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Official Newsletter

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club

~ **February 2008**

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Club Dues

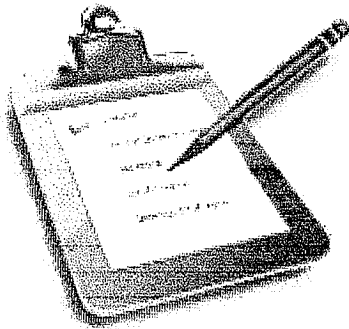
Don't forget February 29 is the last date for club dues. Dues are \$10.00. You can join at any club meeting or send a check made out to KARC and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to David Stevens.

2621 Wildwood Drive

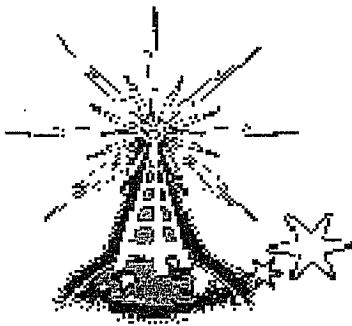
Kingsport, TN 37660

Eastman employees can join the Bays Mountain Amateur Radio Club for \$3.00. Retirees are free.

IMPORTANT DATES



- ✓ **March 6** – West Sullivan County ARES meeting at the Kingsport Lifesaving Building at 7:00 PM
- ✓ **March 8 and 9** – Charlotte Hamfest, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Sunday at 2500 E Independence Blvd, Charlotte, NC
- ✓ **March 13** – KARC/BMRC Club Meeting at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center at 7:00 PM
- ✓ **March 15** – Breakfast Get-together at Lynn Garden Restaurant, 8:30 AM
- ✓ **March 15** – Middle Tennessee Amateur Radio Society Hamfest, Tullahoma, TN
- ✓ **March 20** – Scott County Amateur Radio Society Meeting, EOC Building behind the Gate City Library at 7:00 PM
- ✓ **Every Sunday** – 2 Meter Net on 146.970 at 8:30 PM




UPDATE

Changing E-mail Addresses?

We are compiling 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. You can send your name, callsign, email address and phone number to Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, kg4dtx@gmail.com or to Phil Alley, KE4FFO, at ke4ffo@yahoo.com. Thank you to the club members who have recently notified us of email changes.

AMATEUR RADIO

Invitation

The Lakeway Amateur Radio Club in Morristown, TN has extended an invitation to visit their club meetings. The club meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Their next meeting is February 28th. The location is at the Morristown-Hamblin Library on West Main Street, downstairs in the Community Room in back of the library.

You are also invited to join their 2-Meter Net on 147.030 every Tuesday at 8:30 PM

FCC Changes

The Federal Communications Commission has changed the bank providing its "lockbox" service from the Mellon Bank in Pittsburg to the US Bank in St. Louis, Missouri and there is a new address to which fee payments should be sent. This includes amateur vanity license fees. There will be a 45-day transition period in which fees will be accepted at both the old Mellon lockbox and the new US Bank lockbox without penalty. You should be able to send payments to the new address beginning March 10 and it would be wise not to send payments to the old address after March 31.

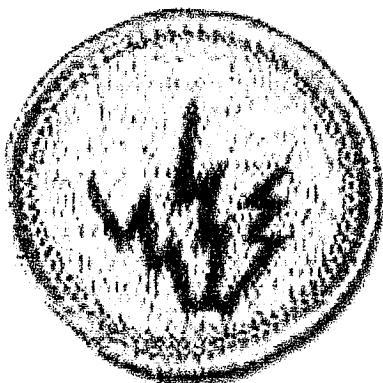
For Amateur Vanity Callsign fees, checks should be mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission
PO Box 979084
St Louis, MO 63197-9000

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Boy Scout Event

On January 19, 2008, sixteen boy scouts visited the University Amateur Radio Club Station, W4BUC, at the East Tennessee State University campus in Johnson City, TN for the Boy Scouts of America Sequoyah Council's Merit Badge University Program. This is an annual operating event for the University Amateur Radio Club. The boys were seeking their Amateur Radio Merit Badges. During this event, the boys were able to see how an amateur radio station works and increase their knowledge about amateur radio. Several scouts expressed interest in obtaining their ham licenses in the future.



February Meeting Highlights

- ☒ The website is still being updated with current information and upcoming events.
- ☒ The newsletter will be emailed to members with email.
- ☒ President Mike Greer, KC4MG, appointed a committee to evaluate the club's used equipment and present a list of possible items that could be sold.
- ☒ Fund-raising was discussed and a committee was appointed to look into various ideas that the club could use as a fund raiser.
- ☒ Tentative date for Swap Fest is April 5.
- ☒ Jonathan Wallen, KF4HOU, presented a very informative and interesting program about Ground Strikes and Lighting.

Upcoming Area Events

March 1 – Fox Hunt in Gaston County. The Fox Hunt is hosted by the Gaston County Amateur Radio Society. Meet at the Village Restaurant in McAdenville, NC at 8:00 am. The hunt will begin at 10:00 am.

March 1 and 2 – ARRL International DX Contest (Phone)

April 3 – Skywarn Training will be conducted by the National Weather Service at the Elizabethton Health Center, Truman Annex at 6:00 PM

April 19 – McDowell Amateur Radio Association presents the Catawba Valley Hamfest at Burke County Fairgrounds at 145 Bost Road, Morganton, NC. Begins at 8:00 AM

Lots of things have changed in communications!



New Extra Class Question Pool Released

The first major revision since 2002 of the question pool for the Amateur Extra Class license has been released by the Question Pool Committee of the National Council of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators. The new pool consists of 741 questions, which will be used as of July 1, 2008, to develop the 50-question Element 4 exam for the Extra Class license. It is scheduled to remain in use until June 30, 2012. The new questions include updates of Extra Class frequency privileges and license requirements.

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Area Testing Sessions

If anyone is interested in taking the exams for the first time, bring two forms of identification (one with a photo). Hams wishing to upgrade to a higher class license should also bring copies of their current license and any applicable certificates of successful completion of any exams. Exam fee is \$10.00.

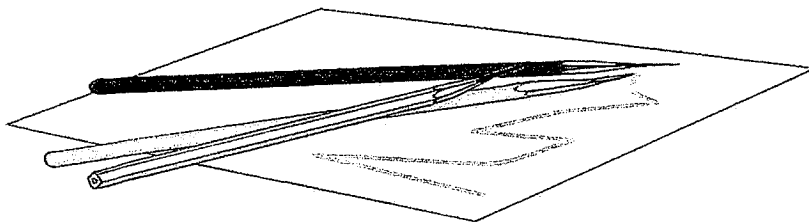
ETSU – Every even month on the third Saturday in Room 225 at the Wilson-Wallis Technology Building at ETSU. Start your paperwork at 9:40 AM. Testing begins at 10:00 AM. For further information, contact Peter Rice, K4PJR, at 423-747-7423. The next scheduled exam date is April 19, 2008.

GREENEVILLE – Every odd month on the fourth Saturday at the corner of College and Church Streets. Registration begins at 9:30 AM.

MORRISTOWN – Every odd month on the second Saturday at the Morristown-Hamblin Library in the Lakeway (LARC) meeting room. Registration begins at 6:00 PM.

NEWPORT – Every even month on the last Tuesday at the Newport Utilities Building, 170 Cope Boulevard. Registration begins at 6:00 PM. For further information, contact Mark, AG4OA, or Velma, AG4XP, at 423-625-8812.

KNOXVILLE – The Radio Club of Knoxville sponsors a monthly test session on the third Saturday at the Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, 701 Merchants Road, Knoxville. Registration begins at 9:30 AM. Contact Ray Adams, W4CPA, at 865-687-5410 for further information.

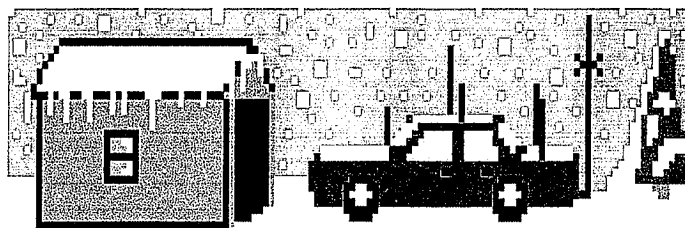


Regional Club Meetings

Club/Association	Date	Time	Place
Kingsport/Bays Mountain Amateur Radio Clubs	2 nd Thursday	7:00 PM	Toy F. Reid Employee Center, Wilcox & Industry Drives, Kingsport, TN
Bristol Amateur Radio Club	1 st Thursday	7:00 PM	Bristol Memorial Medical Center Azalea Meeting Room, Exit 74 on I-81, TN
Johnson City Amateur Radio Association	3 rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	North Side Hospital Courtyard Main Classroom, 401 Princeton Road, Johnson City, TN
Lakeway Amateur Radio Club	Last Thursday	7:00 PM	Morristown-Hamblin Library, W Main Street, downstairs Community Room, Morristown, TN
Carter County Amateur Radio Association	1 st Tuesday	7:30 PM	Carter County EMA Office in old courthouse 801 Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN
Mountain Empire Amateur Radio Society	3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM	Washington County 911 Dispatch Office, 234 Valley Drive, Abingdon, VA
Scott County Amateur Radio Society	3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM	EOC Building behind Public Library, Gate City, VA
Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club	4 th Monday	7:00 PM	United Steel Workers of America Hall, 339 Hall Road, Alcoa, TN
West Sullivan County ARES	1 st Thursday	7:00 PM	Kingsport Lifesaving Building, Kingsport, TN

Interested in placing information in the newsletter?

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