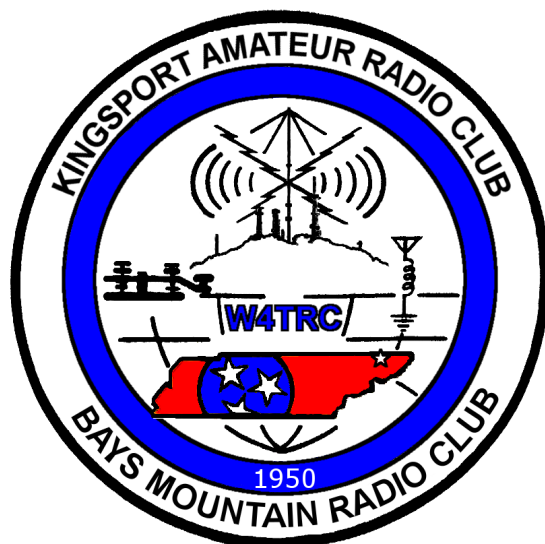


# ZERO BEAT



## January 2018

Officers for year 2018 are the same officers that were elected for year 2017. Your officers appreciate the confidence that the club has in us and the support from the membership to make the club successful! We welcome any and all suggestions from the membership.

The Christmas Dinner at Pratt's Barbecue Restaurant was a real success! We had just under 25 people attend to enjoy the discussions, food and service. More would have come but some were with family, away from home or sick. But you could tell all were having a good time because after we left the restaurant, many congregated in the parking lot!

As of 1 January 2018, our very own Carl Hacker, WC5WM, has been appointed ARRL ARES Emergency Coordinator for Washington County Tn. This is important because the position has been vacant for a number of years. Carl plans are to make this group truly ready to support the local community in an emergency/disaster. Also, Carl will shortly be looking for volunteers who will be COMMITTED to supporting him and the Washington County ARES. Carl, We all congratulate you on this new role and wish you total success!

This year we have been blessed to have not one, but two members awarded "Ham Of The Year"! Both exemplify the very best in Amateur Radio with their expanding skill sets, their sincere willingness to help others and strong commitment to the support and success of our club. A Huge Congratulations to Dave Stevens and Ron Burns! We thank you for all that you do for our members and club!!!

Our program for January will be presented by Carl Hacker. Carl managed approximately 100 hams providing communications at a marathon in Houston Texas. Come listen, learn and think about how we can apply what we will have heard to support our own community.

Meeting Minutes

Dec 14, 2017

The only business to take place was election of officers for year 2018

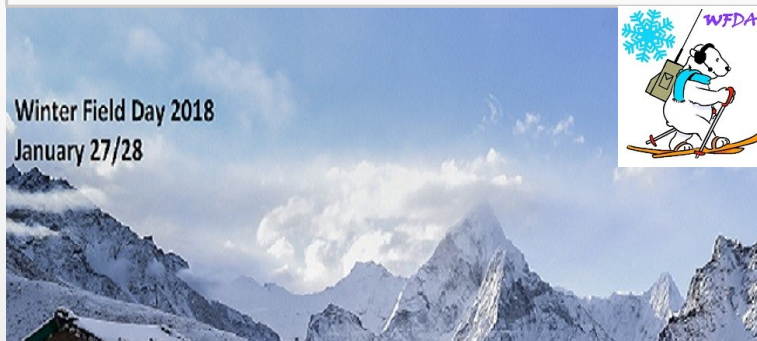
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Prayer: Given by John Williams (KJ4ZFK)

Election of Officers: The Nominating Committee had no candidates for any office. Per the Constitution, officers from year 2017 will serve year 2018.

We have been invited to participate in Winter Field Day with the Johnson City Club and Northeast Tennessee District Seven Skywarn. At the September club meeting we voted to join with them in the support of this annual event. The dates of the event are January 27, 1400 through January 28, 1400. There will be 4 stations, 2 phone, 1 CW and 1 Digital. It will be held at Pride Park next to Daniel Boone High School, 1440 Sunset Dr. Johnson City. You will pass the Gray Fossil Site Museum on your way to the park. For more information, contact Chuck Short at 865.696.6199 or Patrick Quesinberry at 276.698.6014.

## Winter Field Day



**When:** January 27/28, 2018

**Times:** Sat 1900 UTC (2pm EST)

Sun 1900 UTC (2pm EST)

**Where:** WorldWide

**WebSite:** [www.winterfieldday.com](http://www.winterfieldday.com)

**Email:** [wfda@winterfieldday.com](mailto:wfda@winterfieldday.com)

If you're serious about emergency communications as we are; we welcome you to join us for our yearly event. We are sure you will find this event a pleasant change and challenge to that of a normal summer time field day.

# THE ZERO BEAT NEWSLETTER

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## **W4TRC 146.970 MHz REPEATER INFORMATION:**

Location is on Bays Mountain, Kingsport, TN

2 Meter repeater: 146.970 MHz, (-) PL Tone, 123.0 Hz.

440 Repeater: 443.325 Mhz. (+), PL Tone, 123.0 Hz.

33Cm. Repeater: 927.025 Mhz. (-) PL Tone 123.0 Hz.

50-watt Packet Station Frequency, 145.050 MHz, and the Alias is BaysND.

Sunday Night Informational Net on 146.970 at 8:30 P.M. EST

For More Information on the KARC/BMRC and Amateur Radio, Visit our Club Website at [www.w4trc.org](http://www.w4trc.org)

For More Amateur Radio News, Visit the American Radio Relay League Website at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

## **Kingsport/Bays Mountain Radio Clubs' Officers 2018**

Larry Dale: KD4FTN, KARC/BMRC President,  
George DeVault Jr.: W3KPT, Vice President  
Rick Johnson: WB4RLJ, KARC Secretary  
Dave Stevens: WB4DES, KARC Treasurer / BMRC Treasure Ken  
Klotz W4IJK Club Repeater License Trustee

Rick Light: KG4WZG, BMRC Vice President Dave Stevens: WB4DES,  
W4TRC Webmaster Web Site: [www.w4trc.org](http://www.w4trc.org)

## **A.R.E.S.**

Walt Baldree, K4YCP, West Sullivan County ARES® Coordinator

## **Net Schedules (as off 1/03/2018)**

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club weekly two-meter net, Sunday night at 8:30 p.m., on the W4TRC repeater at 146.970 MHz. The net includes ARES® check-ins and an opportunity to sell, buy and/or swap equipment.

The Boone Trail ARES®/RACES Net is held each Monday night at 8:30 pm on the 146.820 MHz KF4VTM repeater. A C4FM digital Fusion net is held on Wednesday evenings at 8pm.

The Carter County Amateur Radio Association (CCARA) repeater is WR4CC on 145.290 MHz, with a tone of 103.5. The club holds a net every Monday evening on their repeater at 8:00 PM.

The Johnson County Net is Monday at 9:00 PM on 145.290 MHz with a 103.5 tone or direct on 146.610 MHz with the same tone (103.5). 6-meter Net every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. The Net is at 53.330 MHz, and the repeater has a tone of 103.5.

Johnson City Amateur Radio Association's Net is held on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. on the 146.790 MHz Repeater. Tone is 131.8 with a negative offset. This net is not held on the 3rd Tuesday, the night of the JCARA's monthly meeting.

Bristol Amateur Radio Club's 2 Meter net meets every Tuesday night at 9:00 PM on the 146.070/670 Bristol Repeater.

Mountain Empire Amateur Radio Society's 440-net, Wednesday at 9:00 p.m., on the 443.00 Repeater. Everyone is invited to check in.

Unicoi County Amateur Radio Association's Net, Thursday at 8 pm on 147.270 MHz. Except for the first Thursday of the month which is the Club Meeting.

SKYWARN Net, Thursday at 9:00 p.m., on the 146.700 MHz Repeater.

## **Area Amateur Radio Clubs/Organizations Meetings**

Bristol Amateur Radio Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Conference Center at the Bristol Memorial Medical Center. Take exit 74 off Interstate 81 in Tennessee. For more information, email [w4ud@qsl.net](mailto:w4ud@qsl.net)

Carter County Amateur Radio Association meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at 805 Highway 91, Elizabethton, TN (0.5 miles past the 2nd traffic light on Hwy 91 or 3.5 miles from Hwy 19E on the left side of the highway).

For more information go to the Club's web page at <http://www.wr4cc.org>

Johnson City Amateur Radio Association meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Washington Co/Johnson City EMS Training Building 296 Wesley Street Johnson City, TN 37601. Contact JCARA, 240 Hartman Road, Jonesborough, TN, 37659.

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club/Bays Mountain Radio Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Toy Reid Eastman Employee Center, South Wilcox Drive, Kingsport, TN, unless meeting changes are made due to Eastman related activities. For more information email [w4ijk1@gmail.com](mailto:w4ijk1@gmail.com) .

The Mountain Empire Amateur Radio Society (MEARS) meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., at Washington County Public Library in Abingdon, VA, with possible exceptions in November and December. For more information, visit their website at [http://www.home.earthlink.net/~mears\\_arri/](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~mears_arri/)

Scott County (VA) Amateur Radio Society meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., at the EOC Building behind and under the Lonesome Pine Regional Library, Gate City, VA. For more information, email Jeff K4LMP at [k4lmp@k4lmp.org](mailto:k4lmp@k4lmp.org)

Unicoi County Amateur Radio Association will be moving the meetings to Maple Grove Restaurant in Unicoi. This change will take place Feb. 5, 2015. The weekly ARES nets will change to Thursday evenings at 8pm as of Thursday December 11, 2014. For more information contact Ken Johnson at [w3gfmkj@gmail.com](mailto:w3gfmkj@gmail.com)

Johnson County Amateur Radio/Ares club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Johnson County Hospital Conference Room. For more information contact Danny Herman at [K4DHT@dannyherman.com](mailto:K4DHT@dannyherman.com)

WX4TN Northeast Tennessee District 7 SKYWARN meets every last Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Crossroads Christian Church; 1300 Suncrest Dr.; Gray, TN in the Lower Auditorium. [www.skywarn7.org](http://www.skywarn7.org) For more information contact Erik McCord (WX4ET), District Coordinator at [dc7skywarn@gmail.com](mailto:dc7skywarn@gmail.com)