



KARC - Kingsport Amateur Radio Club

Website: W4TRC.org

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 10, 2024

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

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: Tower Upgrades (Round 3) - Neil Weber

Attendance: 38

Next Meeting: November 14, 2024

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

Time: 1900

Training/Presentation: TBA

Attending: Neil Weber, Bill Powers, David Rotenberry, Peter Stuart, Ron Grooms, Seth Conkin, Rick Curtis, Ron Burns, Larry Dale, Trish, Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Joshua Carmack, Eric Fletcher, Mary Ellen Broome, David Broome, Ken Klotz, Dan Gathercole, Tom Price, Tommy Osborne, Sharon Nelson, Sarah Sanders, Matt Emory, Michelle Emory, Ernest Freudeman, Lisa Berry, Scottie Rutherford, Jack Rutherford, David Gulley, Anita Gulley, John Williams, Steve Hardison, Gary Williams, Gus Stensler, Mike Lambert, Chris Carter, Greg Johnson, Julia Simerly.

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report: Discussion of hurricane Helene aftermath. Bringing awareness to emergency communication needs.

Other upcoming events include the Wooly Worm Festival which will be held at Warrior's Path State Park on Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19 at Shelter #3 ("Duck Island") from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. The call sign for this event will be W4W. **There will be a contest/drawing at this event with the prize being a free radio. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Antenna setup will begin at 10 am for those helping.

The Boy Scouts Sequoyah Council will have a "Jamboree on the Air" event Friday, October 18, and Saturday, October 19. (8am to 4pm) Near Bob Evans restaurant.

SOTA: Blue Ridge parkway closed indefinitely. Appalachian Trail (within the areas impacted by hurricane Helene.) closed as well. Keep this in mind when planning SOTA outings at this time.

Officer elections will be coming up. Current president, Greg Johnson, will not be seeking the presidency in the upcoming year. An election committee is being formed to begin the process for nominations. The three individuals chosen for this committee are: Larry Dale, John Williams, and Ron Burns.

Winter Field Day is coming up! Are we going to join the Hawkins Co, Radio Club for this event, or will the KARC do an event independently? **UPDATE: General vote is in favor for having the event in Mount Carmel, but will revisit the topic at the next meeting.**

Secretary's Report: (Christina Compton)

- Email issues—unable to send to groups of more than 25 at a time. Working to resolve this issue with Joshua, and possibly transitioning to a new system.
- Honorable mentions to club members who have helped during the aftermath of hurricane Helene (Jack and Sottie Rutherford for participating in the net on the MT. Mitchell repeater, Brody Ketron traveling to impacted areas to help cut trees out of the road and deliver supplies to those in need.)

Treasurer's Report: (Mary Ellen Broome)

- Balances Reported
- In progress of getting a CD set up with \$1000.00 from savings.
- 66 current paid members.
- Now accepting dues for 2025.

Please Note: Dues are \$20 per individual, or \$25 for a family, and should be paid to the treasurer, Mary Ellen Broome.

Repeater Trustee Report: (Dutin McClure)

- No update/Not in attendance.

Special News/Announcements:

- October Fox Hunt will be held on Sunday the 20th, starting at 3pm.
- Introduction of new individuals attending today's meeting.