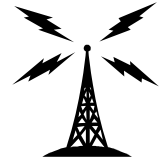


ZERO BEAT



Official Newsletter

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club

~ **June 2008** ~

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, David Gulley, KI4AAU, made a motion to accept the minutes according to the Zero Beat. Don Mullins, AE4IA, seconded the motion.

The treasurer report was given by Dave Stevens, WB2SIN. All accounts reported in good standing.

The repeater report was given by Jeff Pierce. He informed the club that there was some summer noise on the repeater.

Phil Alley and David Gulley are maintaining the web site (w4trc.tripod.com). They have updated the web site with current happenings in the area. If anyone has any information to add, let them know. It was suggested that we look into having our own domain name and hosting. This would increase our space for information and pictures as well as do away with the pop up ads.

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, stated that the newsletter was going well. She would like to include all members' birthdays in the newsletter. Phyllis also requested that whenever the club members go to an event, to let her know how it went, so this information can be placed in the Zero Beat. Copies of each month's newsletter will be available at each meeting.

Don Mullins gave the station report. He stated that a few members came to the Eastman Shelter to look over the excess club equipment. Bids are to be in by the last day of June. The equipment list is on page 5 and also listed on the website.

David Gulley informed the club about upcoming events.

JUNE

28 and 29 – Field Day

JULY

4 – Parade

The location of the club's breakfast get-together has changed from the Lynn Garden Restaurant to the Golden Corral on Eastman Road. The time is still 8:30 AM on the Saturday after the club meetings.

There was a request to change the shelter location that is used for the picnic to one that is closer to the playground as well as safer for the children. Phil Alley will check into this.

Field Day Captain Dave Stevens gave the Field Day report. The event is scheduled for the weekend of June 28 and 29 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. Allen Lark, N4TBI, will be Food Captain. The captains will meet to discuss details prior to the event. There will be a port-a-potty provided for the event. The club will not be furnishing any soft drinks this year. Water will be provided. Bring your own cooler to keep your drinks cold. Food will consist of sandwiches for lunch and ham, potatoes and green beans for dinner. If you plan to be there during dinner, please let Allen Lark or Dave Stevens know so they can accurately determine how much food will be needed. It was also suggested that you bring a tent or camper if you plan to spend the night. There is a lot of area available surrounding the stations for this purpose.

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Anyone who will be available to help with setup for Field Day should meet at the Eastman Road Burger King at 8:00 AM on the 28th.

The motion to adjourn was made by Phil Alley and seconded by Don Mullins.

Following the meeting, David Gulley discussed the Field Manual utilized by ARES members. He went over the initial checklist, such as making sure your home and family is secure, monitoring the emergency frequency and contacting your local emergency coordinator. David has put together a basic deployment kit which includes an HT, antenna, paper and pencil, etc. His 72 -hour deployment kit includes shelter, flashlights, batteries, aspirin, owner's manuals and alarm clock to name a few. Other topics covered were the Incident Command System (ICS), Principles of Repeater Operation, Incident Report Form and Incident Log Sheet. For more information, contact West Sullivan County Emergency Coordinator Jonathan Phebus, W3EE, 439 Highway 93, Fall Branch, TN 37656 or visit our website, <http://www.tripod.com> and click on AR Emergency Service link.



Surplus Club Equipment Deadline June 30

For current club members only. Send your sealed bid to David Stevens. Include your name, phone number, the item you are bidding on and the amount you want to bid. You can bid as high as you would like but bids lower than the minimum amount listed will not be accepted. Dave's address is 2621 Wildwood Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660

Important Dates



- ✓ **July 10** – KARC/BMRC Club Meeting at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center at 7:00 PM
- ✓ **July 12** – Breakfast Get-together at **Golden Corral**, Eastman Road, 8:30 AM
- ✓ **Every Sunday** – 2 Meter Net on 146.970 at 8:30 PM

New Question Pool begins July 1

The new question pool consists of 741 questions to develop the 50-question Element 4 exam for the Extra Class license. It is scheduled to remain in use until June 30, 2012. The new questions include updates of Extra Class frequency privileges and license requirements.

Morristown Meeting Location Changed

Lakeway Amateur Radio Club meeting have moved temporarily to the Morristown Red Cross Building at 1103 W. 1st Street while the Morristown-Hamblin library is being renovated. Their meeting is at 7:00 PM on the last Thursday of each month.



Snacks

July – No one scheduled
August – Club Picnic
September – Phil Alley
October – Lynn Anderson
November – Dave Stevens
December – Christmas Party

Upcoming Events

June 28-29 Kingsport Amateur Radio and Bays Mountain Amateur Radio Clubs Annual Field Day at Memorial Park, Kingsport, TN

July 4 – 5 Johnson City Amateur Radio Club will operate W4ABR from Jonesborough, Tennessee's oldest town in celebration of the 37th Annual Jonesborough Days. For more information, visit www.jcara.org.

July 4 Annual 4th of July Parade, Center Street

July 19 McMinn County Amateur Radio Club Ham Fest at Athens Regional Park, Athens, TN. 7:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Event will be canceled if rain. Contact Scott Duckworth, NA4IT at 423-263-1989 or email kg4fzr@yahoo.com or visit www.mcminnarc.com for more information.

July 26 Western Carolina Hamfest at Haywood County Fairgrounds from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more information, visit <http://www.wcars.org/hamfest>.

August 30 – 31 Shelby Amateur Radio Club's Hamfest will be at a new location this year at Gaston County Park in Dallas, NC. For more information, visit <http://www.shelbyhamfest.com>.

Scouts and Ham Operators

On June 2, The Johnson City Amateur Radio Association with assistance from the Kingsport and Elizabethton clubs volunteered a day to share their hobby with cub scouts at Day Camp in Gray, TN. The scouts were able to discover Morse Code, learn about Radio Direction Finding then make a 2-meter contact. A Certificate of Completion was given to each Cub Scout attending. Ham volunteers included Jeff (WD4NMQ), David (KI4AAU), Jerry (KD4NH), Mike (N4OFA), Wendell (K4ZHK) and Ken (K4KN)

Preparing For an Emergency

On June 7, several members of our club participated in the ARES Emergency Drill at the airport. This was to prepare members in case of a real emergency. During the drill communications went down and the members were able to pass messages from the "airplane accident" to the "hospital".

Recent Carter County Events

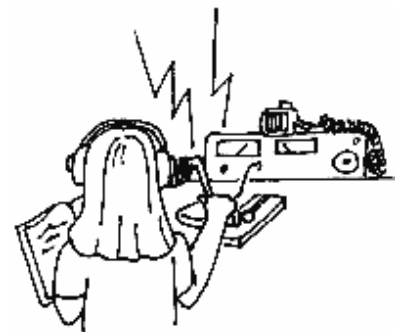
Area Hams volunteered their time to help Carter County Club during their recent Roan Groan Bike Run and Pedalfest events on June 7 and 14.

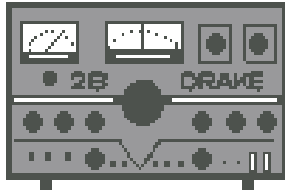
July Birthdays

4 Earl Oaks (N4ZFA)

8 Dave Wilson (N4DW)

26 Ernie Maness (KG4DTW)





Interested in placing information in the
newsletter?

Contact Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX
kg4dtx@gmail.com



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DEADLINE FOR BIDS IS JUNE 30

Kingsport/Bays Mountain Amateur Radio Club

Excess Equipment for Sale

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
TRYGON POWER SUPPLY 12 VOLT	

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