



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

Meeting Date: March 12, 2026

Location: Toy F. Reid (Room 219)

Start time: 1830 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: How to Setup a Ham Station (Larry Dale)

Attendance: 29

Next Meeting: April 09, 2026

Location: Toy F Reid (Room 219)

Time: 1900

Training/Presentation: "I'm Licensed...Now What?" (John Williams)

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report: Larry Dale

- Two new HAMS tested prior to today's meeting and passed the technician exam,
- Matt Babler enabled remote access to the meeting for Eastman employees who are unable to attend in person.
- Next Wednesday 03/18 at noon John B Restaurant lunch meeting. All are welcome to attend.

- Work on Kent Harris equipment. Thank you to Joshua, Justin, Greg, and Chris Early.
- Acknowledgement of SOTA achievement for Anita, and David Gulley, as well as Matthew Babler, Ron Burns, and Dennis Brickey.
- Agreement being presented to Kent Harris regarding the club's responsibility to the upkeep and repair of his equipment.

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

- Need volunteers for the Sunday night net. Signup is live online thanks to Joshua. Can sign up for just one time does not have to be a weekly commitment.

Treasurer's Report: (Rick Curtis, W4BXL)

- 37 Paid Members
- Dues need to be paid by April 01 to avoid being removed from the email list.
- Filed annual report for non-profit, liability insurance, and tax documents.

Repeater Trustee Report: (Joshua Carmack, N4JHC)

- At this time the repeater is in good working order.
- We are planning a clean up day at the repeater site to weed eat and clean up the area in general, as well as climb the tower and assist with equipment. We will need volunteers to help, and will follow-up on the time and date.
- Would like to do mapping of 2m repeater where it can be reached with an HT or mobile rig.
- Meshcore swapped in place of Meshtastic at the repeater site but is currently not receiving well, and we will continue looking for a good spot for it. *No update at this time.

Upcoming Events: Event Name/Designated Host

- **America 250 Worked All States** event - June 13 at Warrior's Path W1AW 12p-6p at Shelter 3. Sign-up is live on the website for 1 hour blocks. Each operator can have multiple blocks.
- **Field Day (June)** - looking for someone to host or "Captain" the event.

Special News/Announcements:

- FoxHunt will be Saturday March 21 at 3 pm.

- Tom Price is currently at NHC in Kingsport due to health-related issues. We request prayers for his recovery, and encourage anyone who would like to visit him there to do so.