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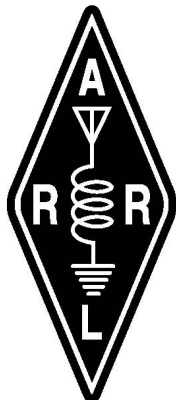
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At the next meeting

- Christmas Party
- Twin Dragons Restaurant
- Brevard
- 6:00 pm, Dec. 5

Happy Holidays to all from BRARC



PREZ SEZ, GEORGE KORPER, K3GK, PRESIDENT

“Gene” Mathis, KG4SXE, will be your new President. Gene has worked the last two years on the steering committee and put together more than a few bicycling events for the club. Gene has volunteered for almost every BRARC event and is

well schooled in all the BRARC functions. I hope you will all welcome Gene, at the first meeting in January. I look forward to seeing all of you at the traditional club banquet where I will hand over the club gavel. I would like to thank

all the members for your support over the last two years, it has been very gratifying and I have learned a lot along the way.

The holidays are upon us and this is a great time for hams.

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PREZ SEZ, GEORGE KORPER, K3GK, PRESIDENT

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 First, we get some free time to play with equipment, just relax and slow down a bit. Many of us have some new toys to play with and that is a good thing. Right now, for instance, I have PSK-31 on the computer and I'm enjoying watching a QSO about satellite operation from a ham who helps launch 'birds'. The diversity of the amateur community always amazes me. In our club we have an incredible



resource of people who have a wealth of experience in radio and the engineering disciplines. Others of us have experience in police, fire and emergency rescue. Like my son says, "it's all good!"

So, I thought I'd leave you with a message: Our club is strong. Yes, we are aging but I notice that us old guys

are out in the rain, cold and early morning for events that the town folk rely on us

for, every year. So sometimes, when you think maybe I'll stay home for the meeting or it just isn't important remember just how much you're needed, and how much fun it is, and be there...or be square.

73,
 George Korper
 K3GK

Financial Statement for November, 2006 - Lil Clark

Balance as of 10/31/06	\$577.91
Plus Deposit	160.00
Sub-Total:	\$737.91
Less Expenses	9.63
Balance as of 11/20/06	\$728.28

Minutes

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present were invited to come up to the table and examine the paddles, and get the feel of them. Dave shared that good code and keying comes from practice.

The fifty-fifty drawing was won by George Korper, K3GK.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sid Hendricks W4IOE

BARGAINS AND BOAT ANCHORS

From the estate of Ollie Johnson (sk), K4HBH, former Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club member.

For sale:

1 MFJ tuner.....949E

1 Hf xcvrTen-TEC Omni, model 546C

1 Shure Microphone....model #444

1 Pyramid 35 amp power supply

Please contact Mrs. Barbara Jeter (Ollie's daughter) at 828-697-9573 for prices.

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 monthly meeting of the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio came to order at the appointed time of 7:30 p.m., November 7th, 2006. There were 20 present at this meeting. The weather was terrible this night with heavy rain and wind. It is also to be noted that this was a national election night. It is also the month that the club elects officers, it is hoped that this is not what kept some of the members away.

Opening with the pledge of allegiance, George Korper, K3GK, club president began the meeting. A welcome was issued to all present. There were a couple of announcements to be made:

Gene Mathis, KG4SXE, relayed to the club the heartfelt thanks from Frannie Jacobs for the club's involvement in the Tour De Leaves bicycle ride. This ride is sponsored each year by the Y.M.C.A. The club worked with the Thermal Belt Radio Club of Tryon, N.C., as the ride began in Tryon, and ranged north and south of Tryon. The club received short notice of the ride this year; but, Frannie

promised an earlier notice next year so more operators could be recruited.

Dave Anderson, K4SV, announced to the club that the NCDXCC meets each month on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting site alternates between South Asheville and Hendersonville to accommodate members from both areas. The meeting meets at an eatery, and you may come and eat with the group. Everyone is welcome. Dave advises there is a lot of ham talk there, and everyone should enjoy the meeting. For more information contact Dave Anderson.

The election of officers was next on the agenda. The nominations came to thus: Gene Mathis, KG4SXE—President
Michael Parente, AI4GR—Vice President
Lil Clark, KG4GFP—Treasurer
Sid Hendricks, W4IOE - Secretary
These were elected to office.

No one present wished to take on the job of refreshment chairman, thus it was decided that someone would

be assigned the task at each meeting to see that refreshments would be provided at the following meeting.

George Korper volunteered to handle the January refreshments.

Lil Clark, treasurer, reported that the club had \$568.29 in the treasury at the time of meeting.

The featured program for our meeting was Dave Anderson, K4SV, speaking on the use and techniques of using a paddle for morse code. Dave had several paddles to demonstrate. We were told how different paddle manufacturers made paddles with different mechanical features and how the "feel" of the paddle varied from one make to another.

Dave encouraged all to get down to business with morse. He went on to state that many DX stations could be worked with code when phone just wouldn't punch through. He showed us his technique of keying with his thumb and middle finger for ease and for the duration of long contesting sessions.

After his presentation, all

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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: February 12, 2007 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



Christmas Party Tuesday
December 5, 2006



Next club meeting
January 2, 2007 6:00 pm



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!