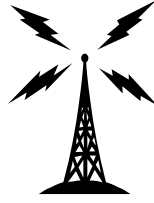


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Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club

April 2009

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Don Mullins, AE4IA

Net Manager

Position Open

Acting Net Manager

David Stevens, WB2SIN

Club Photographer

Jennifer Taylor, KI4TNT

W4TRC Webmaster

Earl Oaks, N4ZFA



Website
w4trc.org

Important Dates

Every Sunday
2 Meter Net on 146.970 at 8:30 PM
(Backup Repeater is Gate City 146.820)

May 14
KARC/BMRC Club Meeting at the Toy F.
Reid Employee Center
7:00 PM, Room 219

May 16
Breakfast Get-Together at Golden
Corral, Eastman Road

Changing E-mail Addresses?

We are continuing to compile an updated email list of the club members in order to email the newsletter or to send information about special events or changes. Please let us know if your email is changing or has changed. You can send your name, call sign, email address and phone number to Phil Alley, KE4FFO, at ke4ffo@gmail.com or to Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, kg4dtx@gmail.com or update on the w4trc.org website under the survey option. We appreciate your help in keeping our email list updated.

Birthdays

May

3 Paul Marcum (AC4QZ)
14 Walter Baldree (K4YCP)
14 Billy Taylor (KI4TNS)
19 Justin Holmes (AI4IS)
20 Phyllis Maness (KG4DTX)

Congratulations!

Several members of our club have recently upgraded their licenses. Scott Newland, KE4OVS, upgraded to Extra. Phil Alley, KE4FFO, upgraded to General. Ed Williams, KC4ED, upgraded to Extra. John Taylor, KJ4KYM, received his Technician license.

Snacks

May - Denni Feagins
June - Mike Greer
July - Jennifer Taylor
August - Club Picnic
September - Phil Alley
October - Lynn Anderson
November - Phyllis Maness
December - Christmas Party

Ham Radio

Club Dues

Dues are \$10.00 for a single member or \$15.00 for a family and can be paid at the club meeting or send a check made out to KARC with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Treasurer David Stevens. His address is 2621 Wildwood Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660. Eastman employees can join the Bays Mountain Amateur Radio Club for \$3.00. Retirees are free.

Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ. The prayer was led by Phil Alley, KE4FFO. Phil Alley had a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Zero Beat. Earl Oaks, N4ZFA, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Treasurer Report was given by Dave Stevens. There has been some activity in the account. Dave has purchased the 5 vests as requested at the previous meeting. He showed the club and there was some discussion about what lettering should be placed on the back.

The Repeater Report was given by Jeff Pierce. He is planning to follow up on the situation where our repeater is being blocked. He has sent the paperwork to W5YI and sent report for license.

The committee for the fox Hunt informed the group that they had gotten together and were having practice fox hunts on each Tuesday night. A major fox hunt will be held at a later undetermined date.

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, informed the club that she needs the members to continue to send information for the member showcase. This survey is located on the w4trc.org website.

Earl Oaks stated that he is adding articles to the website. He needs member input. Let him know if you have any ideas.

Phil Alley has checked with Eastman about the use of the Toy F. Reid Employee Center on a Saturday for a Swap fest. They gave their approval. Phil is checking on an acceptable date.

The club has some old ladder line for sale. Jeff will check on current prices so members can purchase.

A discussion of the vests included how these can be utilized by the club members. As Don Mullins, AE4IA, is the Station Manager, members should check with him to use the vests. A motion was made by Don and seconded by Earl that the vest should only be used when working club sponsored events. The motion passed.

At a recent VE Testing Session

given by Jeff Pierce, several hams have upgraded and a new ham, John Taylor, KJ4KYM, is a new member.

There was a question whether the club could purchase coax in bulk and sell to the members. A committee was formed with Phil Alley as chairperson along with Earl Oaks and Phyllis Maness to determine the expense and storage solutions. An idea was suggested to place locks on storage cabinets at the shack.

There was a discussion about the job responsibilities of the Field Day Captain. It has been determined that the club has captains for the stations as well as food, power and computers.

The club is looking for suggestions for programs after the meeting. Jeff will be presenting a program at the next meeting about Trap Vertical Antennas.

Several members would like to have club sponsored VE Test Sessions and need to find a suitable site. One suggestion was the Red Cross Building. Earl Oaks will check to see if this is an option for the club.

Earl Oaks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Newland, KE4OVS, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

*Interested in placing information
in the newsletter?*

*Contact Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX
kg4dtx@gmail.com*

Upcoming Ham Fest

May 9, 2009

Johnson County Amateur Radio Club

Mountain City, TN

Tennessee Army National Guard Building

1923 South Shady Street (Hwy 421)

When Vandals Strike Infrastructure, Hams Provide Communications Support

Just after midnight on April 9, someone climbed down four manholes in the San Jose, California area and cut underground fiber optic cables. The sabotage led to widespread disruption of phone service – including tens of thousands of land lines, an undetermined number of cell phones, Internet access and 911 emergency service – in southern Santa Clara County, as well as in Santa Cruz and San Benito counties. San Jose is the county seat of Santa Clara County. With the infrastructure disabled, local Emergency Management officials called on ham radio operators in their communities to provide back-up communications. According to the “San Jose Mercury News,” Santa Clara County called a local state of emergency, “but worst-case scenarios were successfully avoided through use of ham radios, door-to-door checks and extra-vigilant patrols”

-ARRL Letter, Vol 28, No 15

Broadcasters Begin Clearing 7.1-7.2 MHz – Hams Move In

If you were on 40 meters during the CQ WPX SSB Contest at the end of March, you witnessed a little piece of history as it was happening. Sunday, March 29, the second day of the contest, was the day on which the new International Telecommunication Union’s 40-meter band plan took effect, with broadcasters required to move off of the 7.1-7.2 MHz segment to new frequencies in the 7.4-7.5 MHz region. As a result, many European hams – long subjected to operating “split” from their 7.0-7.1 segment in order to work Americans on phone – were able immediately to move up into the 7.1-7.2 segment and make simplex contacts with North and South America. The “split” button on the transceivers of many 40-meter Dxers suddenly is going to get a lot less use.

-CQ News, Posted April 23, 2009

CQ World Wide DX Contest Breaks 10,000 Log Barrier

For the first time, more than 10,000 logs have been submitted for the CQ World Wide DX Contest, already the world’s most popular ham radio contest. In addition, the number of CW logs has exceeded the number of phone logs for the first time in more than 20 years.

There were a total of 5013 SSB logs and 5272 CW logs submitted for the 2008 running of the event, for a total of 10,285 logs. It is the first time since 1986 that more CW logs have been submitted than SSB logs. The logs contained the call signs of more than 50,000 different amateur stations making at least one contest contact. Complete results of the SSB competition will be in the August issue of CQ, followed by the CW results in September.

-CQ News, Posted April 23, 2009