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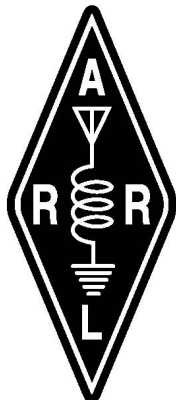
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At the next meeting

- George Korper, K3GK
- There will be the usual 50/50 drawing.



Antenna Party

On June 14th Walt, KO4JN, led an antenna party at Lee Overman's N4XTX station. Lee's tower-mounted quad was destroyed in last winter's ice storm and members of BRARC arrived to help raise a vertical 10 – 80 meter replacement. The photo by Martin, W4FOT, shows Ed, KT4US, and Michael, AI4GR, setting the mast while Walt and Lee cheer them on.



Ed, KT4US, and Michael, AI4GR

BRARC News

Field Day 2006

Initial results from our Field Day are in: We scored 3438 points and had 42 participants. That's about 500 points more than last year. The points came from 719 contacts and lots of bonuses (e.g., solar power; traffic to section manager; WIAW bulletin; demo of mobile WinLink2000). Solar power managed to operate both rigs throughout the night and rainy spells. In fact, the weather certified the BRARC's ability to operate Field Day under amphibian conditions.

Thanks to Michael, AI4GR fir



both of these articles.

Field Day Re-Cap

A lively group of 10 BRARC members met at the Blue Sky Restaurant in Fletcher to debrief the 2006 Field Day and to look forward to 2007.

George got the meeting going and everyone who wanted was heard. From my recollection of the meeting the top items for consideration for next year were: Location, Antennas, participation.

Pre-planning will commence this fall, will you be willing to help the 10 who were there today?

K4IOE, W4FOT, K3GK, K8NBX, KT4US, KO4JN, W4DK, K4KQJ, N1HO, AG4PW

PREZ SEZ, GEORGE KORPER, K3GK, PRESIDENT

The news from the Middle East is depressing again. Oh, if only JY1, King Hussein was alive. I went to the web and "googled" on his name and remembered and honored his memory. He is an SK now and gee I wish he could take charge of

bringing peace to the area that has seen so much turmoil. This month's QST had an article on Riley Hollingsworth, Special Counsel for FCC Enforcement, telling us hams to "lighten up", and not get so outraged when hams make

a mistake on the air. He went on and said, "if there's a downfall in amateur Radio it won't be caused by no code Technicians or codeless anything else. It'll be caused by the microphone-no doubt in my mind." I see the wisdom in that, because we of-

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PREZ SEZ, GEORGE KORPER, K3GK, PRESIDENT

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 ten forget how hurtful and stupid we can be with our words. We often forget how our fellow hams need encouragement not browbeating. I have been at many meetings when a ham who feels he has superior knowledge, or is in the "know" takes a another ham to task or at the very least has to waste time by making them



appear stupid before answering a simple question. On the other hand I have seen many an Amateur, take time to remember how it can be so

confusing, walk in the other ham's moccasins and than answer a question with grace and courtesy. During Field Day I had forgotten how to crimp a simple connector. I knew I was "rusty" but when I asked Martin, W4FOT, to teach me for the umpteenth time, he gracefully, took me through it again, and had fun instructing me. Martin's quiet and unassuming demeanor coupled with a profound technical competence might well serve as a role -model for us all. The proof is in the pudding because, Martin's Grandson, Cameron, was well behaved and curious, well on his way to becoming a new Amateur. None of

us really wants to be corrected, but I am resolved to take this approach in my Amateur Radio service. Last week as I was driving to Lowes to pick up some screening, Carol, K4YYR, pulled up next to me at the light. Carol smiled and laughed, joked and was as pleasant as could be. That is what this service is all about. Let's all "lighten up!"

Financial Statement for June/July, 2006 - Lil Clark

Balance as of 5/31/06	\$780.34
Plus: Deposit	52.00
Sub-Total	\$832.34
Less: Expenses	165.56
Balance as of 7/26/06	666.78

Minutes

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Law dictates, seems like there's always an untied loose end. Fortune smiled, and field day went well!! This may well be first field day I've attended where there were more c.w. contacts than phone contacts.

The fifty-fifty drawing was won by Duke Knief, W4DK, and meeting adjourned after the drawing.

Respectfully submitted,
Sid Hendricks W4IOE

GEAR AND GOODIES

ITEMS FOR SALE FROM THE ESTATE OF KC4NEK

PERFECT TENTEC
CORSAIR II (I'VE
NEVER SEEN A RIG
SO CLEAN!!)
TEN TEC MATCHING
POWER SUPPLY
PALOMAR TUNER

2 KW TENTEC AN-
TENNA TUNER
(ROLLER)
TENTEC DESK MIKE
GAP CHALLENGER
ANTENNA
CALL MRS SMITH @
828-692-7601
SHE WANTS TO

MOVE AND IS GIV-
ING A GREAT PRICE

CLUB INFORMATION

Dues: Annual dues shall be set by the membership, and can be changed by a majority vote of a quorum. The dues will cover the period from January through December. Dues for additional related members in the same household as a Full or Associate member shall be one-half the ap-

plicable rate. Dues for full-time students of an accredited school will be one-half the regular rate as long as the student status is maintained. New members joining between July and December will pay one-half the applicable rate for membership through the end of the year. This years'

dues are \$20.00 per person; \$10.00 per additional family member. **Please send your renewals to: Lil Clark, 15 Autumn Glen Ct., Brevard, NC 28712**

Meetings: We meet at the Stony Mountain Activity Center at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

MEETING MINUTES-MAY 2, 2006

The June meeting came to order at 7.25 p.m. in order that there would be time to cover all the items on the agenda for this monthly meeting. Of course, the main topic would be the activities that would occur in just a little over two weeks. That's right, field day was upon us again! We had 25 persons in attendance. We had one visitor, Glen Hughes, KI4MPQ, from Candler, N.C. George Korper, K3GK, was the presiding officer.

Lil Clark, KG4GFP, was asked to give the treasurer's report. Lil reported the bottom line was \$664.68 at the time of this club meeting. She also told us that the field day expenses would probably put us under the \$500.00 mark. We have to pay fees on the account if the balance goes below the five hundred dollar amount.

George announced that the club had received a very good price on new club caps. These are available for five dollars per cap. We wish to sell them as soon as practical to get the treasury replenished. See George or Michael, AI4GR, if you

need a new cap, or a spare one.

Duke Knief, W4DK, gave us a report on the A.R.E.S. participation of a simulated exercise which took place at Park Ridge Hospital in Naples, N.C. The scenario was a flu pandemic exercise. The exercise included setting up equipment, and working with state officials in relaying messages. Duke was able to demonstrate Win-link to some of the officials. They were impressed with the system.

Following Duke's report, we began discussing what was needed to be done to make field day a success. George told us that we would have a Por-T-John setting in the area of operation. The park restrooms are located a good distance from the corner of the park we operate from. The portable was needed to facilitate the operators.

It was decided that the main course at the Saturday supper would be fried chicken. This would be obtained locally, and members were to bring side dishes and desserts. The club would also

provide the paper goods and the soft drinks.

Michael Parente encouraged everyone who possibly could, to come and take an active part in field day. He had a partially filled out operator sign up sheet, and this was passed to finish out the operator roster and time of operation. Michael reported there would be handouts provided for visitors and those interested in becoming hams

We were to operate as a 2-Alpha station, using the two xcvr's from the shack. The antennas were to be a Carolina Windom for 40 meters, and a home-brew multi-band inverted vee built by Ronnie Parham, K2SST. (At the field day action, the windom was used for 40 meters phone, and the vee was used for c.w. The homebrew performed well! We tried for all the bonus points possible, and Michael tried to make a contact by satellite. The radios were operated by solar power.) By the meeting end, we felt we were prepared, except wondering if anything was forgotten. As Murphy's

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CLUB PURPOSES

Elmers: We have many "elmers"! An elmer is a knowledgeable amateur radio operator who is willing to help new hams and "students" with questions or procedures and help them to understand more about the hobby.

Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be to further exchange of information and cooperation be-

tween members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to promote and conduct Club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

Volunteer Examinations:

Once per quarter, our volunteer examiners will provide an opportunity for YOU to

get your amateur license or upgrade your present status.

NEXT SESSION: August 12, 2006, Call Carol, K4YYR for Details

Classes: We occasionally have classes so YOU can learn how to get your very own amateur radio Technician class license



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Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club



Club Meeting Tuesday
August 1, 2006



Next club meeting
September 5, 2006 7:30
pm
At the SMAC!



QCWA Chapter 76—
1st and 3rd Wednes-
days at the Golden
Corral, US64 East,
Hendersonville. 11ish.

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Nets and On-The-Air Activities

<u>Net</u>	<u>Freq / PL</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>
BRARC Net	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Sunday 8:00 PM
BRARC Rag Chew	28350 kHz	Sunday following 146.640 net
Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
Mount Pisgah 220 Net	224.260 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
Good Morning Net	146.760 MHz	M-W-F 9:00 AM
WCARS Info. Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Monday 8:30 PM
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday 9:00 PM
WCARS Simplex Net	147.525 MHz	Tuesday 8:30 PM
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / 91.5	Wednesday 9:00 PM
Hit and Bounce Net(CW)	7.042 MHz	Daily 8:30 AM
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Wednesday 9:00 PM
Transylvania ARC Net	147.135 MHz	Thursday 8:00 PM
QCWA Chapter 76	3942 kHz (SSB)	Saturday 9:00 AM
6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday 9:00 PM
K4UUQ Morning Net	7225.5 kHz (SSB)	Mon-Sat 7:00 AM Sunday 8:00 AM
NC Morning Net	3927 kHz (SSB)	Daily 7:45 AM
SATERN Net	14265 kHz	Daily 10:00 AM
Carolinas Slow Net	3695 kHz (CW 5-8 wpm)	Daily 8:00 PM
NC Evening Net	3923 kHz (SSB)	Daily 6:30 PM
Carolinas Net (Early)	3573 kHz (CW 20-22 wpm)	Daily 7:00 PM
Tarheel ARES Net	3923 kHz (SSB)	Daily 7:30 PM
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily 9:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Late)	3573 kHz (CW 15-18 wpm)	Daily 10:00 PM

Report changes to Dick Smith at 687-9531 or k4kqj@arrl.net!