



KARC - Kingsport Amateur Radio Club

Website: W4TRC.org

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 09, 2025

Location: Toy F. Reid (Room 225)

Start time: 1830 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: POTA - Justin Compton

Attendance: 24

Next Meeting: November 13, 2025

Location: Toy F Reid (Room 219)

Time: 1900

Training/Presentation: Roundtable Discussion

Attending: Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Larry Dale, Trish Dale, Scott Schneider, Peter Stuart, Gerald Schneider, Alex Maves, Michael Lambert, Joshua Carmack, Andrew Burch, John Williams, Gary Williams, Phil Alley, David Herron, Jack Rutherford, Joe Ewing, Will Ewing, Spencer Hochstetler, Rick Curtis, Heather Schneider, Kyle Schneider, Greyson Schneider

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report: (Neil Weber, KM4NWH)

- Not in attendance due to relocation to South Carolina.

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

- Due to Neil relocating to South Carolina, the president role is currently empty. Held vote to determine whether to leave the president seat empty until 2026, or to vote in an interim president to finish out the 2025 year. Club voted to leave the seat empty with VP leading the last 3 meetings and handling all club business for the remainder of the year.
- Discussed upcoming presentations and training.
- Upcoming presentations and trainings include:
 - November - Roundtable Discussion (Toy F. Reid - Room 219)
 - December - Christmas Party/Trivia (Press Room)

Secretary's Report: (Christina Compton, KQ4CDM)

- Special acknowledgement of Kyle and Heather Schneider who have not only been going above and beyond for the club (volunteering to host special events, attending most club events, and also helping with the weekly net), but have also in their spare time been helping fellow HAMS Garland Caudill and Tom Price. (At this time, both Garland and Tom have been hospitalized and could use prayers.) Heather shared information regarding the hospital name and room number for others to be able to visit Tom.
- Encouraging members to check on their fellow HAMS. Looking for updates on Lynn Anderson and Bill Powers, but also any other members who may not have attended a meeting or event in some time, or those we know are having health issues.
- At this time, no others have expressed any interest in running for the Secretary position for the club in 2026. If no others come forward before club elections at the end of the year, it has been proposed that Heather Schneider join the board as a second Secretary (or co-secretary) with Christina Compton remaining in the position as well. As there appear to be no issues with this after reviewing the club constitution and by-laws, a vote was held where the majority voted in favor of this change for next year.
- Request has been made that funds be allotted from the treasury for a "hospitality fund" which would be used by the secretary or secretaries for such things as

sympathy cards, get well soon cards, flowers, etc... in the event of sickness, death or death in the family, and general hardships for our members. The majority voted in favor of an annual \$200 allotment to be used for this purpose. Any remainder at the end of the year would be deposited back into the club's account.

Treasurer's Report: (Rick Curtis)

- 59 Paid Members
- Balances Reported
- 2026 Dues are now being accepted. The cost of single membership is \$20 and the cost of family membership \$30.
- Many have been asking for a way to pay online such as PayPal, Venmo, CashApp, etc... However, at this time the club does not have any accounts with such companies. We would like to make this a possibility in the future and will revisit ways to make this happen.

Repeater Trustee Report: (Joshua Carmack, N4JHC)

- At this time the repeater is in good working order.
- We will need to plan a clean up day at the repeater site to weed eat and clean up the area in general. We will need volunteers to help, and will follow-up on the time and date.
- Joshua recently took Matt Babler (KQ4CCP) to the repeater site and has added Matt as one of three repeater control operators as per what is stated in the club constitution by-laws.
- Meshtastic is currently not working at the repeater site, and we will continue looking for a good spot for it.

Net Control Coordinator: (David Herron, K4UVU)

- Thank you to everyone participating in the weekly net.
- Mike Gallatin has volunteered to fill the spot for net control operator on the 1st Sunday of each month, and Heather Schneider has volunteered to fill the spot for the net control operator on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- We can always use more net control operators, and would love to have more volunteers. We also need to **consistently** have an alternate net control station.

Upcoming Events: Event Name/Designated Host

- **Fire Prevention Week/Heather Schneider (KR4ABM)** October 5-11 Will be National Fire Prevention Week. On Friday, October 10, 2025 Heather Schneider will set up at Station 2 beginning at 2 p.m. Please come out to support this event!
- **Netherland Inn/Kyle Schneider (KR4ABN)** Event will take place on Saturday October 18th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Winter Field Day/Kyle Schneider (KR4ABN)** Event will be held at Warrior's Path at Shelter #3. (Thank you to John Williams and Larry Dale for their financial contribution and support!) Volunteers will be needed to help set up, bring food, and participate in the event.

New Business:

- At this time we are still unsure of the potential selling of the land where the repeater is located. We have been unable to meet with the land owner and will continue to try to reach him and update when more information is available.

Special News/Announcements:

- Fox Hunt will be Saturday 10/18 at 3 p.m. directly following the Netherland Inn special event. The fox will be hidden by Justin and Christina Compton on publicly accessible land within Kingsport city limits.
- We will need to assemble a Nominating Committee for upcoming officer elections for 2026. We are looking for a volunteer to head the committee and assign 2 more individuals to make a total of 3 to form the committee. If you are interested, please contact Justin Compton (KO4DCD). ****Update: Mike Gallatin has agreed to head the committee. Please reach out to Mike if you would like to help, or run for an officer position within the club for 2026.**
- The November meeting will be at the Toy F. Reid building, however we will meet in room 219. It has been requested that the meeting time be changed back to and remain at 7 p.m.
- POTA: ****Update: Rick Curtis has agreed to revive the club's POTA participation, IF there are enough people interested. At this time several individuals are expressing interest in participating, and Rick aims to start back in November. Please reach out to Rick or any club officer if you would like to learn more about POTA or join him for an activation.**

- The December meeting will be the club's annual Christmas Celebration, and it will be held at The Press Room behind Food City on Roller St. at 7 p.m. It has been agreed that we will not do a gift exchange this year, however many have expressed interest in the club collectively adopting an angel or angels from a local angel tree.