



KARC - Kingsport Amateur Radio Club

Website: W4TRC.org

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 10, 2025

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

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: Introduction to Digital Modes - Justin Compton (KO4CDC)

Attendance: 21

Next Meeting: August 14, 2025

Location: Eastman Cabins Shelter #9

Time: 1800

Training/Presentation: Club Picnic

Attending: Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Joshua Carmack, Matt Babler, Ron Burns, Larry Dale, Ron Grooms, Peter Stuart, Gerald Schneider, Scott Schneider, Michael Gallatin, Andrew Burch, John Williams, Tom Price, Neil Weber, Gus Stensler, David Herron, James Young, Jack Rutherford, Ellen Diep, Bob Abbott

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report: (Neil Weber, KM4NWH)

- 15-16 Meals were sold at this evening's meeting. The cost of the meal has increased to \$17 per person. Discussing whether we need to explore other options for the meeting location (possibly Toy F. Reid) Neil will look into options.
- Rick Johnson's mother has passed away after a long term illness. Neil and John will be attending burial services tomorrow morning if any would like to join them to pay their respects.
- Field Day statistics are now posted on the website.
- Fox Hunt will be Saturday 07/19 beginning at 3pm.
- POTA and SOTA UPDATE:**SOTA campout July 19-20 (Saturday and Sunday) at Rock Creek Campground near Erwin will have hotdog roast.**
- Update on Bill Powers? –Spoke with Karen. Cognitively doing better but working on speech. He hopes to attend the picnic.

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

- Discussed upcoming presentations and trainings.
- Upcoming presentations and trainings include:
 - August - Picnic
 - September - Special Events (Larry Dale)
 - October - POTA

Secretary's Report: (Christina Compton, KQ4CDM)

- Thanks to everyone who came out to Field Day and to those who contributed time, equipment, food, drinks, etc...
- Next month will be the club picnic, this will take the place of the regular club meeting. This will be Thursday, August 14 at Eastman Cabins Shelter #9 beginning at 6pm. We now have the signup live on the w4trc website, thanks to Joshua.

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.*

- FCC paperwork filed, and everything put in Joshua's name.
- Still working on Meshtastic.

- Have been in contact with a rep from ETSU and may have a node setup on campus.
- Went to repeater site to work on 440 and improve digital.
- Planning an upcoming work day at the repeater site for weedeating, and work that needs to be done around the shack. If you would like to volunteer to help, reach out to Joshua or Neil. Date will be announced at another time.
- We have a proposed new club banner, majority voted in favor.

Net Control Coordinator: (David Herron, K4UVU)

- Thank you to everyone participating in the weekly net. Idea proposed to ask 1 Technician question upon check-in as a “pop quiz.”
- Will start allowing more time for echolink check-ins.

Upcoming Events: Event Name/Designated Host

- **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 a table set up during the Fun Fest Family Day at V.O. Dobbins Center. Neil will run this event and Mike Gallatin and family have volunteered to help, but we still need volunteers to assist. **Tom Price and John Williams have volunteered to help. **Monday July 21st 10 am - 3 pm & Tuesday, July 22nd 1 pm -5 pm.**
- **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)
- **Rocky Mount/Mike Gallatin (KR4ABX)** K4R 10/04-10/05, submitting advertisement info to ARRL tomorrow. Will be looking for volunteers closer to time.

New Business:

- No New Business at this time.

Special News/Announcements:

- IARU SSB and CW contest 7/12, 1200utc (8am et) Sat - Sun 1159utc (7:59am et)