

ZERO BEAT

Official Newsletter
Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club

May 2009

Important Dates

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

June 11
KARC/BMRC Club Meeting at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center
7:00 PM, Room 219

June 13
Breakfast Get-Together at Golden Corral, Eastman Road

June 16
Test Session at Kingsport Computers, Fort Henry Drive
6:30 PM

June 27 & 28
Field Day at Memorial Park, Ft Henry Drive

Amateur Radio



SNACKS

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

June Birthdays

12 Don Mullins AE4IA
12 Scott Bigliardi KE4OVR
14 Tiana Holmes KI4OIW
25 Maria Bigliardi KI4YYE
28 Lynn Anderson KA4LRV
29 Jim Fansler KI4DWB

KARC/BMRC CLUB OFFICERS

President

Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ

BMRC Vice President

Rick Light, KG4WZG

KARC Vice President

Denni Feagins, KI4YYV

BMRC Secretary Treasurer

Phil Alley, KE4FFO

KARC Secretary

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX

KARC Treasurer

David Stevens, WB2SIN

Club License Trustee

Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ

Chaplain

Tom Jayne, KF4RLG

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

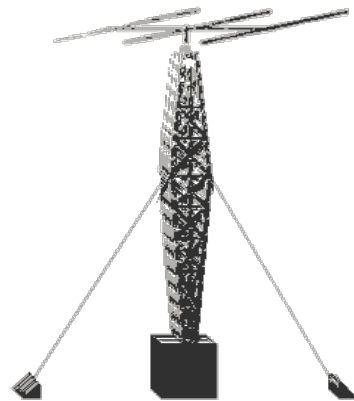
David Stevens, WB2SIN

Club Photographer

Jennifer Taylor, KI4TNT

W4TRC Webmaster

Earl Oaks, N4ZFA



Items for Sale

Johnny Hood, WD4BHB, has several ham items he would like to sell. These include a Kenwood radio, Drake radios, 2 meter rig and a Hustler 10-40 meter ground plane antenna. For more information, contact Johnny at johnnyh@chartertn.net.

W4TRC Website
w4trc.org

Club Meeting

President Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Phil Alley, KE4FFO, led the group in prayer. After self-introduction of members present, Phil Alley made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Don Mullins, AE4IA, seconded the motion.

The Treasurer Report was given by Jeff Pierce. A copy was given to the KARC secretary.

Jeff Pierce gave the Repeater Report. He has received the new club license. Station Manager Don Mullins requested a copy to be placed at the club shack.

Webmaster Earl Oaks, N4ZFA, stated that everything was fine with the website. If anyone has any concerns or issues, please let him know.

Don Mullins gave the Station Report. He asks that everyone sign in and out when utilizing the shack. He also informed the club that he has placed a lock on the cabinet as requested by the club as other clubs do have access to the building. There was a question about erecting a tower at the shack. This was tabled until a later date.

David Gulley, KI4AAU, invited the club members to the Renaissance Center located on Center Street for preparation for the 4th of July Parade. David would like to have at least 20 members to participate in the parade. Other events as reported by Jennifer Taylor, KI4TNT,

include building antennas on Monday nights at the ham shack and Tuesday nights doing foxhunts. Denni Feagins, KI4YYV, has Memorial Park reserved for Field Day 2009.

As the club now has 5 vests available for club events, there was a discussion of what lettering should be placed on the back of each vest. Earl Oaks made a motion to place Kingsport Amateur Radio Club on the back. Joe Aurello, ND2E, seconded the motion. Jennifer Taylor will look into this for the club.

Phil Alley, chairperson for the committee looking into the expense of purchasing coax in bulk, stated that he is still in the process of comparing prices. This was postponed until the next club meeting.

The club had a discussion about Field Day. Don Mullins suggested that the captains get together on an upcoming weekend to look over the radios. Earl Oaks made a motion to include as part of field day activities an antenna launching contest. Jennifer Taylor seconded the motion. Phil Alley informed the club that receipts will be needed to be reimbursed by Eastman for any expense related to Field Day. Don Mullins made a motion to appropriate \$150 for food and gas expenses from KARC. Mike McGlynn, N5ZXP, seconded the motion. Details will be discussed at the June meeting.

Phil Alley reminded everyone about the May Swapfest on May 14 to be at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center and notified the club that there will be test sessions at Kingsport Computers on Ft. Henry Drive on May 19, June 16 and July 14. These are scheduled for 6:30 PM. Contact Ed Williams, AC4ED or Earl Oaks to make different arrangements, if these dates are not convenient for you.

Mike McConnell, KI4ECN, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Newland, KE4OVS, seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Following the meeting, Jeff Pierce did an interesting program about Trap Antennas.

Field Day
June 27 & 28

Keys

Station Manager Don Mullins, AE4IA, was asked to place a lock on the club shack cabinet, where radio equipment is stored, since several different clubs have access to the shack. The following members have keys and will be able to help anyone access the equipment.

- Don Mullins, AE4IA
- Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ
- Jennifer Taylor, KI4TNT
- Earl Oaks, N4ZFA

FCC Releases Complete BPL Studies

The FCC, responding to a Freedom of Information Act request from the ARRL (after virtually ignoring an order from U.S. Court of Appeals), has released the complete versions of the studies on which it relied in making its Broadband over Power Lines rules in 2004. According to the ARRL Letter, the unredacted version of one study shows a conclusion that was just the opposite of what the Commission initially said it was. The key point in three studies examined to date was the question of whether BPL is a "point source," meaning that the signal emanates only from the coupler between the power lines and the internet. The FCC had argued that the studies showed that BPL was indeed a point source, while these studies apparently showed to change in signal levels at a distance of more than 200 meters from the coupler, along the power line. The ARRL says it will continue to analyze the newly released material.

-Posted June 1, 2009

Vanity Callsign Fees May Rise

The FCC has released its annual proposed fee schedule. If adopted as proposed, the fee for a 10-year amateur vanity callsign would go up by \$1.10, from \$12.30 to \$13.40. This fee must be paid on application for a vanity call and on renewal. The fee has varied each year since the vanity call program took effect 15 years ago, from a low of \$11.70 to a high of \$70. The final fee schedule will be adopted sometime this summer. The new fees usually take effect on September 1 each year.

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FCC Clarifies Vanity Rules

A close relative of any deceased former holder of an amateur callsign may apply for that call under the vanity program without waiting two years, according to the FCC, which issued the clarification to resolve a claim that the exception applied only to a relative of the most recent holder of a call. The controversy began when Winfield Brantley of South Carolina got a new call and surrendered W3ZD. Just less than two years later, Allan Corderman requested and received the call, stating that he was the son of the late Roy Corderman, who had once held the call. The following month, Richard Essen, N6CX, petitioned the FCC to reconsider Corderman's application, since Roy Corderman had not been the most recent holder of W3ZD. The Commission denied Essen's petition, reaffirming that nothing in the rules limited the close relative exemption to the most recent holder of the call. So Allan Corderman gets to keep W3ZD.

-Posted June 1, 2009

Upcoming Test Sessions

June 16

July 14

The test sessions will be held at Kingsport Computers located on Ft. Henry Drive at 6:30 PM

*Interested in placing information
in the newsletter?*

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