



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

Meeting Date: November 9, 2023
Location: Press Room, Food City Center Street
Start Time: 1800 Adjourned: 1900
Presentation: Open Discussion Forum
Attendance: 36 present

Next Meeting: December 14, 2023
Location: Press Room,
Food City Center Street, Kingsport
Time: 1800 – Dinner; 1900 Meeting
Training/Presentation: Christmas Fellowship

Attending: Lynn Anderson, Lisa Berry, David Broome, Mary Ellen Broome, Ron Burns, Charles Collingwood, Loretta Color. Roy R. Color, Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Rick Curtis, Larry Dale, Ellen Diep, Joe Ewing, Will Ewing, Rowan Freudeman, Shawn Freudeman, Norm Green, Anita Gulley, David Gulley, Greg Johnson, Rick Johnson, John Kliesch, Ken Klotz, Mike Lambert, Tim Lee, Linda Moenter, Tom Price, Paul Stansfield, Mike Rutherford, Scottie Rutherford, Gus Stensler, Bob Warden, Neil Weber, John Williams

Meeting Opened - Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report – Rick Johnson

- Upcoming Meeting Presentation
 - November - Logging – Greg Johnson
 - December – Christmas Party (2024 Officer Elections)
- Sunday Night NET
 - **WE NEED MORE NET CONTROLLERS AND ALTERNATES**
 - Net schedule and Script on our web page
- Roy Calvin states appreciation for the Get Well card sent by the club

2024 Officer Nominations – Election to be held at December meeting

Anyone can submit another candidate up until the time the election is called.

CURRENT NOMINATIONS

President	Greg Johnson
Vice President	Rick Johnson
Treasurer	Mary Ellen Broome
Secretary	Christina Compton
Repeater Trustee	Dustin McClure

Treasurer's Report – Lynn Anderson

- Balances reported
- 70 paid members for 2023
- NOW ACCEPTING DUES for 2024
 - 11 new families last month
- Eastman mail list has been updated
 - Greg Johnson Will discuss the dues with Lori at Eastman



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Repeater Update – Ken Klotz –

- 2 meter is working great; 440 has some interference.
- WiresX is still in the wings
 - \$600.00 hotspot is needed
 - **MOTION:** Purchase the hotspot **PASSED**
- Chris Early should soon be setting up his repeaters at the site.
 - 900mhz & 6 meter
 - **UPDATE:** Chris is buying more parts for this project and should complete it soon
- Looking for volunteers for a November work day at the repeater site. Need to weed eat
- Greg will do some drone photography to see line of site
- Future project: weather station on the tower
- Handing over the reins of Repeater Trustee to Dustin McClure
- John Williams has donated a first aid kit for the site.

OLD BUSINESS

- CW Instruction Class – Ron Burns
 - This will begin on January 2, 2024 and run through March
 - 2 nights per week
 - \$10 for entire course
 - Pre Course meeting 12-19-2023 Randall's Restaurant 6:00pm to eat 7:00 for presentation
- 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 Frequency 7.210
 - **UPDATE:** Time has changed from 1300 to 1400

There are some things for sale:

- TenTech w/1000 W amp - Contact: Neil Weber
- Drake Twins – contact Neil Weber
- Yaesu Fusion Mobile (like new) \$250 –contact Norm Green
- Roan 25 tower with Tail Twister rotator (no remote) - Contact: Dustin McClure

- Radio Maintenance Shop in Knoxville
 - Owner - Carl Lyster 865-588-7120 or 865-399-7312



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NEW BUSINESS/FORUM DISCUSSIONS - **UPDATED**

- Looking into a change to Outlook email for more efficiency
- Winter Field Day **UPDATE**
 - We will be joining HHART in Rogersville at AMIS Mill site 127 W. Bear Hollow Road, Rogersville, TN
- Presentation Ideas: First radios; Antenna builds
- There are Skywarn meetings at Cross Christian Church in Gray TN
- Boy Scout involvement **UPDATE**
 - Shawn is Asst. Cub Master for Pack 49; they meet every Monday @ 7:00pm at Mountain View Methodist Church
 - **January 8, 2024 Scout meeting (tentative) Need Hams to speak – Neil Weber volunteered**
 - **March 2024 - Scout Luau overnight Campout @ Davy Crocket State Park – Neil Weber volunteered**
 - **October 2024 3rd full weekend Scouts Jamboree On-the-Air**
- Scout Sequoia Council HQ is in Boones Creek

- Events for KARC participation
 - Fun Fest **2024**
 - STEM Day – Johnson City **Town Acres April or May Jason McCord**
 - More special events
 - Santa Train **2024 Mid-November**
 - Static radio and voter registration table at public area like Food City
 - Over the Mountain Men
 - Exchange Place **Spring 2024**
 - **Farmers Market Operating Table**
 - **Netherland Inn – Rick will check on site renovation status for 2024**
 - Carousel
 - Shortwave Santa at hospitals
 - **Wooly Worm Festival – Special Event station October 2024**
 - Boats on the Air
 - Car Clubs
 - Kingsport Newspaper and Downtown Kingsport Assn have List of Events
 - POTA/SOTA **UPDATE**
 - **WE NEED MORE PARTICIPATION**
 - It's the same people all the time
 - **MAY CANCEL THE POTA PROGRAM NEXT YEAR**
 - Paul Stansfield can provide contact info for other clubs to invite them to participate
 - **Emails were sent to Bristol, Johnson City & Gate City Clubs**
 - Their contact emails have been added to "Friends of KARC"**
 - **Ron Burns has resigned as SOTA leader; He will continue to post his trips on Facebook page**