

ZERO BEAT

Official Newsletter
Kingsport Amateur Radio Club
Bays Mountain Radio Club

January 2010

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

February 11
KARC/BMRC Club Meeting
Toy F. Reid Employee Center
Room 115
7:00 PM

February 13
Breakfast Get-Together
Golden Corral, Eastman Road
8:30 AM

Every Monday
KARC/BMRC Club Shack
Get-Together
6:00 PM



2010 KARC/BMRC Club Officers

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February Meeting)

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February Meeting)

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Field Day Captain (To be appointed at the
February Meeting)

Net Manager (To be appointed at the
February Meeting)

Meeting Dates – Members Providing Snacks

February 11	Chip & Joni Iley
March 11	Rick Light
April 8	Robin & Earl Oaks
May 13	Betty & Mike Jackson
June 10	Lynn & Bonnie Anderson
July 8	Joe Aurelio
August 12	Annual Picnic
September 9	Phil Alley
October 14	Randy Smith
November 11	Walt Baldree
December 9	Christmas Party

February Birthdays

- 1 Kevin Evans (KJ4HKE)
- 4 Mike Greer (KC4MG)
- 5 Dave Stevens (WB2SIN)
- 7 Scott Newland (AC3D)
- 8 Mike McGlynn (N5ZXP)
- 18 Kimberly Kilgore (KI4CVW)
- 25 Carroll Cross (WA4LBN)



Club Dues

The club would like for everyone to pay their membership dues as soon as possible. Membership is \$10.00 for an individual or \$15.00 for a family. You can pay at any meeting or you can send a check made out to KARC along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to KARC Treasurer Robin Oaks, KJ4NAW. Her address is 220 Blue Haven Drive, Kingsport, TN 37663.

The club would like to send its condolences to Paul Marcum, AC4QZ and his family for the recent loss of his father. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this sad time.

Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Billy Taylor, KI4TNS, at 7:00 PM. The opening prayer was led by Phil Alley, KE4FFO. After self-introductions, Phil Alley made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Zero Beat. Earl Oaks, N4ZFA, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Robin Oaks, KJ4NAW, gave the Treasurer Report. All accounts are in good standing. A copy was given to the president and secretary. If you would like to pay your dues, you can pay at the meetings or send the request to her home address of 220 Blue Haven Drive, Kingsport, TN 37663.

The Repeater Report was given by Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ. He informed the club that he had planned to go up to the repeater to probe for a good place to place a tower but due to bad weather had to cancel. He will probably need to wait until warmer weather. He stated that the club would not be able to place anything on the Holston Valley Broadcasting tower.

Webmaster Earl Oaks, N4ZFA, told the club that the website is there and he is keeping it updated. He suggested putting the domain under the club's name. A committee was appointed consisting of Earl, Phil Alley and Chip Iley, KJ4QCV, to research the possibility.

Zero Beat Editor Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, stated that she needs the members to continue sending information to her for the Member Showcase. She also needs all members to make sure that she has their current email addresses.

The Station Report was given by Don Mullins, AE4IA. He appreciates the members utilizing the club shack on Mondays although it has been very cold. After purchasing some insulators and coax, he was able to get the Gap Antenna up at the shack. He will contact Richard Jones at Eastman about placing a dipole at the shack.

Upcoming projects include a Morse Code class running CW. This class will be free and headed by Mike Otis, KOTIS. You will need code practice oscillators for this class. Also Scott Newland, AC3D, has been looking at keyer kits that could be purchased and put together during a Monday night get-together.

There was a question about whether complimentary members were able to access the phone patch on the repeater. Jeff explained the process.

As a new Treasurer; Robin Oaks needs someone other than herself on the club's banking accounts. Walt Baldree, K4YCP, made a motion to place Billy Taylor on the accounts. Lynn Anderson, KA4LRU, seconded the motion. The motion carried. A discussion followed concerning the benefits of obtaining a debit card for the club. Jason McCord, KJ4QAB, made a motion to acquire the debit card for the club to use. Jeff Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was a suggestion to improve the club's membership cards. A committee was formed consisting of Jason McCord and Mike Jackson, KI4OJO, to research the options for ID cards for the members.

Chip Iley had a question about utilizing the repeater for EchoLink. He and Jeff Pierce will get together to discuss this and bring back to the club at a later time.

Mike Jackson made a motion to honor Paul Marcum, AC4QZ, for his contributions to the club, with an honorary year membership. Walt Baldree seconded. The motion carried.

We had two new members at the meeting, Garrett Stanley, KJ4HKI, and Randy Smith, KR4AZE. We also had a visitor, Gideon Barnett. He is a college student working on a project about communications. He took several photographs and Jeff Pierce explained some of the history of Amateur Radio.

Phil Alley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Earl Oaks seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

After the meeting, Jeff Pierce explained how helpful a CT 3000B Service Monitor can be to reveal problems you may be having with your radio equipment.

News from the President

Presidential Statement

From our February meeting on, we will all conduct ourselves in a courteous and respectful way.

Every member in attendance will have the right to offer a motion or to make a comment during the club business meeting, but I ask anyone who wishes to speak to raise his or her hand, and I will recognize that person. When someone else has the floor to speak, we will all listen and not interrupt.

Under no conditions will shouting, arguing, name calling, and insulting behavior be tolerated. If any person can not abide by these procedures, then I suggest he or she not attend the meetings. Also, if anyone does not follow these procedures at any time during the meeting, I will ask him or her to leave.

HAM radio is a fun hobby, and we should all endeavor to keep it as a fun hobby. We can accomplish a lot of things as a club if we all agree to respect others, to act in a courteous manner, and to promote the best interests of our club. This year can be one of the best years ever for our club if we all agree to work together.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club
President
Billy Taylor KI4TNS

Member Showcase

Michael Jackson

KI4OJO

Mike has been licensed since April 1996 and enjoys HAM radio very much! Since becoming an amateur radio operator, he has met many folks whom he now calls his friends. His Elmer was Mike Van Winkle (W4HV), who guided him through the Technician exam, but many other HAMS, too numerous to name for fear he may omit someone by accident, has influenced him during the last three years. He and his wife, Betty (KI4PWN) have three HTs, a Yaesu 2-meter base radio and an ICOM HF radio at home. He enjoys working 2 meters, 440 and some CW on a very small scale on 40 and 20 meters. They have two 20-25 foot antennas to operate their 2 meter and HF rigs at home. He also enjoys working in activities with the Kingsport and Bays Mountain Radio Clubs.

Charlotte Hamfest

March 13 & 14, 2010
Saturday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Cabarrus Arena & Events Center
4751 Hwy 49 North
Concord, North Carolina
Talk-In – 146.655

Exam - Saturday, March 13 at 1:00 PM
(Arrive by 12:30 PM to complete paperwork)

Prizes
Forums
Bingo
Radios
Swap Tables

For more information, visit their website at w4fbf.org/Hamfest.html

AMATEUR RADIO

Interested in placing information in the newsletter?

Contact Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX

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Club Dues

Individual Membership \$10

Family Membership \$15

****Website****

w4trc.org

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