adjourned: 9PM

Presentation: Antennas by Ed Fong

Attendance: 18

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

New Business:

- At this time, club president, Larry Dale, would like to give thanks to those who made Field Day a success. From setting up equipment to helping to cook the food, several members stepped up to help out and their contributions are greatly appreciated.
- Next month, instead of our regularly scheduled monthly meeting, we will host

our annual club picnic, and we will need volunteers to bring food, help cook the food, and contribute supplies. There will be a sign-up/RSVP form on the w4trc website. ***Although the club will supply hotdogs and hamburgers, this is considered to be a potluck style meal where bringing a dish to share is not mandatory but strongly encouraged and appreciated. While optional, we also encourage anyone who plans to attend to RSVP online as this helps us to know how many to expect for food, as well as keeping track of who is bringing what.*

- The weekly 2 meter net has resumed on Sundays at 8:30 pm. Thank you to Justin who acted as net control for last week's net, and to George who will act as net control next Sunday. *(We are always looking for new net control operators as well as those who will act as alternate net control stations. Feel free to reach out to any club officer if you are interested in volunteering for net control.)*
- Club Checking, Savings, and CD balances reported by the Treasurer, Rick Curtis.
- We currently have **57** paid and active members.

Repeater Outages and/or Updates:

- At this time, there have been no changes or updates to the repeater status, and we are still running on commercial power.

Upcoming Events:

- The KARC annual picnic will take place at Eastman Cabins Shelter #9, and will begin at **6pm on Thursday, August 13.**
- The KARC Monthly Foxhunt will be **Saturday, June 20** beginning at 3 pm.
- At the September meeting (09/10), we will have a special guest, Juan Lopez (AC6ZM) who will give a presentation on contesting.

Q&A:

Q: What is the status of the fusion only repeater?

A: At this time the fusion only repeater does not appear to be online or operational. Joshua will look into this upon his next time going to the repeater site.

Q: What type of antenna is used for this repeater?

A: We are currently unsure of the type of antenna being used on the fusion only repeater, but will have that information available at a later time.

Reminders/F.Y.I.:

- **Club meetings are on the 2nd Thursday each month at the Toy F. Reid Center (400 S Wilcox Dr, Kingsport TN) and begin at 7pm.**
- Club dues are \$20 per individual, and \$30 for family.
- Any questions, comments, or concerns are welcomed and can be directed to: contact@w4trc.org
- On the Wednesdays following the week of the club meeting, at 12:00 noon, a club lunch is held at the John B's Family Kitchen restaurant (formerly Mama's House) located at: 2608 N John B. Dennis Hwy., Kingsport, TN 37660. All are welcome to attend.
- **REMINDER:** There will NOT be a regular club meeting on the 2nd Thursday of next month, at the Toy F. Reid/Eastman Recreation Center. We will have the annual club picnic at Eastman Cabins in place of the meeting.