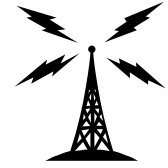


# ZERO BEAT



Official Newsletter

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club

~ **March 2008**

## Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Greer, KC4MG. Opening prayer was led by Phil Alley, KE4FFO. The meeting began with a self introduction of everyone present.

A motion was made by Phil Alley to accept minutes of last meeting and was seconded by Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ. The minutes will be included in the monthly newsletter.

The treasurer report was tabled until the next meeting.

The repeater report was given by Jeff Pierce. Jeff explained the reason the repeater was down. He has ordered a new Lexar card and when received will have the repeater back online.

Don Mullins, AE4IA, discussed the list of old equipment that the committee deemed available for re-sale. It was suggested after some discussion that the club table the pricing of the items until after the executive members meet. The complete list of available sale items was given to KARC Secretary Tiana Holmes, KI4OIW

Zero Beat Editor, Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, encouraged everyone to participate in providing articles of interest to the newsletter. Information should be sent to [kg4dtx@gmail.com](mailto:kg4dtx@gmail.com) no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. It was also stressed that everyone should provide a correct email address so there will not be a problem in receiving the newsletter. It was also requested that anyone without access to email, let Phyllis or Phil Alley know. Copies of the newsletter will also be available at each club meeting.

David Gulley, KI4AAU and Phil Alley are updating and maintaining the club website. The website is:

<http://w4trc.tripod.com/>

Activities Manager David Gulley discussed ideas for projects. He stated that recently a temporary station was set up at Fort Patrick Henry Dam. They experimented with different antenna heights and talked about the various results they received.

There was some discussion among members and guests about coming events. Those include:

Friends of Roan Mountain – May 3 & 4

Roan Groan Bike Run – June 7

Pedal Fest – June 14

Carter County Fox Hunts in the near future.

Beginning in April, Paul Marcum, AC4QZ, will take over as Net Controller.

The date for the BMRC/KARC Swap Fest was discussed but was tabled for later discussion.

Field Day Weekend is June 28 and 29. Dave Stevens, WB2SIN, has consented to be Field Day Captain again this year. He needs volunteers to be station captains. Jeff Pierce will handle power. David Gulley volunteered to be a station captain.

The meeting was adjourned and turned over to Guest Speakers, Glen Clayton, W4BDB, Section Manager of Tennessee Delta Division and Lowell Bennington, WD4DJW, Section Emergency Coordinator.

Glen Clayton encouraged promoting amateur radio to younger people. He also would like to see everyone join the organization of the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL). Please contact at [w4bdb@arrl.org](mailto:w4bdb@arrl.org), if he can be of assistance.

Lowell Bennington talked about participating in emergency situations. He explained how things have changed since 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. Amateur Radio operators are being recognized for what they do in emergency situations. He suggested that everyone become involved with ARES. All you have to do is have a ham license and complete an application. He also recommended that all ham operators take the Emergency Communications training courses.

#### ARRL Emergency Communications Courses

The ARRL offer Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Correspondence courses online for a fee. As of 2007, the Level 1 course (EC-001) is required of all ARES volunteers responding to the scene of a declared disaster.

- Level 1 – EC-001 – Introduction to Amateur Radio Emergency Communications
- Level 2 – EC-002 – Intermediate Amateur Radio Emergency Communications
- Level 3 – EC-003 – Advanced Amateur Radio Emergency Communications

For more information, visit [www.arrl.org/cce/](http://www.arrl.org/cce/)

#### FEMA Independent Study Courses

Federal Emergency Management Agency offers free independent study courses. You can prepare for the upcoming Department of Homeland Security mandate that requires all first responders, including ARES volunteers to complete training in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The required course is:

- IS-100 – Introduction to Incident Command System

And possibly:

- IS-700 – Introduction to National Incident Management System.

For more information, visit [www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/](http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/).

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## 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 Gulley, 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/>

## IMPORTANT DATES



- ✓ **April 3** – West Sullivan County ARES meeting at the Kingsport Lifesaving Building at 7:00 PM
- ✓ **April 10** – KARC/BMRC Club Meeting at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center at 7:00 PM Jeff Pierce and Mike Otis will present a program about Antennas and Baluns
- ✓ **April 12** – Breakfast Get-together at Lynn Garden Restaurant, 8:30 AM
- ✓ **April 17** – 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

### Changing E-mail Addresses?

We are compiling an updated email list of the club members in order to email the newsletter or to send information about special events or changes. Please let us know if your email is changing. You can send your name, callsign, email address and phone number to Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, [kg4dtx@gmail.com](mailto:kg4dtx@gmail.com) or to Phil Alley, KE4FFO, at [ke4ffo@yahoo.com](mailto:ke4ffo@yahoo.com).

### REMINDER

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.

## 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.

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## Upcoming Events

April 3 – Skywarn Training will be conducted by the National Weather Service at the Elizabethton Health Center, Truman Annex at 6:00 PM

April 12 – Freefest Mid-South Amateur Radio Association in Bartlett, TN.

April 19 – McDowell Amateur Radio Association presents the Catawba Valley Hamfest at Burke County Fairgrounds at 145 Bost Road, Morganton, NC. Begins at 8:00 AM

April 25 and 26 – Southeastern VHF Society 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at the Holiday Inn at 12125 High Tech Avenue, Orlando, FL

May 3 – Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society in Spartanburg, SC.

## Regional Club Nets

Club/Association	Frequency	Day	Time
Bristol Amateur Radio Club	146.070	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.

## Regional Club Meetings

Club/Association	Date	Time	Place
Bristol Amateur Radio Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	Bristol Memorial Medical Center Azalea Meeting Room, Exit 74 on I-81, TN
Carter County Amateur Radio Association	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	7:30 PM	Elizabethton Municipal Airport Terminal Building, 415 Highway 91, Elizabethton, TN
Johnson City Amateur Radio Association	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 PM	North Side Hospital Courtyard Main Classroom, 401 Princeton Road, Johnson City, TN
Kingsport/Bays Mountain Amateur Radio Clubs	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	Washington County 911 Dispatch Office, 234 Valley Drive, Abingdon, VA
Scott County Amateur Radio Society	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	EOC Building behind Public Library, Gate City, VA
Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7:00 PM	United Steel Workers of America Hall, 339 Hall Road, Alcoa, TN
West Sullivan County ARES	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	Kingsport Lifesaving Building, Kingsport, TN

## **Saturday, March 29**

The Carter County Amateur Radio Association's Spring Swap Meet at the Elizabethton Municipal Airport. The airport is located North on Highway 91 off Route 19E North. Talk in is 145.290. The gate opens at 8:00 AM for tailgating in the South Parking Lot. There is no charge. Coffee, Light Baked Goods, Hot Dogs and Soft Drinks will be available. Come for the Fellowship or bring your radio items to sell or trade.

## **Saturday, April 19**

Testing Session at ETSU, Room 225, Wilson-Wallis Technical Building. Begin paperwork at 9:40 am. Exam starts at 10:00 am. Contact Peter Rice, K4PJR at 747-7423 for further information.



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*Interested in placing information in the newsletter?*

*Contact Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX*

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