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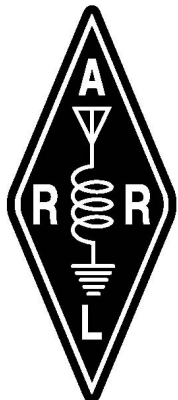
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At the next meeting

- There will be the usual 50/50 drawing.
- ***DXpeditions:***
Dave (K4SV), Vlad (N3CZ), and Phil (W9IXX)



BRARC News

NC QSO Party

Here are a few pix for the NC QSO Party from the club station.

Next month we should have a recap of the contest and results, including all participants.



PREZ SEZ, GENE MATHIS, KG4SXE PRESIDENT

Hello to all, hope everyone is doing well. Thank you to all who participated in the N.C. QSO Party on February 25th 12:00p.m. to 10:00 p.m. At this time I do not know the results, but will convey them at the club meeting. Stay tuned for

more upcoming events. 73 to all, Gene (KG4SXE).



ARRL NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Financial Statement for February, 2006 - Lil Clark

Balance as of 1/31/07	\$ 828.00
Plus Deposits	151.00
Sub-Total	\$ 979.00
Less Expenses	56.83
Balance as of 2/20/07	\$ 922.17

The much-anticipated report of the League's National Emergency Response Planning Committee appointed by President Harrison a year ago was received by the ARRL Board last month.

Flagship recommendations include the drafting and population of a National ARES Data Base; the creation of a new "Major Disaster Emergency Coordinator" position for incidents transcending Section boundaries; and the development of course and certification requirements for ARES operators. (Courses would in-

clude ARRL's ARECC Level 1, Red Cross combined course in Adult CPR/ First Aid Basics, Red Cross Introduction to Disaster Services, FEMA IS-100 (Introduction to Incident Command System), FEMA IS-200 (ICS for Single Resource and Initial Action Incidents) and FEMA IS-700 (National Incident Management System)).

The report is 29 pages long and contains in-depth rationales for the recommendations summarized above, as well as a plethora of additional related recommendations and information. Readers

are urged to read the report and comment to the editor. Future issues will feature the opinions of ARES members and others as the Headquarters staff and appropriate standing committee members work to implement the committee's recommendations. The report represents the most comprehensive study and slate of action items in the matter of ARRL emergency communications planning and programs in the modern history of the League.

GEAR AND GOODIES

From the estate of Ollie Johnson (sk), K4HBH, former Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club member.
 For sale:
 1 Hf xcvrTen-TEC Omni, model 546C
 1 Pyramid 35 amp power supply
Contact Mrs. Barbara Jeter (Ollie's daughter) at 828-697-

9573 for prices.

For Sale: ICOM IC-706MKII. A very compact 100 watt HF, 6 and 2 meter, all mode radio in mint condition. Includes standard hand mike, MB-63 Control head mounting bracket and OPC-581 3.5 meter (about 10 foot) separation cable, boxes and

manuals. This unit has not been mobile. \$650
Duke, W4DK 891-4359.

For Sale:

Icom IC 2000 2M transceiver \$100.00
W4GCK 828-698-2718

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-FEBRUARY 6, 2007

The meeting of February 6th came to order at 7:30 p. m. on a cold winter night. The meeting was presided over by Gene Mathis, KG4SXE, club president. There were 28 present, including three visitors. Though the night was cold outside, Gene gave everyone a warm welcome.

There were several announcements: Duke, W4DK, handed out a paper that contained a list of equipment that was in an estate sale he was helping liquidate.

Michael Parente gave an account of the volunteers that turned out for the VHS contest on Jump Off Rock during the month of January. The operators braved a cold, windy, winter day to make some VHF contacts for the winter sweepstakes. The club received recognition in the Hendersonville Times-News in the form of a picture. The photograph showed three of the ops: George, K3GK; Ronnie, K2SST; and Michael, AI4GR.

Ronnie Parham had prepared a chart to hand out to those present that had a wind chill chart, and a table that enabled you to convert Fahrenheit temperatures to Celsius temperatures. The latter is especially helpful for DX work, as foreign operators usually use Celsius in their homelands.

The final announcement was given by Michael Parente. Michael asked for volunteers to man the club station, W4YK, for the N.C. QSO party to take place on February 25th. He passed out a sign up sheet with times so those that volunteered could select a time that they could operate.

The presentation for this month was given by Michael Parente, AI4GR. If I remember correctly, he entitled his program, Electrifying Hams. As you might ascertain, the program had to do with proper grounding and the resistance of electricity in the human body.

Michael had prepared statistics to show the result of electricity and its entry into the human body. The human body reacts in relation

to the amount of voltage that enters the body. The results can be slight burns, deep burns, and death. The amazing thing is that it doesn't take a massive amount of electricity to do one in. I remember from my studies to procure my amateur license this statement: "volts jolt, mills kill". Michael showed how this worked.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Martin Harris, W4FOT.

Meeting adjourned.

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: May 13, 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



Club Meeting Tuesday
March 6, 2007



Next club meeting
April 3, 2007 7:00 pm
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 9:00 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 Note new freq	3571 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!