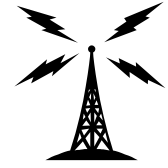


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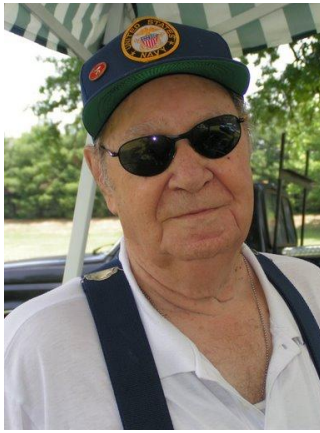


Official Newsletter

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club

~ **April 2008** ~

Silent Key



(Picture taken Field Day 2007)

Richard (Bud) Dickens (K4HYQ) became a silent key on Monday, April 14, 2008. He had been an active member of the Kingsport and Bays Mountain Amateur Radio Clubs for many years.



Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Greer, KC4MG. Opening prayer was led by BMRC Secretary Phil Alley, KE4FFO. After self introduction by everyone present, Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ, made a motion to accept the minutes according to the Zero Beat. David Gulley, KI4AAU, seconded the motion.

The treasurer report was given by Dave Stevens, WB2SIN. All accounts reported in good standing. Copies of the report were given to President Mike Greer and KARC Secretary Tiana Holmes, KI4OIW.

The repeater report was given by Jeff Pierce. He stated that the modem is hooked up and running.

Phil Alley and David Gulley are maintaining the web site (w4trc.tripod.com). They have added local area nets to the site. If anyone has any information to add, let them know.

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, stated that the newsletter was going well. Please send any information to be placed in the newsletter by the 15th of each month to kg4dtx@gmail.com. Also accurate emails are needed so each member will receive their newsletter. If someone does not have email, a copy can be sent by mail. Contact Phil Alley to give him your mailing address. Copies of each month's newsletter will be available at each meeting.

Don Mullins, AE4IA, gave the station report. When using the club equipment, please take responsibility. You are requested to sign in. If you would like to borrow any club equipment, let Don Mullins or another club officer know first.

(Club Meeting Continued)

Don Mullins went over the list for excess club equipment. He has gone to E-Bay to get a minimum and a maximum amount to aid in the pricing of the equipment. The equipment will be offered first to current paid club members. The complete list is available on page 3. There was some discussion about the way the equipment will be offered to members. President Mike Greer suggested that the members think about how they would like to have this done. This will be voted on at the May meeting. Don Mullins also suggested that a day be set aside to display the equipment to members prior to the sale. Jeff Pierce made a motion to sell the 2 Hickok tube testers with cards on E-Bay. Earl Oaks, N4ZFA, seconded the motion. It was suggested that the testers not be placed for international sale and that a money order be requested as payment. The club passed the motion.

Fund raising was tabled until next month. It was also determined that KARC/BMRC Swap Fest will not be held this year. It was scheduled tentatively for May 10 but this is the same date as the Johnson County Swap Fest. The club will make plans for next year and provide ample time for the dealers to schedule our event on their calendars.

Upcoming events listed by the Activities Manager David Gulley:

APRIL

19 – Morganton, NC Ham fest

26 – Jeff Pierce will conduct a test session at Indian Path Hospital in the Tensai Room at 10:00 am.
Contact Jeff at 423-239-5496 or wd4nmq@comcast.net for further information.

MAY

8 – KARC/BMRC May Meeting will be held at Indian Path Hospital in the Tenasi Room
Program – Amateur Packet Report System (APRS) by Bob Brudge, N1UAN

10 – Johnson County Swap Fest

JUNE

7 – Roan Groan Bike Run in Elizabethton, TN

14 – Carter County Pedalfest in Elizabethton, TN

28 and 29 – Field Day

Field Day Captain Dave Stevens gave the Field Day report. The event is scheduled for the weekend of June 28 and 29 tentatively at Memorial Park. Volunteers include Station Captains David Gulley and Don Mullins. Power will be provided by Jeff Pierce. A Computer station will be set up by Earl Oaks. We still need a Food Captain and may need more laptops.

The club had a discussion about purchasing coaxial cable for resale to club members. Phil Alley made a motion to buy the coaxial with David Gulley seconding the motion. The club passed the motion to purchase but will discuss the details of the purchase at the next meeting.

Denni Feagins, KI4YYV, requested that ham operators join him on Saturday, April 12 at the Fort Henry Mall for the large Boy Scout Expo from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. This would be immediately after the Saturday Breakfast Get-Together. Several hams volunteered their time.

Jeff Pierce made a motion to reimburse David Gulley for rope purchased for the club. Denni Feagins seconded the motion. The club passed the motion.

The motion to adjourn was made by Earl Oaks and seconded by Rick Light, KG4WZG.

The meeting was followed by a program by Jeff Pierce and Mike Otis, K0TIS. They discussed basic antenna theory, baluns and ununs. They had several items on display and these were passed around for closer examination during their talk.

Kingsport/Bays Mountain Amateur Radio Club

Excess Equipment for Sale

Will be offered to current paid up club members first

TEN-TEC OMNI D TRANSCEIVER	\$120.00 - \$250.00
POWER SUPPLY	\$25.00 - \$50.00
DRAKE TR-4 HF TRANSCEIVER	\$150.00 - \$475.00
DRAKE POWER SUPPLY	\$25.00 - \$50.00
KENWOOD TS-820 HF TRANSCEIVER WITH BUILT IN POWER SUPPLY	\$150.00 - \$250.00
YAESU AMPLIFIER FL-2100B 1200 WATT OUTPUT	\$255.00 - \$350.00
DENTRON 3 KW ANTENNA TUNER	\$125.00 - \$200.00
JOHNSON KW MATCHBOX (TRUE CLASSIC)	\$125.00 - \$200.00
2 METER AMPLIFIER 35 WATT OUTPUT	\$35.00 - \$50.00
AEA PACKET CONTROLLER	\$65.00
KANTRONICS PACKET CONTROLLER	\$65.00 - \$90.00
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Make an offer on the items listed below:

- 1 RXICC 25 ENJE CORP
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- 1 VOMAX VOX
- 1 ARMY TERMINAL BOX
- 1 COMBO TRI SQUARE
- 1 FLAT FILE WITH HANDLE
- 2 ALUM CHASSIE BOXES
- 1 THOR SPEED GRINDER

IMPORTANT DATES



- ✓ **May 1** – West Sullivan County ARES meeting at the Kingsport Lifesaving Building at 7:00 PM
- ✓ **May 8** – KARC/BMRC Club Meeting at the Indian Path Hospital Tenasi Room at 7:00 PM Bob Brudge, N1UAN, will present a program on Amateur Packet Report System (APRS)
- ✓ **May 10** – Breakfast Get-together at Lynn Garden Restaurant, 8:30 AM
- ✓ **May 15** – Scott County Amateur Radio Society Meeting, EOC Building behind the Gate City Library at 7:00 PM
- ✓ **Every Sunday** – 2 Meter Net on 146.970 at 8:30 PM

Meeting Refreshment List

May – Meeting will be at Indian Path (no snacks)

June – Don Mullins

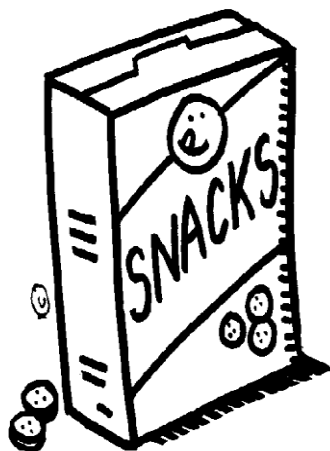
July – open

August – Club Picnic

September – Phil Alley

October – Lynn Anderson

November – Dave Stevens



December – Christmas Party

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 Gully, 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	146.670	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

*Except meeting nights.

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Regional Club Meetings

Club/Association	Date	Time	Place
Bristol Amateur Radio Club	1 st Thursday	7:00 PM	Bristol Memorial Medical Center Azalea Meeting Room, Exit 74 on I-81, TN
Carter County Amateur Radio Association	1 st Tuesday	7:30 PM	Elizabethton Municipal Airport Terminal Building, 415 Highway 91, Elizabethton, TN
Johnson City Amateur Radio Association	3 rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	North Side Hospital Courtyard Main Classroom, 401 Princeton Road, Johnson City, TN
Kingsport/Bays Mountain Amateur Radio Clubs	2 nd Thursday	7:00 PM	Toy F. Reid Employee Center, Wilcox & Industry Drives, Kingsport, TN
Lakeway Amateur Radio Club	Last Thursday	7:00 PM	Morristown-Hamblin Library, W Main Street, downstairs Community Room, Morristown, TN
Mountain Empire Amateur Radio Society	3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM	Washington County 911 Dispatch Office, 234 Valley Drive, Abingdon, VA
Scott County Amateur Radio Society	3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM	EOC Building behind Public Library, Gate City, VA

Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club	4 th Monday	7:00 PM	United Steel Workers of America Hall, 339 Hall Road, Alcoa, TN
West Sullivan County ARES	1 st Thursday	7:00 PM	Kingsport Lifesaving Building, Kingsport, TN

Additional Ham Operators Needed for Events

Carter County Amateur Radio Club will be working the Roan Groan Bike Run and the Carter County Pedalfest in June and will need additional ham operators to assist.

The Roan Groan Bike Run will be on Saturday, June 7 at 9:00 AM. Meet at the Elizabethton Chamber of Commerce on Highway 19E (near the jail) at 8:00 AM. Talk in will be 145.290 with no tone.

The Carter County Pedalfest will be on Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 AM. Meet at the Cat Island Park near the Chamber of Commerce, just off Highway 19E at 9:00 AM. Talk in will be 145.290 with no tone.

Swap Fest

Johnson County Swap Fest will be held on May 10 in Mountain City, TN

REMINDERS

KARC/BMRC Club Meeting on May 8 will be held at the Indian Path Hospital in the Tenasi Room. This is due to room conflict at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center.

If you have not paid your dues, you can pay at the next club meeting or send to Dave Stevens. Dues are \$10. Please send a check made out to KARC and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to David Stevens, 2621 Wildwood Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660.

ARES

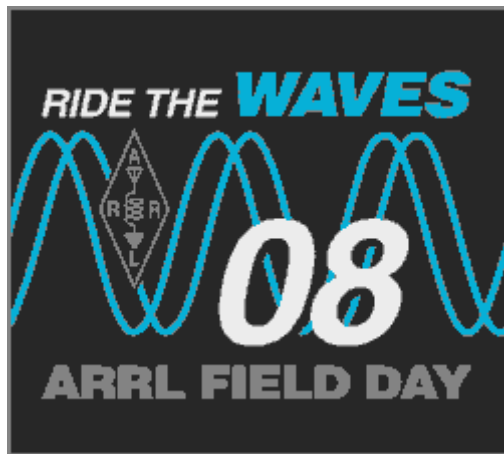
If anyone is interested in joining the local ARES, please contact David Gulley, AI4AAU, at gulleydogki4aau@yahoo.com or at 423-245-7272



2008 Field Day

The official 2008 ARRL Field Day Web Page is up and running. The page has a summary of available resources, with links to Field Day forms and rules, logos and reference links. There is also a link for ordering commemorative Field Day T-shirts, pins and other supplies. The web site is <http://www.arrl.org/FieldDay>.

-ARRL Letter



About the Field Day Logo: Ride the Waves

ARRL member Mary Von Lintig, KV2M, suggested the slogan for Field Day 2008: "Ride the Waves." A member of the South Jersey Radio Association, Von Lintig, inspired by the 2007 Field Day "bug" in last year's logo, enjoys VHF contesting and

ARRL Sweepstakes and recently joined the Frankford Radio Club. "And, I like ARRL Field Day of course," she says. "I usually operate 21 hours of the event!" An avid portable radio operator, she has even been on-the-air while operating her lawnmower. "They also call me the YL on rollerblades." Mary and her husband Richard Van Lintig, KV2R, live in Voorhees, New Jersey. This year's logo was designed by ARRL Graphic Arts Supervisor Sue Fagan, KB1OKW, and Senior Technical Illustrator David Pingree, N1NAS.

-ARRL Field Day web site



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May

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