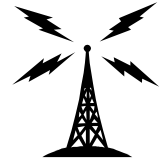


# ZERO BEAT



Official Newsletter

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club

~ **November 2008** ~

## Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Greer, KC4MG. After the pledge of allegiance, Phil Alley, KE4FFO, led the group in prayer. The club members introduced themselves. The motion to accept the minutes according to the Zero Beat was made by Earl Oaks, N4ZFA and seconded by Phil Alley.

The Treasurer Report was given by Dave Stevens, WB2SIN. He stated all accounts are in good standing. David Gulley, KI4AAU, made the motion to accept the report. Earl seconded the motion. He gave a copy to the president and secretary.

Repeater Report was given by Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ. He stated that the repeater was working. He will be scheduling a meeting with George DeVault to place the antenna higher up. He also stated that we have a 440 machine that would be installed next summer. This would help our neighboring Hawkins County hams who are having problems getting into our repeater.

Phil Alley has been keeping the website updated. He stated that we should look for our own website as we are quickly reaching our limit of available space on tripod. The club discussed name options. Earl and Dave Stevens will be looking into domain names.

The Zero Beat Report was given by Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX. She stated that everything was going fine. She thanked the members who are contributing articles and ideas to the newsletter. She also advised the club to make sure that their email address is current to receive the monthly newsletter. You can contact Phyllis at [kg4dtx@gmail.com](mailto:kg4dtx@gmail.com) or Phil Alley at [ke4ffo@gmail.com](mailto:ke4ffo@gmail.com) to make corrections or changes.

Don Mullins, AE4IA, gave the Station Report. He stated that everything was fine and that we have a piece of equipment loaned out at this time. Remember if you would like to borrow any equipment, check with Don first.

David Gulley discussed upcoming events. He stated that we have the Christmas Parade on November 22. Those hams volunteering their time would meet at the Kingsport Grocery. He also stated that he had received many compliments on the way our clubs worked these events. The past year, David and Jeff Pierce have gone many places experimenting with their antennas and radio equipment. They would like more hams to participate in these adventures. A big crowd turned out for our local Gray Hamfest. Club member Billy Taylor, KI4TNS, won the HT radio

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giveaway. We have a new member who earned his ticket at the hamfest, Kevin Evans, KJ4HKE. We also had Earl Oaks upgrade to Amateur Extra during the testing session. Congratulations!

Earl brought up an idea to help the club be more visible during events. He suggested purchasing vests to be used by the operators. We could have our club name on the back.

The club does not have a nominating committee to fill upcoming positions in January. David Gulley stepped in last month to help the president and has been checking to see who is interested in becoming a club officer. If you are interested, please contact David Gulley or Mike Greer

The December Christmas Party will NOT be held at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center. The location will be announced on the Sunday night net. Bring a white elephant gift for exchange.

David Gulley had the motion to adjourn the meeting with Earl Oaks seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM EST.

Following the meeting, a presentation by David Wilson, N4DW, was given. His topic was *Logbook of the World*. This system began in 2003 and is a repository of log records submitted by users from around the world. When both participants in a QSO submit matching QSO records to ARRL's Logbook of the World (LotW), the result is a QSL that can be used for ARRL award credit. LotW is not a backup or on-line storage and does not replace paper QSL cards. Introduction to the Logbook of the World can be found on the web at <http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>.

## Winter Weather Awareness

As winter is rapidly approaching, information can be found to help the Weather Service advertise the potential threats and safety precautions. Information can be found on the Weather Service web page ([www.weather.gov/morristown](http://www.weather.gov/morristown))



## December Birthdays

8 David Gulley (KI4AAU)

29 Michael McConnell (KI4ECN)



## Important Dates



- ✓ **December 11** – KARC/BMRC Club Christmas Party at 7:00 PM. Location to be announced.
- ✓ **December 13** – Breakfast Get-together at **Golden Corral**, Eastman Road, 8:30 AM
- ✓ **Every Sunday** – 2 Meter Net on 146.970 at 8:30 PM (Backup Repeater is Gate City 146.820)



## ARRL Delta Division Gets New Leadership

Gary Johnston, KI4LA, of Edgewood, Kentucky, will keep his seat as Vice Director of the Great Lakes Division. On Friday, November 21, ARRL staff members opened ballots for the Director and Vice Director races in the Delta Division and the Vice Director race in the Great Lakes Division. ARRL Chief Financial Officer Barry Shelley, N1VXY, Dakota Division Director Jay Bellows, W0QB, Southeastern Division Director Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, and a representative from an independent auditor looked on. Sarratt is also a member of the League's Ethics and Elections Committee.

After all the ballots were counted, the Delta Division gained a new Director and Vice Director, while hams in the Great Lakes Division voted to keep their Vice Director. The leadership team in the Atlantic, Dakota and Midwest Divisions will remain the same. Terms for Directors and Vice Directors begin at noon on January 1, 2009 and run for three years.

The following ran unopposed and were declared the winner of their elections by the League's Ethics and Elections Committee: Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR, and Vice Director Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Dakota Division Director Jay Bellows, K0QB, and Vice Director Greg Widin, K0GW, Midwest Division Director Bruce Frahm, K0BJ, and Vice Director Cliff Ahrens, K0CA, and Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE. The rules state that if a candidate is running unopposed, he or she shall be declared the winner without balloting.

Incumbent ARRL Delta Division Director -- Henry Leggette, WD4Q, of Memphis, Tennessee -- did not seek re-election this term. Two candidates, current Vice Director Karl Bullock, WA5TMC, of Ripley, Mississippi, and former Louisiana Section Manager Mickey Cox, K5MC, of West Monroe, were nominated for this seat. With 1148 votes, Cox was declared the new Delta Division Director, Bullock received 993 votes.

With Bullock seeking the Director position, this left the Vice Director position open, with Ariel Elam, K4AAL, of Antioch, Tennessee, and Arkansas Section Manager David Norris, K5UZ, of Batesville, in the hunt for this post. Norris won the seat with 1399 votes, Elam received 746 votes.

Three people were nominated for the position of Vice Director in the Great Lakes Division: Incumbent Gary Johnston, KI4LA, of Edgewood, Kentucky, former Kentucky Section Manager John Meyers, NB4K, of Butler, and Michigan Section Affiliated Club Coordinator Daniel Romanchik, KB6NU, of Ann Arbor. Johnston will keep his seat, as he garnered 1218 votes in a very close race. Romanchik received 1205 votes and Meyers received 1155 votes.

"I'm happy to be a part of this election process," said Sarratt. "I would like to thank everyone for running and also thank the ARRL members in the Delta and Great Lakes Division who participated. The big turnout shows the high level of interest our members have in Amateur Radio."

"It is great to see such an interest on the part of members in this election," Bellows said. "These close races do indeed show that every vote counts and how very important it is to participate."

The next scheduled Division elections are next fall for the Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern and Roanoke ARRL Divisions. In accordance with League's Bylaws, ballots will be counted on November 20, 2009.

**KARC/BMRC CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2008**

**President**

Mike Greer, KC4MG

**BMRC Vice President**

Rick Light, KG4WZG

**KARC Vice President**

Justin Holmes, AI4IS

**BMRC Secretary Treasurer**

Phil Alley, KE4FFO

**KARC Secretary**

Tiana Holmes, KI4OIW

**KARC Treasurer**

David Stevens, WB2SIN

**Club License Trustee**

Ronnie Byrd, AI4BT

**Chaplain**

Tom Jayne, KF4RLG

**Field Day Captain**

David Stevens, WB2SIN

**Activities Manager**

David Gulley, KI4AAU

**Zero Beat Editor**

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX

**Station Manager**

Don Mullins, AE4IA

**Net Manager**

Paul Marcum, AC4QZ

**W4TRC Webmaster**

Jennifer Taylor, KI4TNT

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

**Regional Club Nets**

Club/Association	Frequency	Day	Time
Bristol Amateur Radio Club	146.070	Tuesday *	9:00 PM

Carter County Amateur Radio Association	145.290	Tuesday *	8:30 PM
Johnson City Amateur Radio Association	146.790	Tuesday *	9:00 PM
Kingsport/Bays Mountain Amateur Radio Clubs	146.970	Sunday	8:30 PM
Lakeway Amateur Radio Club	147.030	Tuesday	8:30 PM
Mountain Empire Amateur Radio Society	443.000	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club	146.655	Thursday	7:00 PM

You are invited to the

# Christmas Party

**Where:** To be announced. Listen to the net for the exact location

**When:** Thursday, December 11

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**We will be exchanging white elephant gifts. Wrap up something fun and bring along**

**CQ COMMUNICATIONS ACQUIRES WORLDRADIO MAGAZINE**

CQ Communications, Inc. has acquired *WorldRadio* magazine, CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA and *WorldRadio* Publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, announced jointly today. CQ, based in Hicksville, New York, currently publishes *CQ Amateur Radio*, *CQ VHF* and

*Popular Communications* magazines.

*WorldRadio*, based in Sacramento, California, has been published monthly since July, 1971, with a primary focus on the human side of ham radio. *CQ*, a general-interest ham radio magazine best known for its support of DXing and contesting, has been in print since January, 1945.

Armond Noble, N6WR, Publisher of *WorldRadio*, said that at the age of 74 the time had come for him to retire. "I wanted to be sure that *WorldRadio* found a good home, and that our readers would continue to be served by an independent voice in amateur radio," Noble said.

CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, said, "*WorldRadio* has filled an important niche in our hobby for nearly four decades. We welcome *WorldRadio's* readers to the CQ family, and we look forward to meeting their needs for many years to come."

Current plans call for *WorldRadio* to continue to be published online as part of the CQ family of magazines, with Editor Nancy Kott, WZ8C, continuing in that position. *WorldRadio* subscribers will also have their subscriptions transferred to CQ magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized.

-CQ Newsletter



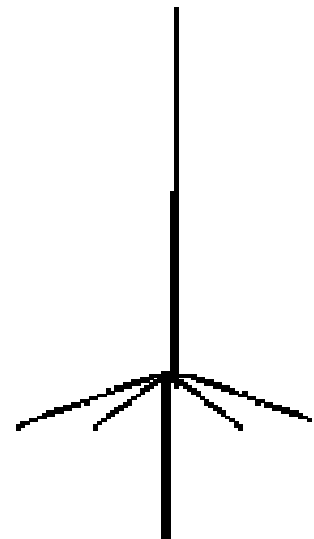
Christmas Parade Volunteers

1<sup>st</sup> Row – Earl, N4ZFA; David, KI4AAU; Karen Jobe; Tom, KI4CVU

2<sup>nd</sup> Row – Kevin, KI4HKE; Dave, WB2SIN; Jeff, WD4NMQ

3<sup>rd</sup> Row – Phil, KE4FFO; Mike, KC4MG

Not Pictured – Denny, KI4YYV and Jenni, KI4TNT



ARRL 2008-2009 Winter Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 1700 UTC – (10 AM to 12 PM EST)

1800 UTC to 2045 UTC – (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)

Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST)

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2100 UTC (4 PM EST)	CWs	Tue, Thu
2200 UTC (5 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
2300 UTC (6 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0000 UTC (7 PM EST)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
0000 UTC (7 PM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu
0100 UTC (8 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
0200 UTC (9 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0245 UTC (9:45 PM EST)	VOICE	Daily
0300 UTC (10 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
0300 UTC (10 PM EST)	CWs	Tue, Thu
0400 UTC (11 PM EST)	CWb	Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.8175 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 147.555

RTTY: 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 147.555

VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 147.555

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Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM

CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM

CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud). ASCH (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Thursdays and 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Fridays.

In communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

All licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC to 1700 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM EST) and then from 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur radio license or a photocopy.

The W1AW Operating Schedule may also be found on page 100 in the November 2008 issue of QST or on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html>.

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Interested in placing information in the newsletter?  
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