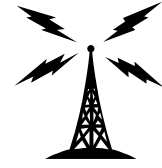


ZERO BEAT



Official Newsletter

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club

~ **July 2008** ~

Silent Key

Charles Yates, KA4TNN, became a silent key on July 18, 2008. He had been a member of the Bays Mountain Radio Club for many years.



Upcoming Hamfests

August 30 & 31

Shelby Amateur Radio Club
Gaston County Fairgrounds
Dallas, NC

September 26 & 27

9th Annual Ten-Tec Hamfest
1185 Dolly Parton Parkway
Sevierville, TN

October 18

Gray Hamfest Association
Appalachian Fairgrounds
Gray, TN



Important Dates



- ✓ **August 14** - KARC/BMRC Club Picnic at Eastman Recreation Area Shelter 9 at 6:00 PM
- ✓ **August 16** - Breakfast Get-together at Golden Corral, Eastman Road, 8:30 AM
- ✓ **Every Sunday** - 2 Meter Net on 146.970 at 8:30 PM

Surplus Equipment Sold

- 📻 Drake TR-4 HF Transceiver with Power Supply to Don Baker (KA4R)
- 📻 Yaesu Amplifier FL-2100B 1200 Watt Output to Jeff Pierce (WD4NMQ)
- 📻 Dentron 3KW Antenna Tuner to Mike Greer (KC4MG)
- 📻 2 Meter 35 Watt Amplifier to James Anderson

KARC/BMRC CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2008

President

Mike Greer, KC4MG

BMRC Vice President

Rick Light, KG4WZG

KARC Vice President

Justin Holmes, AI4IS

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KARC Secretary

Tiana Holmes, KI4OIW

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David Stevens, WB2SIN

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Don Mullins, AE4IA

Net Manager

Paul Marcum, AC4QZ

W4TRC Webmaster

Jennifer Taylor, KI4TNT

<http://w4trc.tripod.com/>

Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Greer, KC4MG. Phil Alley, KE4FFO led the group in prayer. Self-Introduction was made by members. Paul Marcum, AC4QZ, made the motion to accept the minutes according to the Zero Beat. Phil Alley seconded the motion.

The Treasurer report was given by Mike Greer for Dave Stevens, WB2SIN. All accounts are in good standing. A copy was given to the president.

Repeater report was given by Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ. He stated there is still noise on the repeater.

No Website or Zero Beat reports were given.

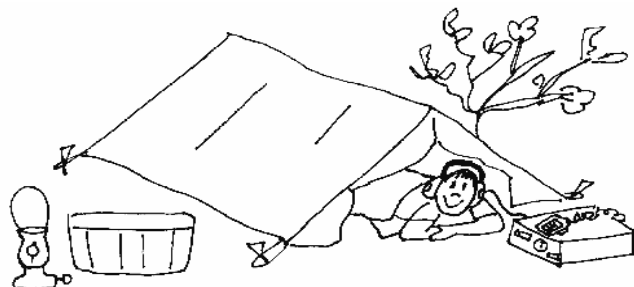
David Gulley, KI4AAU, informed the group about recent events and about upcoming programs.

- ▲ Field Day – Everyone did a good job. The club made 970 contacts and spent \$294.
- ▲ The 4th of July Parade went great and the club received a lot of compliments.
- ▲ The Girl Scouts would like the club to set up a station on August 16th. This was an event the club participated in last year.
- ▲ There were four bids on the excess equipment sales. The 2 meter amplifier was purchased by James Anderson for \$35. The Drake TR4 Transceiver by Don Baker for \$150. The Dentron Tuner by Mike Greer for \$12 and the Yaesu Amplifier was purchased by Jeff Pierce for \$255. A motion to accept the bids was made by Earl Oaks, N4ZFA and seconded by Don Mullins, AE4IA.

The club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, napkins, etc for the upcoming annual picnic. Club members were asked to bring a covered dish or desert. The club voted by a show of hands to decide whether to move to a different shelter. The majority chose to stay at Shelter 9 for a variety of reasons.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mike McGlynn, N5ZXP. Paul Marcum seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

The President of the Holston Valley Broadcasting Corporation Group, George DeVault (WA4IVG) spoke about Digital Broadcasting after the meeting adjourned. He informed the club about upcoming changes in broadcasting and answered the club member's questions.



Field Day 2008

Kingsport and Bays Mountain Radio Clubs had their 2008 Field Day at Memorial Park on June 28 and 29. The club had a total of 970 contacts. Many thanks to the members who made this a successful and fun event. To view pictures of this event or other club activities, visit <http://w4trc.tripod.com/> Club Members Webpages and Photo Links.

Going to the Club Picnic?

The club picnic will be on Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 PM at Eastman Recreation Area, Shelter 9. If you are planning to attend the picnic, please contact Phil Alley at KE4FFO@yahoo.com. This will help the club determine how much food will be needed. Bring a covered dish or desert. Everything else will be furnished by the club. Come and bring your family! There is no charge for the picnic.

New Extra Class License Manual

Amateur Radio Relay League has released "The ARRL Extra Class License Manual" and "ARRL's Extra Q&A" Both books contain the latest Extra class question pool and answer key. To update to Extra class, you must already hold a General class license or recently passed all of the exams required for a General class license. Then pass a written examination for Extra class. You will have full privileges on all frequencies authorized by the FCC for Amateur Radio.

-The ARRL Letter



Amateur Radio License Plate

Amateur Radio operators are eligible to receive an Emergency / Callsign license plate issued from the state of Tennessee. There is no extra charge for these, but the vehicle must be registered in the licensed Amateur Radio operator's name. Applications must be accompanied by a copy of your license.

You may obtain applications locally through the Sullivan County Court Clerks office (8-5, M-F, 3411 Highway 126, 323-6430) in Blountville.

To obtain an application on-line, visit <http://w4trc.tripod.com/afsarlp.jpg>.

RadioShack Recalls Power Supplies

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the recall of the RadioShack 13.8V DC Power Supplies, catalog numbers 22-507 and 22-508 with date codes from 08A04 through 01A08. The catalog number and date code are located on the back of the power supply. Power Supplies with a green dot on the product and the product's packaging have already been repaired and are not included in the recall. These power supplies were sold at RadioShack stores nationwide from October 2004 through January 2008 for between \$50 and \$85. Consumers should unplug the recalled power supply and take it to any RadioShack for a free repair. For additional information, contact RadioShack at (800) 843-7422 anytime, or visit the firm's website at www.radioshack.com/recall.



-CQ Newsroom

August Birthdays August Birthdays

14 Tom Price KI4CVU

22 Bill Lineback KJ4BUD

29 Robert Oyler KJ4LJ

31 Phil Alley KE4FFO

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newsletter?*

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Snacks

August – Club Picnic
September – Phil Alley
October – Lynn Anderson
November – Dave Stevens
December – Christmas Party

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