

# Zero Beat



Kingsport Amateur Radio Club  
December 2025 Edition

## **Vice President Notes**

All officer positions for 2026 have been filled: President - Larry Dale; Vice President - Justin Compton; Treasurer - Rick Curtis; Secretary - Christina Compton; License Trustee - Joshua Carmack.

We have added an Eastman liaison and Matt Babler has volunteered for the position.

The last fox hunt of the year will be held on December 20th at 3 p.m.

The December club meeting went well. Several gifts were brought to the meeting to be donated to Toys for Tots. We had two exciting rounds of trivia, with multiple prizes awarded to the winners, hosted by Joshua Carmack. I believe everyone participated and had fun. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting and voted for next year's officers.

Sincerely,

Justin Compton, K04DCD

Vice President

# Club News

2006 Officers: President: Larry Dale (KD4FTN), Vice President: Justin Compton (K04DCD), Treasurer: Rick Curtis (W4BXL), Secretary: Christina Compton (KQ4CDM), Repeater Trustee: Joshua Carmack (N4JHC).

The KARC foxhunt for December will take place on the 20th of the month. It begins at 3 p.m. And check-ins starting at 2:45 p.m. On the 146.970 repeater. Participants can start from any location in the area, keeping in mind that the foxes will be hidden within the city limits, so having a map on your phone is advisable. All fox frequencies are listed on the [W4TRC.org website](http://W4TRC.org). If you are interested in joining the first trip, please contact Josh Carmack or Justin Compton to arrange a ride. Their phone numbers and email addresses are also available on the website.

HHART & KARC meets at Randall's every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM.

NETS: David Herron K4UVU just volunteered and was voted in as the clubs new Net administrator. He currently needs 1-2 new controllers due to commitments causing problems for 2 of the old controllers. We are also considering additional nets on other bands. Let us know what you have interest in.

## **Holston River Valley HF Net 7.295 MHz**

**Beginnings:** In mid 2025 the Holston River Valley HF Net was started as a platform to bring people and clubs the East TN, SW VA area together each Wednesday night at 8:00 PM local time.

**Growth:** This net is open to anyone that holds a General class or higher license.

**Technology:** We will be utilizing Netlogger for this net. We will take check-ins from Netlogger and will request RF checkins.

[Download Here](#)

# Amateur Radio News

Help Someone Get Their FIRST Ham Radio License by the End of 2025. ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® has produced a two-day online course for prospective hams to earn their first license: The ARRL Technician Class LIVE Video Course for Ham Radio Licensing. [Continue Reading](#)

FCC Allocates 60-Meter World-Wide Amateur Band Approved at WRC-15; Continues Amateur Use of Four Additional 60-Meter Channels, and Updates 420 MHz Coordination InformationThe Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on December 9, 2025, released a long-awaited Report and Order adopting a new amateur radio spectrum allocation in the 60-meter band that was approved for world-wide use on a secondary basis in the WRC-15. [Continue Reading](#)

ARRL to Host 2026 HamSCI Workshop at Central Connecticut State University. ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® will host the 9th Annual HamSCI Workshop, March 14–15, 2026, at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) in New Britain, Connecticut. [Continue Reading](#)

“Space Sailors” Seeking Download Help from Ham Radio Operators. Students at Cornell University are seeking participation from radio amateurs who are equipped with satellite stations for help in listening for signals from a retroreflective laser sail that is scheduled to be deployed later this week. [Continue Reading](#)

First HamTV Transmission from ISS Since 2018. [Continue Reading](#)

Highlights of ARRL Executive Committee Meeting. [Continue Reading](#)

Winners of the 2026 HamCation Awards Announced. [Continue Reading](#)

## **Hamfests/Conventions - Let's Go !**

03/13/2026 - 03/14/2026. MTARS Hamfest - Tullahoma, Location: Tullahoma, Type: ARRL Hamfest. Sponsor: Middle Tennessee Amateur Radio Society (MTARS). Website: <http://www.qsl.net/mtars>

04/18/2026 - Greeneville Hamfest. Location: Greeneville, Type: ARRL Hamfest. Sponsor: Andrew Johnson ARC. Website: <http://greenevillehamfest.com>

06/13/2026 - Knoxville Hamfest, ARRL Tennessee State Convention. Location: Knoxville, Type: ARRL Convention. Sponsor: Radio Amateur Club of Knoxville. Website: <http://www.w4bbb.org>

To search for all other ham fests go to:

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>

## **SKYWARN**

If you are interested in being a SKYWARN Storm Spotter, please visit <https://www.weather.gov/mrx/skywarn>

To join our area SKYWARN organization, which is the Northeast Tennessee District 7 SKYWARN, please visit their website <https://www.skywarn7.org/>

The Importance of NOAA Weather Radios and Why You Should Own One. [Continue Reading](#)

# Amateur Radio

## Winter Field Day

January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2026

CQ, CQ, CQ...

We invite the public to join us as we participate in Winter Field Day.  
Come experience amateur radio!

Learn more about this amazing hobby

See operators make world wide contacts

Ask questions and see how what it takes to set up a radio and external antenna.

Listen to operators use Morse code, digital signals, and voice to exchange information.

Pick up the microphone and make contacts yourself.

Learn why ham radio is still considered the last means of communication "when all else fails"

### Local Information:

W4TRC

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club

Warriors Path State Park Shelter 3

2:00 PM Saturday to  
2:00 PM Sunday

146.970 PL 123.0



## **Editorial**

I want to congratulate all the newly elected officers and thank everyone who participates in club activities. I also appreciate everyone who reads this newsletter. As long as you enjoy it, I will continue writing it. If you have any content you would like published, please feel free to send me an email. I would like to thank the club for supporting Winter Field Day, as I am one of the founders, and for allowing me to be the editor of Zero Beat. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best Regards,  
Erik E. McCord, WX4ET  
Editor of Zero Beat

# Important Information

President: Neil Weber (KM4NWH)

Vice President: Justin Compton (K04DCD)

Treasurer: Rick Curtis (W4BXL)

Secretary: Christina Compton (KQ4CDM)

Repeater Trustee: Joshua Carmack (N4JHC)

The club meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at Eastman's Toy F. Reid Employee Center; Room 219; 400 S. Wilcox Dr; Kingsport, TN 37660 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Club Repeaters, located on Bays Mountain

2 Meter: 146.970 MHz (-) PL Tone 123.0 Hz

70 Centimeters: 443.325 MHz (+) PL Tone 123.0 Hz

Sunday Night Informational Net on 146.970 MHz at 8:30 PM Eastern Time.

For more information about the KARC and amateur radio, please visit our website at [www.w4trc.org](http://www.w4trc.org) or email us at [contact@w4trc.org](mailto:contact@w4trc.org)

Erik McCord, WX4ET, is the editor of Zero Beat, a monthly newsletter.