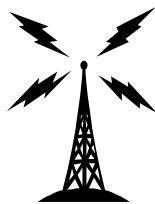


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Official Newsletter

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club

January 2009

KARC/BMRC CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2009

President

Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ

BMRC Vice President

Rick Light, KG4WZG

KARC Vice President

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BMRC Secretary Treasurer

Phil Alley, KE4FFO

KARC Secretary

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX

KARC Treasurer

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Club License Trustee

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Field Day Captain

Denni Feagins, KI4YYV

Activities Manager

David Gulley, KI4AAU

Zero Beat Editor

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX

Station Manager

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

Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ, at 7:02 pm. Mike Greer, KC4MG, led the group in prayer. Earl Oaks, N4ZFA, made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Zero Beat. Rick Light, KG4WZG, seconded the motion.

David Stevens, WB2SIN, gave the Treasurer Report. All accounts are in good standing. A copy was given to the president and secretary. David informed the club that he had obtained the requested website hosting and domain for 3 years.

The Repeater Report was given by Jeff Pierce. The repeater is working. Jeff stated that he would get with George DeVault about putting the antenna higher. He has heard about generator backup power for antennas. He is not sure if this is correct but will check into it.

Webmaster Earl Oaks would like any input about the website. He is keeping it updated. He stated that there have been over 1100 hits to the website.

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, gave the Zero Beat Report. She stated that she would like to have everyone fill out a survey that you can access on the website. This information requested includes name, address, phone and email address. Personal information is for club rosters and to inform you of changes or events. There is a box to include information about our members such as interests in ham radio, when did you get your ticket, did you have an Elmer, etc. She hopes to use this information and place in the Zero Beat in a section to showcase members. Personal information will not be put in the newsletter.

Station Manager Don Mullins, AE4IA, told the club that he is checking on the ham equipment that is loaned out. He also was going over the figures from the sale of surplus ham equipment.

David Gulley, KI4AAU, gave the Activities Report. There is an interest in doing a foxhunt. Jeff Pierce, Earl Oaks and David will put together a program to be presented at the February meeting about foxhunting. David stated that several local hams attended the Morristown Hamfest. Earl would like to form a caravan of members to visit area hamfests. If anyone is interested, this will be posted on the website. There also was a question about a swapfest. A suggestion was made to sell raffle tickets as a fundraiser for the giveaway. A committee was formed of David Gulley as chairperson along with Don Mullins, and Phil Alley, KE4FFO, to check dates that would be available for a swapfest.

A committee was formed with Mike Greer as chairperson along with Lynn Anderson and Jennifer Taylor to find information about vests for the club. They will look into what is needed by law and find where these may be purchased and at what cost.

Dave Stevens informed the club that Paul Marcum, AC4QZ, is stepping down as Net Manager so he will take on the duties of the Sunday night net until a replacement can be found. Other volunteer net control stations include Jonathan Fields, KI4MKN, Otis Whaley, KG4WZI, and Jim Bronson, K2YSR.

Denni Feagins, KI4YYV, will be the Field Day Captain for 2009. Mike Greer and Jennifer Taylor, KI4TNT, offered to be station managers. A suggestion was made to check to see if the food truck used last year would be available.

A signup sheet was passed around for members who are interested in bringing refreshments to the monthly meetings.

Phil Alley has reserved the Toy F. Reid Employee Center (Room 219) with the exception of September and December. The February meeting will be held downstairs in Room 115 instead of upstairs in Room 219.

ARES meetings have been changed from the first Tuesday of each month at the Life Saving Crew Building to the second Monday.

Jeff Pierce suggested letting the vice presidents know if you have an idea or suggestion for a program that could be presented to the club. You also can email ideas to the webmaster.

Club membership is due February 28, 2009. Dues are \$10.00 for a single member and \$15.00 for a family.

A reminder was given to not forget that the Breakfast Get-together will be at the Golden Corral on the Saturday morning after the club meetings.

Paul Marcum made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Taylor seconded the motion.



Back Row from left – Paul Marcum, Michael McConnell, Jeff Pierce, Scott Bigliardi, Tom Price, Don Mullins, David Gulley, Earl Oaks, David Stevens, Phil Alley, Denni Feagins, and Rick Light .Front Row from left – Ernie Maness, Mike Greer, Maria Hartley, Phyllis Maness, Bonnie Anderson, Lynn Anderson and Jennifer Taylor

Important Dates

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

February 9
ARES Meeting
Kingsport Life Saving Crew Building
6:00 PM

February 12
KARC/BMRC Club Meeting at the Toy
F. Reid Employee Center
7:00 PM, Room 115
Foxhunting Program to be presented
by Jeff Pierce, Earl Oaks and David
Gulley

February 14
Breakfast Get-Together at Golden
Corral, Eastman Road
8:30 AM

February 21
VE Test Session, 10:00 AM
Wilson-Wallis Hall at ETSU
Johnson City, TN

February 28
Dalton Hamfest
North Georgia Fairgrounds
501 Legion Drive

Dalton, GA

March 14-15
Charlotte Hamfest
4715 Highway 49 North
Concord, NC

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.

Meeting Refreshment List

February – Jennifer Taylor
March – Scott Bigliardi
April- David Stevens
May - Denni Feagins
June – Mike Greer
July – Jennifer Taylor
August – Club Picnic
September – Phil Alley
October – Lynn Anderson
November – Phyllis Maness
December – Christmas Party



Birthdays

February

18 Kimberly Kilgore (KI4CVW)

1 Kevin Evans (KJ4HKE)

25 Carroll Cross (WA4LBN)

4 Mike Greer (KC4MG)

5 Dave Stevens (WB4SIN)

New Ham Licenses on the Rise

The number of new amateurs entering the hobby has risen substantially for the second straight year, according to the ARRL in 2006 – before the FCC removed the Morse code requirement for all levels of ham licenses, there were just over 21,000 newcomers to the hobby. In 2007, that number rose to 26,728 and in 2008, it was just over 28,000. The ARRL also reported that upgrade applications continue to be very strong, with more than double the number of upgrades in 2008 than in 2006 (in 2007, the number of upgrades vs. 2006 rose nearly 300%). The total US ham population at the end of 2008 was 663,500, an increase of 1.2% from 2007. The number can be deceptive, however, considering that the numbers of new licenses show that more than 100,000 new hams have joined our ranks in just the past four years.

CQ News, Posted January 23, 2009

Seven Small Ham Satellites Launched

Seven small ham satellites were launched January 23 as secondary payloads on Japan's GOSAT IBUKI satellite launch. The AMSAT News Service reports that the primary payload is an environmental monitoring satellite measuring greenhouse gas levels. The seven small ham satellites – names Kagayaki, STARS, KKS-1, PRISM, SOHLA-1, SPRITE and SDS-1- will operate in the 70 centimeter band. Most will operate in digital modes and CW, only the STARS satellite will have FM voice capability. For more information and links to individual satellite websites, see the story on the main AMSAT-NA webpage at www.amsat.org.

CQ News, Posted January 23, 2009

WorldRadio Online E-mail Notification List Established

A new e-mail list has been established to notify readers of the availability of each new issue of WorldRadio magazine, which is converting to a free online-only publication (titled WorldRadio Online) as of its February, 2009 issue.

WorldRadio subscribers and any other interested people may sign up for the list at <http://mailman.sunservicer.com/mailman/listinfo/WorldRadio-L>. Direct links to this signup page will be posted on both the CQ magazine website at www.cq-amateur-radio.com and the old WorldRadio website at www.wr6wr.com.

Monthly e-mail alerts will include highlights of each new issue, along with instructions and hotlinks for connecting with the online issue. The e-mail addresses will be used only by CQ Communications, Inc., and will not be rented or sold.

Each issue of WorldRadio Online will be posted in PDF format, permitting readers the choice of browsing articles online or downloading the issue to their own computers to read at their

convenience or even to print out in part or in whole. Access to WorldRadio Online will be free of charge.

Most of WorldRadio's columnists will continue to write for the new online edition.

CQ News, Posted January 8, 2009



Reminder

The club needs a new Net Manager for 2009. If you are interested in volunteering your time as a manager or just calling the net, visit w4trc.org and click on the Net Control Ops Sign-Up link on the left of the page. You can choose any net date available. If you have any questions, contact any net volunteer or utilize the Google Group Users link, also found on the website.

Interested in placing information in the newsletter?

Contact Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX

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