



KARC - Kingsport Amateur Radio Club

Website: W4TRC.org

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 12, 2025

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

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: APRS/PICO Balloons - Steven Bible

Attendance: 30

Next Meeting: July 10, 2025

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

Time: 1900

Training/Presentation: Basics of Digital Modes - Justin Compton (KO4DCD)

Attending: Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Gary Williams, Charles Collingwood, Tom Price, John Williams, David Rotenberry, Larry Dale, Andrew Burch, Neil Weber, David Herron, Scott Schneider, Jerry Schneider, Peter Stuart, Ron Grooms, Jack Rutherford, Dennis Brickey, Ron Burns, Steve Walters, Jon Bible, Steve Bible, Kyle Schneider, Heather Schneider, Greyson Schneider, Elled Diep, Riley Compton, Mike Lambert, David Gulley, Anita Gulley, Sabrina Gulley

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

***Special prayer request for Rick Curtis who has recently had open heart surgery.*

President's Report: (Neil Weber, KM4NWH)

- 17 Meals were sold at this evening's meeting. Will add pork tenderloin meal to regular rotation.
- Field Day: UPDATE: Need to know who is bringing what. Will have hotdogs and hamburgers brought by Neil. fried chicken from Larry Dale, sides, drinks, etc... Will need volunteers for Friday evening to set up. *Justin Ron around 6pm +2 others Ron Grooms.
- Santa Train - UPDATE: Finally able to have meeting with CSX they are refusing to support it due to liability for insurance and other reasons, so unfortunately **the Santa Train event will no longer be a possibility for the club.** ***Thank you to those who volunteered to help with this special event, as well as those who worked to get the information to attempt to make this possible.*
- Fox Hunt will be Saturday 06/21 beginning at 3pm. As the winners of the May Fox Hunt, Justin and Christina Compton will be hiding the foxes at a publicly accessible place within Kingsport City Limits. All are welcome and encouraged to participate!
- Carter County club has contacted Neil about a bus to Huntsville Alabama HamFest (unsure of cost at this time, but if interested, reach out to Neil.)
- Picnic signup? Will talk to Joshua and have picnic signup live on website following the completion of Field Day.
- POTA and SOTA UPDATE: SOTA campout July 19-20 (Saturday and Sunday) at Rock Creek Campground near Erwin will have hotdog roast.

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

- Discussed upcoming presentations and trainings.
- Upcoming presentations and trainings include:
 - July - Digital Modes Basics, with demonstration - Justin Compton
 - August - Picnic
 - September - POTA

Secretary's Report: (Christina Compton, KQ4CDM)

- Field Day is approaching, and we are still looking for volunteers. The sign-up form is live on the w4trc.org website. **We would also like to know how many people intend to spend the night.

Treasurer's Report: (Rick Curtis)

*Not in attendance due to medical reasons.

Repeater Trustee Report: (Joshua Carmack, N4JHC)

**Not in attendance due to an auto accident.*

- (Per Neil:) We are still working on meshtastic.
- We have a proposed new club banner design to present at a later date.
***Will follow-up on this at the next meeting.*

Net Control Coordinator: (David Herron, K4UVU)

- Sunday night 2m net participation is up, still trying to get it higher, looking for more involvement during the net.
- We need more net controllers and/or alternates.
- Wed 8pm 7295 AM non club affiliated net

Upcoming Events: Event Name/Designated Host

- **Field Day/Justin Compton (KO4DCD)** ***If you have not yet signed up on the website to attend or volunteer for Field Day, please do so.*
- **Netherland Inn/Kyle Schneider (KR4ABN)** Event will take place on Saturday October 18th 10 AM - 3 PM. Have secured club callsign N4I for this event. ***Special thanks to Larry Dale for his assistance.*
- **Fun Fest/Neil Weber (KM4NWH)** *UPDATE: Will have table set up during Family Day at Fun Fest. Mike Gallatin and family have volunteered to lead this event, but we still need volunteers to assist. **Monday July 21st 10 am - 3 pm & Tuesday, July 22nd 1 pm -5 pm.** **Larry Dale has volunteered to assist on Monday.*
- **Fire Prevention Week/Tom Price (KI4CVU)** *October 5-11 Will be National Fire Prevention Week. On Wednesday, October 8th, Tom will be at fire Station 2 off Fort Henry (will update with time at a later date)*
- **Santa Train/Neil Weber and Greg Johnson** *UPDATE: This event will not be possible due to lack of support and/or approval from CSX. **We will have no further information or follow-ups on this topic.*
- **Rocky Mount/Mike Gallatin (KR4ABX)** *No update at this time (Mike was unable to attend the meeting.)*

New Business:

- No New Business at this time.

Special News/Announcements:

- Ron Burns (NR3E) presented Dennis Brikey (N4DD) with the SOTA Mountain Goat award for reaching 1000 points.
- Special thanks to Rick Brooks for donating his 991A (Neil will need to order a quick reference guide)
- Tom Price shared that there would be an upcoming crossband event for the Thirteen Colonies.