



KARC – Kingsport Amateur Radio Club  
Website: [W4TRC.org](http://W4TRC.org)  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 14, 2023  
Location: Press Room, Food City Center Street  
Start Time: 1800 Adjourned: 1900  
Presentation: Why Ham Radio?  
Attendance: 24 present

Next Meeting: October 12, 2023  
Location: Press Room,  
Food City Center Street, Kingsport  
Time: 1800 – Dinner; 1900 Meeting  
Training/Presentation: Open Discussion Forum

**Attending:** Bonnie Anderson, Lynn Anderson, Matthew Babler, David Broome, Mary Ellen Broome, Ron Burns, Rick Curtis, Larry Dale, Charles Ewing, Collin Ewing, Joe Ewing, William Ewing, Greg Johnson, Ken Klotz, Tim Lee, Bill Powers, Tom Price, David Rotenberry, Jack Rutherford, Gus Stensler, Bob Warden, Neil Weber, James Young, Liz Young

**Meeting Opened** - Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

**SOTA Award Presentation – Ron Burns**

- Bob Warden – Chaser Awards 50,000 points WOW!

**President's Report – Greg Johnson**

- Looking into a change to Outlook email for more efficiency
- Looking into a site in Mt. Carmel for Winter Field Day
- We could look into being involved in Fun Fest
- We will have an Open Discussion Forum
  - To discuss future of the club
- Upcoming Meeting Presentation
  - October – Open Discussion Forum
  - November - Logging – Greg Johnson
  - December – Christmas Party (2024 Officer Elections)

**Treasurer's Report – Lynn Anderson**

- Balances reported
- 70 paid members for 2023
- Eastman mail list has been updated
  - Will discuss the dues with Lori at Eatsman



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**Repeater Update – Ken Klotz –**

- 2 meter is working great; 440 has some interference.
- WiresX is still in the wings
  - \$500.00 hotpot is needed
  - **ACTION ITEM:** We will vote on this at the October meeting
- Chris Early will be setting up his repeaters at the site.
  - 900mhz & 6 meter
  - May be completed by end of summer 2023
  - **UPDATE:** Chris is buying more parts for this project and should complete it soon
- Looking for volunteers for a November work day at the repeater site.
- Greg will do some drone photography to see line of site
- Future project: weather station on the tower

**OLD BUSINESS**

- CW Instruction Class – Ron Burns
  - This will begin on January 2, 2024 and run through March
    - 2 nights per week
    - More info to follow
- NVIS build will be scheduled for June 2023.
  - Now scheduled for October
- Discussion of creating a Club flyer for events and also a general handout
  - **UPDATE:** David Gully is a good contact to begin this process
- HHART Rogersville has a NVIS test every Tuesday Frequency 7.210
  - **UPDATE:** Time has changed from 1300 to 1400

**There are some things for sale:**

- TenTech w/1000 W amp - Contact: Neil Weber
- Roan 25 tower with Tail Twister rotator (no remote) - Contact: Dustin McClure
- Fall Festival at Netherland Inn 10/7/2023 Netherland Inn
  - **MOTION:** \$580.00 donation to Netherland Inn **PASSED**
- Fire Prevention Week
  - Tom Price will get with Justin Compton to transfer info on this event
- Radio Maintenance Shop in Knoxville
  - Owner - Carl Lyster 865-588-7120 or 865-399-7312