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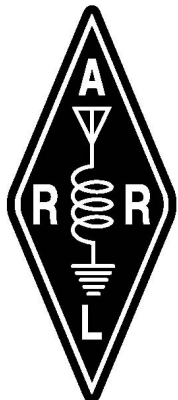
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At the next meeting

- Dave Anderson K4SV
- Election of Officers
- There will be the usual 50/50 drawing.



Parade Season

Mark your calendars now! The BRARC/ARES Parade Season is upon us once again.

The annual Hendersonville Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2006. Contact Duke, W4DK, to participate. Details will be available at the November meeting, along with a sign-up sheet. The Parade will take place before the December party so make sure you get signed up early.

Fletcher follows one week later on December 9. See Dick, K4KQJ, to sign-up. Details and sign-up sheets will be available at the November meeting. Reminders will be made at the Christmas Party.

BRARC News

Dupont Forest Marathon

Dawn broke, crisp and clear on Sunday, October 15, as members of Henderson County ARES and the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club gathered at Guion Farm in the Dupont State Forest.

Well, actually, it was very dark and quite chilly when we arrived between 6:00 and 7:00 am. Duke, W4DK, had done his usual job of getting everything ready ahead of time with the communications tent and radios ready to go. The YMCA and Chik Fil-A supplied hot coffee and chicken and sausage biscuits for breakfast.

We all made it to our assigned locations and the race began promptly at 9:00 am. 172 runners and a number of relay teams participated.

Club Christmas Party

It's not too early to begin thinking about our annual Holiday get-together. So, mark your calendars now and come to the November meeting prepared to make your reservation .

Again this year we will be at the Twin Dragons in Brevard at 1261 Asheville Hwy. (hwy 64 just west of the 276/64/280 intersection. Our group has a room reserved at 6:00 pm. The cost will be \$8.98 per person for the buffet plus cost of drinks or you may order from the menu. Individual checks will be provided by the Twin Dragons.

If you can't make the meeting, please email your reservation to k4kqj@radioclub.org or call 687-9531.

PREZ SEZ, GEORGE KORPER, K3GK, PRESIDENT

Arthur C. Clarke, author of 2001, A Space Odyssey and innumerable classic science fiction has in many of his 'far out' tales dealt with the themes of communication. I recently read, or more precisely devoured, an early work from the seventies en-

titled "Imperial Earth". The protagonist was borne on earth, but as a child, transported to a moon of Saturn, called Titan, where the atmosphere is mostly methane and the inhabitants burn oxygen for heat. If that is not enough of a twist, our

hero is a clone of his father who needs the perfect son to take over the family business, hydrogen mining. What fascinated me most was how it took three hours for light to reach Titan from earth and thus how communications were always lag-

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 ging behind events. Of course on earth we don't notice this lag too much, except when talking through satellites or doing moon bounce, but despite the fact it is imperceptible most of the time, it is always there. All of our communication is subject to the time it takes electromagnetic waves to travel through space. Human beings constantly evolve ways to overcome the physics of the uni-



verse and so if we look around, we can see many on a daily basis. Have you noticed how many bits and pieces of your day are sitting there waiting for you stored in memory. E-mail is one example and so is the packet BBS. One of my new favorite toys is my iPod and using it to read stored Podcasts from many great sources. Did you know there are ham radio Podcasts? Podcasts are so new

my version of MS Word doesn't even have them in it. Ham radio may well evolve to a medium that ignores time and people will be credited with working DX, from distant planets instead of terrestrial contacts alone. I fully expect the mankind will eventually discover the modulation geometry that is used in intergalactic transmission, and that will be a big step for a woman and a giant leap for mankind. I could be wrong about that, but I don't think so!
 73, George Korper
 K3GK

Financial Statement for October, 2006 - Lil Clark

Balance as of 9/30/06	\$522.75
Plus Deposit	68.00
Sub-total:	\$590.75
Less Expenses	12.84
Balance as of 10/20/06	\$577.91

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR-2006 (JOTA)

On October 21st, boy scouts and cub scouts gathered at a campsite in North Mills River to try their hand at amateur radio. Their leader Steve, WD4BQW set up his mobile HF rig (ICOM 706 MkIII and screwdriver antenna) and was ready to go when Carol, K4YYR arrived for her 4th year working with a JOTA

group. A troop in West Virginia was on the air, and she managed to have each of our scouts complete a contact with them. After each had at least one chance at the radio, one of the scouts made more than 30 contacts on HF. Meanwhile, Michael, AI4GR helped the scouts contact a troop in Haywood County

using his h/t and a roof-mounted antenna via a repeater. After talking with the Haywood troop, we reached Riley, AF4HQ who had conversations with several of our scouts. The scouts enjoyed their introduction to radio, and we certainly had fun working with them.

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-OCTOBER 3, 2006

The meeting of the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club came to order at 7:30 p.m., October 3rd, at our place of meeting. The club meets at the Parks and Recreation building on Stony Mountain Road, Hendersonville, N.C., the first Tuesday of the month. George Korper, K3GK, club president, was the presiding officer. After welcoming those present, George began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to our national flag. We had twenty eight present, including one visitor. Our visitor was Steve Cagnola, N0IR. We also welcome new member Danny Rector, KI4NXT.

Announcements included the following: Gene Mathis, KG4SXE, announced that the Tour De Leaves bicycle ride was to be held on October 7, 2006. Gene put out a plea for operators to help with the ride. Our club will be working with the Thermal Belt Radio Club, which is in Tryon, N.C.

Doug Lee, W9SPC, announced that Tim Slay, N.C. section manager of the A.R. R.L., would be at the next

QCWA meeting to be held October 10th.

Club dues will be twenty dollars for the coming year. Lil Clark, KG4GFP, club treasurer, said that dues could be paid now, if you wish to do so. She also reported a balance of \$522.00 in the treasury.

Everyone was asked to remember the Christmas dinner, which is held in lieu of the December meeting, December 5, 2006, at the Twin Dragons in Brevard, N.C. This year the club will not be subsidizing the meal.

George reminded everyone that the Christmas parades which our club participates in will be upon us shortly. The Hendersonville parade is held the first Saturday in December, and the Fletcher parade will be the second Saturday in December. There will be more about this next meeting.

The featured presentation for October's meeting was an informative program on QSLing by Andy Kilpatrick, K4YKZ. Andy covered the proper way to fill out the

card in reporting the contact. He covered the proper way to send QSL cards by the bureau, and the way cards should be handled when sending the card direct.

Andy had cards to show form contacts he had made, and he had sheets to hand out with the addresses of bureau's and QSL managers. Andy was also gracious enough to field questions from the members during the presentation.

The fifty-fifty drawing was won by Brandy Coolidge, N1HO.

Respectfully submitted
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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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Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club



Club Meeting Tuesday
November 8, 2006

Dave Anderson, K4SV
Election of Officers



Next club meeting
December 5, 2006 6:00 pm
Christmas Dinner
Twin Dragons, Brevard



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!