

Zero Beat



Kingsport Amateur Radio Club
September 2025 Edition

President's Notes

Well, time is short for me. Employee issues seem to be accelerating my departure date for South Carolina. I hate this, as I was looking forward to all the activities in October. I will try to attend the Rocky Mount and October meetings, but if it's not possible, I will be there in spirit. The good news is that I may have a buyer for my business. If everything goes smoothly, we could be discussing the possibility of my being home in six months. However, I am not holding my breath and must assume a longer stay is possible.

Good news—I believe we may have some volunteers to take over some of my responsibilities. First, Kyle Schneider has volunteered to take on WFD. I understand that Ron Burns has accepted a temporary assignment as VE coordinator with the club. Hopefully, it will be short-term, unless he falls in love with it, of course. Lastly, Larry Dale has stepped up and is considering a run for president in January.

We could really use more people stepping up to fill some of the club's needs. We need someone to step in as secretary. The position is not difficult and is a great way to get introduced to club officer roles. Additionally, we are in serious need of net controllers. My departure will leave one to two positions open each month, and Dave Herron is already filling some vacancies. Serving as a net controller is an excellent way to learn radio etiquette, and everyone should give it a try. We are also asking members to sign up to try just one night as a net controller. It's a valuable experience.

There are many special events happening in October, and I encourage everyone to participate. I am especially looking forward to the Rocky Mount event. The Harvest Festival looks interesting, and I hope club members can bring their children for the day. For more information, please visit the following link: <https://www.rockymountmuseum.com/events/harvest-festival>. I need to confirm, but the ticket price may be waived for members attending the special event. I will verify this with Mike Gallatin. Also, don't forget about the Fire Prevention event and the Netherland Inn. Thanks to Tom and Kyle for leading these events.

The big news is that we have changed the venue to the Toy F. Reid Center for October's meeting. Please note that the time will be 6:30 PM. Although this change was voted on at the club meeting, the limited number of meal purchases is driving the decision. We have had several months where we did not meet the minimum meal purchases required for free rental of the press room. We fell short again this month. We will discuss other possible options, but if all goes well, this meeting space should be suitable for future gatherings. Also, I expect the after-meeting gathering will take place at Burger King, for those of you who remember those trips before COVID.

Sincerely,

Neil Weber, KM4NWH

President

Club News

The KARC foxhunt for September 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](#). 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](#)

For questions, please email k4uvu71@gmail.com

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/>

The Northeast HamXposition ("HamX") – hosting the ARRL New England Division Convention – held on August 21 - 24, 2025, was a resounding success. The weather for the Marlborough, Massachusetts event was picture-perfect, the flea market was buzzing with sales, and major equipment manufacturers were back, along with other vendors inside the bustling exhibition area.

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Team USA brought home both individual and team medals from the 22nd World Championships of Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF), held August 16 - 22, 2025, in Birštonas, Lithuania.

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Ham YouTubers Boost ARRL Teachers Institute. [Continue Reading](#)

New Book Release: ARRL On the Air Yearbooks. [Continue Reading](#)

US Space Command headquarters is being moved to Huntsville, Alabama, known as "Rocket City USA." The move was announced in a press conference on September 2, 2025. Huntsville will host the 2026 ARRL National Convention as part of the Huntsville Hamfest, but there's a bigger connection between US Space Command and amateur radio. [Continue Reading](#)

National Preparedness Month: 12 Ways to Prepare. [Continue Reading](#)

ROC-HAM Radio Network Celebrates 200th Anniversary of Erie Canal. [Continue Reading](#)

Ham Radio Fall Newsletter Round-up. [Continue Reading](#)

Radio Club of America Seeks Board Nominations. [Continue Reading](#)

18 Clubs to Activate Erie Canal for Parks On the Air. [Continue Reading](#)

Fire Prevention Week Special Event. [Continue Reading](#)

FCC Grants AST SpaceMobile Limited Use of Amateur Radio Band. [Continue Reading](#)

Hamfests/Conventions- Let's Go!

09/13/2025 - East Tennessee Hamfest - Dandridge, TN -
<http://www.lakewayarc.org/hamfest/>

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

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