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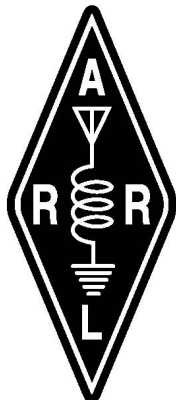
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At the next meeting

- Andy, K4IXZ, on QSLing.
- There will be the usual 50/50 drawing.



Election Season

It is not only the time of the year when we all get to exercise our privilege to vote for National, State and Local officials, it's also the time of the year when the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club seeks new leadership to direct the activities of the club for the coming year.

Many fine folks have stepped up to run for office over the past few years.

Now it's your turn!

George has mentioned it in his Prez Sez column this month as well.

What's that you say? "I've done my time?"

Hmmm, how does that compute? I have been a member of the BRARC since the November, 1998 meeting. Since that time, there have

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been five different folks who have been president, John Brown, Ronnie Parham, Ken Houck, Dick Smith and George Korper. On our roster there are many time that number of members. Sure some of those members don't live in here and some are not capable of getting around much, but that doesn't account for you, now, does it? And, so if you have been an officer before how long ago has it been? Don't just look at president, look at our other officers as well, aren't you secretly happy each year when folks are willing to repeat in office?

How about this year? It is time for you to take a part and be a part of the leadership of your club.

Are you going to step forward or will you decide to sit back and see what happens? The clock is ticking.

QCWA Invitation

The QCWA, Chapter 76, has confirmed, Tim Slay, N4IB, North Carolina Section Manager ARRL, to be our speaker at our October 4th meeting,

On behalf of QCWA, I would like to invite the members of the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club to join us at this special meeting.

Luncheon: 11:00 A.M.
Tim, N4IB: 12:00 P.M.

Please RSVP to Doug Lee, W9SPC at 891-8521



Doug Lee, VP Chapter 76

PREZ SEZ, GEORGE KORPER, K3GK, PRESIDENT

It's time for club nominations and for me to exit the stage as your President. I have enjoyed my two terms and have had fun for two years. I look forward to staying on as a steering committee member as well as participating in all the

club events. I would like to thank everyone who contributes to our club's success and those who attend our meetings.. This is an easy job because you make it an easy job. I really appreciate the work that Lil does for the club. Lil, take a

bow please!

Now, for my suggestion for the future: I wouldn't change a thing, except for one thing. I think we need to bolster our female participation. I would really like to encourage one of

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 the women in the club to think about running for an office. Like I said this is an easy job and as an officer you get loads of help. All you need to do is be at the meeting at 6:30 and meet with the steering committee. I won't name anyone in particular, but I know we have several qualified female club members.

Some of you may be new to ham radio and that is not any problem, because you

could offer us a fresh perspective! I have been very lucky to have worked with many YL's and XYL's during my years as a amateur and I even met a ham astronaut who was studying to

become a ham. A woman officer would be a refreshing change so someone please step -up.

Last but not least, I

would like to thank Dick, K4KQJ, for making this newsletter possible. Dick

also keeps our website current and informative. Kudos!!! Dick were you ever an offensive coach?

73's and 88's,
 George Korper K3GK



Financial Statement for September, 2006 - Lil Clark

Balance as of 8/31/06	\$569.17
Deposit	10.00
Sub-total:	\$579.17
Expenses	56.42
Balance as of 9/20/06	\$522.75

GEAR AND GOODIES

Currently there are no items listed for sale with either the Echo or on the BRARC web site.

If you have something to list, please the relative information to Dick Smith at

k4kqj@radioclub.org.

Items will be listed for two (2) months or until notification is received to remove it.

This is our very own "Ebay" so try it, you

never know what will happen.

Dick Smith
 Editor

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-SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

The meeting of September came to order with the club president, George Korper, K3GK presiding. The first order of business was the pledge of allegiance to our country's flag, and then discussion of donating \$50.00 dollars to the Henderson Count Parks and Recreation toward the purchasing of a flag pole to be placed at the Stony Mountain Recreation Center. All the groups that use the center have been asked to participate. The club approved the donation.

Michael Parente announced the Duke Knief, W4DK, had received an award in the form of a plaque at the recent Asheville ham-fest held at the Haywood County fairgrounds in Lake Junaluska, N.C. Duke was also recognized in QST on the DXCC Honor Roll. Duke has 300+ entities to his credit.

Dave Anderson, K4SV, relayed information to the club concerning the NCDXCC club. This contesting club is a loose knit group that meets once a month on the second Thursday of each month. All are invited to come and join in

the meal and discussion, especially those who are into DX contesting. Dave explained that all aspects of amateur radio are open for discussion. The meetings alternate between South Asheville and Hendersonville on a monthly basis.

The feature presentation was given by Vlad Karamitrov, N3CZ. Vlad is a native of Macedonia, and has lived in South Africa. He is now a resident of the U.S. Vlad is no stranger to many members of our club, as he has been present at earlier club meetings, and helped us at field day this year.

Vlad gave a slide show with narration about the Dxpediton he took part in at Conway Reef, which is located in the South Pacific. On this trip, Vlad found that he was very prone to sea sickness. He opined to as how this was the worse part of the trip to him. In order to raise the \$3,000.00 dollars that was needed for his part of the trip, he sold all his equipment. He had to replace that when he returned home.

The Dxpediton used the

call signs 3D2CI, and 3D2CY. The team worked 42,000 qsos in one week from Conway Reef. Perhaps you were one of them. After the Conway Reef presentation, Vlad showed us pictures of his work in Nigeria, where he was working as a technician for Icom.

There were 29 souls at the September meeting. We would also like to welcome our newest member, Charlie Chester, W8INI, of Hendersonville, N.C. Welcome aboard, Charlie.

The 50-50 drawing was won by AI4PH, Debbie.

Respectfully submitted,
Sid Hendricks W4IOE

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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: November 11, 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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Club Meeting Tuesday
October 3, 2006

Andy, K4YKZ, will talk on
QSLing.



Next club meeting
November 8, 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!