



KARC – Kingsport Amateur Radio Club
Website: W4TRC.org
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 13, 2023
Location: Press Room, Food City Center Street
Start Time: 1800 Adjourned: 1900
Presentation: Why Ham Radio?
Attendance: 29 present

Next Meeting: September 14, 2023
Location: Press Room,
Food City Center Street, Kingsport
Time: 1800 – Dinner; 1900 Meeting
Training/Presentation: End Fed Antennas

Attending: Jim Adams, Bonnie Anderson, Lynn Anderson, Matthew Babler, Walt Baldree, David Broome, Mary Ellen Broome, Ron Burns, Charles Collingwood, Seth Conkin, Rick Curtis, Larry Dale, Greg Johnson, Rick Johnson, Gabby Lawton, Tim Lee, Dustin McClure, Robert Poore, Teresa Poore, Bill Powers, Karen Powers, Tom Price, David Rotenberry, Paul Stansfield, Bob Walden, Robert Watson, John Williams, James Young, Liz Young

Meeting Opened - Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

SOTA Award Presentation – Ron Burns

- Matt Babler & Set Conklin – 100 Point Awards

President's Report – Greg Johnson

- THANK YOU to Justin & Christina Compton for a great Field Day!

- Call for more participation in POTA & SOTA

- Call for more Net Control volunteers for the Sunday Night NET

- This is important to prepare for emergency nets when needed

- We average 16 – 18 check-ins

- We need more alternate net controllers

- We can convey more club info and activity on the net

Treasurer's Report – Lynn Anderson

- Balances reported

- 68 paid members for 2023

Secretary's Report – Mary Ellen Broome

- Email cleanup completed

- 2022 & 2023 Lapsed member email sent out 6-2-2023

- 77 recipients **UPDATE**: Only 1 reply

Repeater Update – Ken Klotz –

- 2 meter is working great; 440 has some interference.

- Greg will be changing building locks and distributing keys

- WiresX is still in the wings

- \$500.00 hotpot is needed

- **ACTION ITEM**: Greg Johnson & Joshua Carmack will work on this

- Chris Early will be setting up his repeaters at the site.

- 900mhz & 6 meter

- May be completed by end of summer 2023



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Vice President Report – Rick Johnson

- Upcoming Club Presentations
 - September End Fed Antennas – Norm Green
 - October NVIS – John Williams
 - November Logging – Greg Johnson
 - December Christmas Party

OLD BUSINESS

- CW Instruction Class – Ron Burns
 - Greg and Ron will work on the schedule
 - Looks like Eastman Rec Center will be a good location for this class
- NVIS build will be scheduled for ~~June 2023~~.
 - Now scheduled for October
- Summer Field Day 2023 – Warrior’s Path Picnic Site 2 (Restrooms short walk to Site 1)
 - UPDATE:** - 30 people attended
 - The bands were bad
 - 3 stations w/ ICOM 8300s
 - Network was flawless thanks to Joshua!
- Discussion of creating a Club flyer for events and also a general handout
 - UPDATE:** David Gully is a good contact to begin this process
- HHART Rogersville has a NVIS test every Tuesday at 1300 Frequency 7.210

There are some things for sale:

- TenTech w/1000 W amp - Contact: Neil Weber

- Roan 25 tower with Tail Twister rotator (no remote) - Contact: Dustin McClure

NEW BUSINESS

- Fall Festival at Netherland Inn 10/7/2023 Netherland Inn
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Rick Johnson will check on this
 - UPDATE:** Dave Rotenberry will check with George DeVault about operating
- Fire Prevention Week
 - Tom Price will get with Justin Compton to transfer info on this event
- Radio Maintenance Shop in Knoxville
 - Owner - Carl Lyster 865-588-7120 or 865-399-7312