

Zero Beat



Kingsport Amateur Radio Club
October 2025 Edition

President's Notes

My trip is underway, and I am working long days at my store in South Carolina, preparing to replace my manager. It is hard work and very demanding. I feel terrible about leaving before completing my first year as president. I do not yet know how long my stay will be. I plan to continue serving as president from afar and will be there in spirit until the elections. We already have two volunteers interested in running for president in 2026: Larry Dale and David Herron. Thanks to both of them for stepping up. The elections will take place during the December meeting. Additionally, Christina, the current secretary, will continue in her role but will share responsibilities with Heather. Christina is concerned that she may not be able to attend a few meetings, and I believe this tag-team approach will be beneficial for the club.

We recently held our first meeting at the Toy F. Reid Center, and I hear it went well. I am a little concerned about participation from regular members at the new site, but we did have several new faces attend following the Rocky Mount special event. See below for the write-up on that event. The first meeting at Toy F. Reid was held in Room 225, but from now on, we have Room 219 reserved at 6:30 p.m. On Thursdays. It is the largest room available and should accommodate us even on the busiest nights. The presentation technology is also the best I have ever seen. Just a reminder: switching locations was necessary because we were not purchasing enough meals to meet the minimum requirements for holding the meeting in the press room. For those still interested in a meal, many members head to Burger King off Eastman directly afterward for the post-meeting dinner.

November's meeting will be a brainstorming session focused on several topics. One topic is how to increase membership, and another is generating ideas for 2026 to improve the club. December's meeting will be a Christmas dinner, and we plan to meet in the press room one last time for the meal. The menu includes turkey, dressing, salad, dessert, and more. Justin and Josh have planned a fun challenge game to keep things interesting. Each table will form a team competing for prizes.

We will also be voting for officer positions for 2026, so be sure to attend.

We are excited to announce the launch of a club-sponsored POTA (Parks on the Air) event, which will be hosted by Rick Curtis.

There are some concerns about the amount of driving involved during the fox hunts. Some discussion is taking place about the possibility of covering certain park locations on foot, such as at Warriors Path, to increase interest. Please share any thoughts with an officer at one of the upcoming meetings. Fox hunting is both challenging and fun. If you haven't tried it yet, I definitely recommend giving it a try. Contact a club officer if you would like to go with another member to learn.

October is still a busy month. We just had the Fire Prevention special event on Friday, the 10th. I hope everyone who could attend did so. Also, we have the Netherland Inn special event taking place on Saturday, the 18th. We thank Heather and Kyle for assisting in organizing these events.

As a closing statement, I asked Michael Gallatin to prepare a write-up outlining everything that occurred at the Rocky Mount special event. I believe this was the highlight of the 2025 special events and brought the club significant recognition. Thank you, Mike, for putting this together!

Sincerely,

Neil Weber, KM4NWH

President

Rocky Mount Special Event by Michael Gallatin

The Rock Mount event took place on October 4th and 5th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. It was an overall successful event; Executive Director Cody Boring, along with the entire Rocky Mount staff, was very supportive of our club. They have invited us back for next year's Fall Festival and have also offered their facilities as an option for other HAM events. In addition to the main facility, they have an event space located across the road.

The Rocky Mount event provided excellent exposure for the Club. Approximately 10 HAM operators learned about our event through ARRL, QRZ, or by hearing us on the air, and they actually attended to show support and learn more about the club. Additionally, about 5 to 7 individuals expressed interest in obtaining a license; they were previously unaware of the local club and appeared eager to get involved. During the Sunday night net, a few of these non-club HAMs who had recently discovered us participated, which was always a pleasant surprise.

The following operators made a total of 195 contacts across two countries. Most contacts were on the East Coast and Midwest, but we also reached Canada and California. The primary operators were Michael Gallatin, Kyle and Heather Schneider, John Williams, and Justin Compton. We also encouraged a few brand-new HAM operators to get on the air; although they were nervous, they successfully made contacts and wore huge smiles. A special thanks to non-member HAM Brad N9EN, who made 15 CW contacts on our behalf. As of October 6th, the event also received 700 on QRZ.

A special thanks to everyone who showed up to support the event. Erik McCord took a few pictures and you can view them [here](#).

Club News

The Kingsport Amateur Radio Club will host a special event at the Netherland Inn on Saturday, October 18th, from 10 a.m. To 2 p.m. We will be using the callsign N4I. Setup will begin around 9:15 a.m. Two stations will be available for operation, located behind the Inn. Everyone is welcome!

The KARC foxhunt for October will take place on the 18th 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](#). If you are interested in joining the first trip, please contact Josh Carmack or Neil Weber 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 check-ins. [Download Here](#)

Amateur Radio News

Hams Over IP. The next generation of Ham Radio VoIP. The modern, community-driven platform of VoIP that allows ham operators to connect, communicate, and collaborate worldwide.

<https://www.hamsoverip.com/>

Amateur Radio Licensing Update During US Government Shutdown. [Continue Reading](#)

FCC Issues Notice of Violation for Unauthorized One-Way Transmissions and Denial of Inspection. [Continue Reading](#)

ARRL Wants Every Ham to Help Us Pass The Bill. [Continue Reading](#)

Tennessee Amateur Radio Association. Starting Saturday October 4th, through Saturday March 28, 2026 join us in making Simplex active during those cold months! Every log submission with at least one contact gives you an entry for prize drawings!

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ISS Slow Scan TV Oct 3-9. [Continue Reading](#)

Construction of the Simple Low Profile Multiband POTA Antenna. [Continue Reading](#)

7000 POTA QSOs at one park!!! [Continue Reading](#)

Hurricane Helene: One Year Later. [Continue Reading](#)

Radio Club of America Announces 2025 Award Recipients. [Continue Reading](#)

MORE Project Seeks to License Youth Interested in Amateur Radio. [Continue Reading](#)

DXLook Introduces Personalized Band Conditions. [Continue Reading](#)

SAQ Grimonet to Air United Nations Day Message. [Continue Reading](#)

Hamfests/Conventions- Let's Go!

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](#)

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 The Press Room in Food City (300 Clinchfield, Kingsport, TN 37660). Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, and the meeting will commence 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 or email us at contact@w4trc.org

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