

ZERO BEAT

Official Newsletter
Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club

March 2009

Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ, at 7:05 PM. The prayer was led by Mike Greer, KC4MG, followed by self introduction of everyone present. Paul Marcum, AC4QZ, made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Zero Beat. Lynn Anderson, KA4LRU, seconded the motion.

The Repeater Report was given by Jeff Pierce. He stated that the last couple of times he had been to the repeater, the machine had been blocked by other equipment. He will discuss this with George DeVault, WA4IVG. He stated that in the next few months, he will be working on the repeater duplexes.

Earl Oaks, N4ZFA, gave the Website Report. He informed the club that the Emergency Coordinator listed on the website was incorrect. The correct person is Allen Lark, N4TBI. Earl would like for everyone to continue with any comments or suggestions for the website. If you see something that you think should be eliminated, posted or changed, click on the link on the website to email this information to him.

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, thanked the members of the club for contributing information for the Zero Beat. She asked the members if they liked the column in the newsletter called "Member Showcase". She reminded everyone to send interesting information to her so she can place in the newsletter.

Don Mullins, AE4IA, gave the Station Report. He told the club to continue to use the club shack but make sure that the 2 meter rig is disconnected before leaving the site. The gates are down at the station now so you can drive up to the building. David Gulley, KI4AAU, suggested some of the members get together for cleanup duty sometime soon. Jeff stated that the tower needs some work; the sections need to be taken apart and several welded.

David Gulley would like members to offer suggestions on what projects they would like to do. He also told the club that the club's dipole antenna is cracked but can be fixed. Building a new dipole would be a good project for the club. Other ideas included an antenna launcher, contesting and foxhunts.

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Since members are showing a continued interest in foxhunts, Jeff asked for someone to spearhead a committee. Jennifer Taylor, KI4TNT, and Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX, along with Phil Alley, KE4FFO, and Earl Oaks, N4ZFA, make up the Foxhunt committee.

Jennifer Taylor brought along two vests for the club to decide on. There was a choice of orange or yellow. A show of hands determined that the club preferred the yellow vests. Jennifer has order the lettering to be placed on the back of each vest.

There was a question about the liability of club members while doing events. After gathering information from several professionals, it was determined that whoever is in charge of an event holds the liability.

The club was informed that we cannot use the Toy F. Reid Employee Center for a swapfest. We will not have time for a swapfest this year unless it is done in the fall. A possibility would be a Tailgate only. Phil Alley will check on having the building parking lot without use of the building.

The club had a special election to elect a Club Trustee. This is an elected position not appointed. Don Mullins nominated Jeff Pierce. Paul Marcum seconded the nomination. The president asked for more nominations. Phil Alley made a motion to close the election. Mike Greer seconded the motion. The club elected Jeff Pierce as Club Trustee.

If anyone has any ideas about programs they would like to see, contact Jeff Pierce, Phil Alley or Rick Light, KG4WZG. Some suggestions included Question and Answers on Fundamentals, PSK, Different Modes, Solar and Battery Power.

Paul Marcum made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Greer seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Important Dates

Every Sunday

2 Meter Net on 146.970 at 8:30 PM
(Backup Repeater is Gate City 146.820)

April 9

KARC/BMRC Club Meeting at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center
7:00 PM, Room 219

April 11

Breakfast Get-Together at Golden Corral, Eastman Road
8:30 AM

Club Dues

Dues are \$10.00 for a single member or \$15.00 for a family and can be paid at the club meeting or send a check made out to KARC with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Treasurer David Stevens. His address is 2621 Wildwood Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660. Eastman employees can join the Bays Mountain Amateur Radio Club for \$3.00. Retirees are free.

Meeting Refreshment List

April- David Stevens
May - Denni Feagins
June – Mike Greer
July – Jennifer Taylor
August – Club Picnic
September – Phil Alley
October – Lynn Anderson
November – Phyllis Maness
December – Christmas Party

KARC/BMRC CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2009

President

Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ

BMRC Vice President

Rick Light, KG4WZG

KARC Vice President

Denni Feagins, KI4YYV

BMRC Secretary Treasurer

Phil Alley, KE4FFO

KARC Secretary

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX

KARC Treasurer

David Stevens, WB2SIN

Club License Trustee

Jeff Pierce, WD4NMQ

Chaplain

Tom Jayne, KF4RLG

Field Day Captain

Denni Feagins, KI4YYV

Activities Manager

David Gulley, KI4AAU

Zero Beat Editor

Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX

Station Manager

Don Mullins, AE4IA

Net Manager

Position Open

Acting Net Manager

David Stevens, WB2SIN

Club Photographer

Jennifer Taylor, KI4TNT

W4TRC Webmaster

Earl Oaks, N4ZFA

Website

w4trc.org

Member Showcase

N5ZXP

Michael McGlynn

Mike has been an Amateur since 1978. His first call was KA7BLO. His Elmer was Dennis at Mountain Home Air Force Base. He took his General exam at the Philadelphia FCC office in 1979, just before going to RAF Lakenheath in England. He received his General call sign, N3AUP. He held call sign G5CZM in England until G5 calls were rescinded and received call sign G0AAF. In 1990, he returned to the United States and requested a 5 Land Call and received his present call sign. Mike is in the process of getting a station on the air. He enjoys contesting and operating on HF bands, award hunting and community service. This is the longest he has been in one spot in almost 20 years.



KJ4BUD

Bill Lineback

Bill has been licensed since January 2008. His Elmer is Bill Owens. He presently has an Icom 91AD 2 meter handheld and a Ten-Tec Jupiter. He is in the process of getting his radio equipment up and running. He plans on having his antenna problems resolved by spring.



Birthdays

April 29

Denni Feagins (KI4YYV)



Get Ready for ARRL Field Day 2009

The official 2009 ARRL Field Day Web page is up and running. (<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/>). This page includes a summary of available resources, with links to Field Day forms and rules, logos and reference links. The page also includes a quick link to the map-based Field Day Station Locator where users can search for public Field Day sites. "Field Day is the largest on-the-air operating event," said ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "The event draws tens of thousands of radio amateurs to the airwaves over a single weekend." This year, Field Day is June 27-28.

According to Henderson, it has become a tradition to create a new logo each year to commemorate Field Day: "This year's logo evokes a sense of the 'great outdoors' in camp-like fashion. We hope the logo inspires even more participants to get active, get outdoors and get on-the-air." This year's logo was designed by ARRL Graphic Arts Supervisor Sue Fagan, KB1OKW, and Senior Technical Illustrator David Pingree, N1NAS.

The Field Day page also includes a link for ordering commemorative Field Day T-shirts, hats, pins and other supplies. All of the items are available for ordering now; many of the items are already in stock. Radio clubs are encouraged to order early.

-ARRL Web: ARRL News

Antenna Building

For the past few weeks, several members have been meeting at the club shack to make antennas. They are trying to meet at least once a week (Monday or Tuesday nights). So far, they have made radio direction finding antennas, J-Poles and Slim Jims. If you're interested in participating, be sure to check out Google Groups on the w4trc.org website.



David Gulley (K14AAU), Jennifer Taylor (K14TNT), Phil Alley (KE4FFO), Earl Oaks (N4ZFA) and Phyllis Maness (KG4DTX) show off their Radio Direction Finding Antennas.

Interested in placing information in the newsletter?

Contact Phyllis Maness, KG4DTX

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