



KARC - Kingsport Amateur Radio Club
Website: W4TRC.org
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 11, 2025

Location: (Food City) The Press Room, 300 Clinchfield St., Kingsport TN

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: Special Events - Larry Dale

Attendance: (Information not available at this time)

Next Meeting: October, 09 2025

Location: Toy F Reid

Time: 1830

Training/Presentation: POTA - Justin Compton

Attending: (Information not available at this time)

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

*Observed an additional moment of silence in remembrance of the anniversary of September 11, as well as acknowledgment of the assassination of Charlie Kirk on September 10, 2025.

President's Report: (Neil Weber, KM4NWH)

- 17 Meals were sold at this evening's meeting. The cost of the meal has increased to \$17 per person. However, we were charged \$14 per person this evening, so we will need to check with Food City to confirm meal costs, or if the cost depends on what is being served. Will follow up at next meeting.
- Discussing whether we need to explore other options for the meeting location (possibly Toy F. Reid) **UPDATE: NEXT MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE TOY F. REID BUILDING AT 6:30.**
- Suggestion of a vote on the club website, which will be discussed with Joshua, and Neil will send out an email.
- Neil may have to relocate to SC sooner than planned due to work, and may not be here for the Rocky Mount event. May be back as soon as 6 months, but could be gone 2-3 years.
- Looking for nominations for President and Secretary for 2026, as well as needing a new VE Coordinator **(Ron Burns has expressed interest in becoming the new VE Coordinator, and Larry Dale has expressed interest in the President position)**
- Checked into the cost of "porta-potty" for Winter Field Day, however the cost is more than we are willing or able to pay..

Vice President's Report: (Justin Compton, KO4DCD)

- Discussed upcoming presentations and trainings.
- Upcoming presentations and trainings include:
 - October - POTA (Justin Compton)
 - November - Undecided at this time. (Suggestions: "Round Table Discussion", or VarAc)
 - December - Christmas Party/Trivia

Secretary's Report: (Christina Compton, KQ4CDM)

- No updates at this time, but encouraging others to run for Secretary position for 2026.

Treasurer's Report: (Rick Curtis)

- 59 Paid Members
- Balances Reported
- Repeater Site for sale. Asking price is \$22,000

Repeater Trustee Report: (Joshua Carmack, N4JHC)

**Not in attendance*

Net Control Coordinator: (David Herron, K4UVU)

- Thank you to everyone participating in the weekly net.
- Need volunteers for net control, especially with Neil leaving, and Kevin Morell no longer participating. (Mike Gallatin volunteered for Sunday September 21st, and Heather Schneider volunteered for Sunday September 28th)
- We need to **consistently** have an alternate net control station.

Upcoming Events: Event Name/Designated Host

- **Rocky Mount/Mike Gallatin (KR4ABX)** Saturday October 4, and Sunday October 5 from 10am - 5pm. See Mike if you would like to participate or volunteer to help with this event and/or help to set up antennas. This event will take place during the Rocky Mount Fall Festival so there will be food, drinks, and activities nearby.
- **Fire Prevention Week/Tom Price (KI4CVU)** October 5-11 Will be National Fire Prevention Week. On Wednesday, October 8th, Tom would like for someone to volunteer to take over for this event next year, and has offered for that person to come to the fire station with him to meet Mr. Brickey.
- **Netherland Inn/Kyle Schneider (KR4ABN)** Event will take place on Saturday October 18th 10 AM - 3 PM.
- **WINTER FIELD DAY UPDATES:** Kyle Schneider has expressed interest in hosting Winter Field Day, and Larry Dale has offered to purchase one night at Warriors himself as to not impact the clubs funds. Mike Gallatin has also offered his garage as a possible location for the event. **Will follow-up at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Chris Early will not be available to meet with Neil about the land (repeater site) until sometime in October, however Neil is unsure if he will still be here at that time.

Special News/Announcements:

- Fox Hunt will be Saturday 09/20 at 3 pm