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

Meeting Date: October 08, 2026
Location: Toy F. Reid (Eastman Rec Center)
400 S Wilcox Dr, Kingsport
Start time: 7PM
Adjourned: 8:30
Presentation: W1AW - Larry Dale
Attendance: 20

Next Meeting: November 12, 2026
Presentation: DXing - Seth Conkin N4XTT

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

New Business:

- We currently have **61** paid members.
- Balances reported for checking, savings, and CD.

- Our annual club Christmas meeting/dinner was previously planned for the John B's Family Restaurant. However, the restaurant has recently undergone significant changes, and is now becoming a steak and seafood restaurant. Due to this change, the club will consider other options for the meeting/dinner. *Updates will follow as soon as a decision is made.*
- Eggs Up Grill has been suggested for the monthly club lunch on Wednesday (10/14) at noon. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Proposal made by Kyle Schneider, KR4ABN, for the club to pay the $65 rental fee for Netherland Inn where he will host the Netherland Inn special event. Motion received a second, and the majority voted in favor.
- Kyle also made the suggestion for a special event at the Exchange Place next year. This event would replace the Netherland Inn event in 2027, and he will try to obtain N4X as the callsign.
- Club President, Larry Dale, has announced that he will not be running for another year as President for 2027. At this time nominations for all positions are being accepted, and a nominating committee will be formed to contact all club members.

Repeater Outages and/or Updates:

- At this time, the repeaters are still down due to an unknown power issue.Joshua will be going to the repeater site soon to check it out.

Upcoming Events:

- Fire Prevention Special Event, hosted by Heather Schneider, KR4ABM, Friday October 9 from 2p - 5p at Station 2 in Kingsport (next to DB)
- Netherland Inn Special Event (N4I), hosted by Kyle Schneider. KR4ABN, Saturday October 17 from 9a - 3p. Heather will be making chili, and there will be a "Walking Foxhunt" at the event in place of the regularly scheduled monthly club foxhunt.

Q&A:

Q: Where will the KARC 2027 Monthly Meetings take place?

A: Some feel that attendance was higher when a meal was offered at the monthly meeting, however, others seem to prefer our current location at Toy F. Reid due to the layout and accessibility for high speed internet, which helps us to livestream meetings for those who are unable to attend in person, and opens up possibilities for presentations via zoom or teams. A few restaurants have been suggested, including

Randall's, John B's Family Restaurant, or even returning to The Press Room. At this time a definite decision has not been made, and updates can be expected as we navigate this tough decision. As always, questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions are always welcome and appreciated, and can be directed to: contact@w4trc.org

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 Eggs Up Grill in Kingsport. All are welcome!

***Special note: Our Repeater Trustee, Joshua Carmack (N4JHC), has suggested an option for members to renew and pay dues, or new members to join and pay, online. Club Treasurer, Rick Curtis, will need to open an additional Eastman Credit Union account to link to the online payment portal. All current club officers voted in favor for the new account to be opened for the purposes of receiving online membership dues.*