



ZERO BEAT



Official Newsletter

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club

~ January 2008 ~

KARC/BMRC Meeting January 2008

The meeting was held at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center on January 10. The meeting was called to order by new club president, Mike Greer, KC4MG. The prayer was led by Tom Jayne, KF4RLG.

The Treasurer Report was read by Mike Greer. David Gulley, KI4AAU, made a motion to approve the report as read. Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ, seconded the motion.

Paul Marcum, AC4QZ, informed the club that he has compiled an updated directory of local ham operators. He has sent it to be printed and it should be ready by the February club meeting.

David Gulley told the club that the club's web page is currently being updated.

Upcoming events include:

- ARRL VHF Contest – January 19-20
- Winter Field Day – January 26-27

For further information or questions about the events, contact David Gulley, KI4AAU at 423-245-7272.

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, told the club that she will be doing the Zero Beat newsletter. If any member would like to input any ideas or information into the newsletter, please send by email to kg4dtx@gmail.com.

The club discussed several ideas to utilize as fund raisers. Mike Greer asked that the club continue to think of ideas for later discussion.

Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ, shared with the club a simple project he had completed in one evening. The project was a Power Distribution Box that Jeff plans to use in his vehicle. The device uses power pole connectors. Each connector is individually fused for safety. Jeff stated that if this device was purchased from a manufacturer, the cost would be around \$60. This do-it-yourself project could cost as little as \$10.

David Gulley informed the club that the Saturday morning breakfast location has changed. The breakfast now is at Lynn Garden Restaurant on Lynn Garden Drive at 8:30 am. This get-together is the Saturday after each monthly club meeting. Bring your family and friends and join in on the fun and fellowship.

The February 14 club meeting location has been changed to Indian Path Hospital in the Tenasi room, 7:00 pm. This is due to a scheduling conflict at the Toy F. Reid building in February.

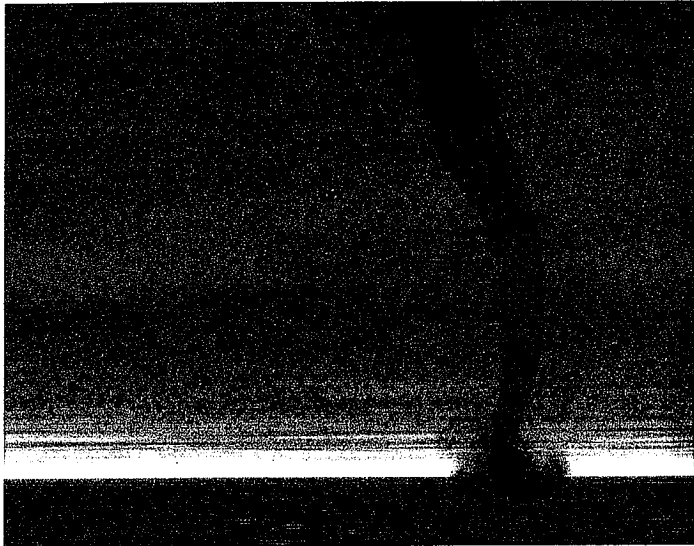
Mike Greer stated that there will be a door prize given away at the next club meeting. The only stipulation is that 25 or more people must be present. Mike informed the club that there will be shorter business meetings and a visitor or program scheduled at each club meeting. For the February meeting, Jonathan Wallen, KF4HOU will present a program about Lighting Strikes and Grounding.

A program by Meteorologist Howard Waldron of the National Weather Service in Morristown, TN was presented after adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Waldron spoke about the importance of SKYWARN spotters.

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Mr. Waldron discussed severe weather reporting criteria such as Urgent, High or Lower Priority. We viewed pictures of a variety of different thunderstorms to determine their actual physical characteristics. A better understanding of thunderstorms will help us to understand the phenomena (downbursts, flash flooding, hail or tornadoes) which are produced by the thunderstorm. Visual clues determine a storm's severity and help a spotter provide reliable information to the National Weather Service.



IMPORTANT DATES



- ✓ **January 19-20** – ARRL VHF Contest
- ✓ **January 26-27** – Winter Field Day
- ✓ **February 14** – KARC/BMRC Club Meeting at Indian Path Hospital Tenasi Room, 7 PM Program - Lighting Strikes and Grounding
- ✓ **February 16** – Breakfast at Lynn Garden Restaurant, 8:30 AM*
- ✓ **Every Sunday** – 2 Meter Net on 146.970 at 8:30 PM

* Saturday Breakfast get-together for all members, families, and friends at Lynn Garden Restaurant, 1105 Lynn Garden Drive, Kingsport

Club Dues

February 29 is the day the club has designated for club dues to be paid. If you have not paid your dues, please contact Treasurer David Stevens, WB2SIN, at 423-229-3702 or KARC Secretary Tiana Holmes, KI4OIW. Also, you may join at any club meeting.

Sunday

2 - Meter Net

8:30 PM

146.970

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