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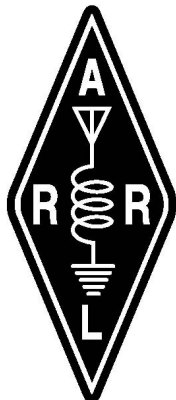
- There will be the usual 50/50 drawing.

Christmas Party

December 4, 6:00 pm, Twin Dragons, Brevard.

Christmas Parades

Fletcher, December 8, 2007-ops report at 7:30am at Town Hall on Hendersonville Road



EMERGENCY & DISASTER LEADERSHIP SUMMIT AT WCU

On November 15 a small group of section ARES leaders attended the Emergency and Disaster Leadership Summit at Western Carolina University...

State Emergency Management Director Douglas Hoell mentioned that we are not as well prepared for disasters as our grandparents. Today's citizens are not as self-reliant. We have a greater reliance on imported food and "just in time" inventory practices mean a small disruption in infrastructure can have a big impact. Local governments and individual citizens must be able to take care of themselves now more than ever. With a growing population and

limited resources, the government won't be able to provide much help for 3 days to a week. Every citizen should have a family emergency plan and an emergency kit with critical items that would get them through at least 3 days, and two weeks would be better.

There were many comments made during the summit about the "professionalization" of emergency management. It was agreed that emergency managers need better training and should pursue professional certifications. It was an echo of what we've been hearing about the increased training requirements for radio amateurs involved in providing emergency communications. If you wait until the next disaster, it will be

too late for you to learn the skills you need to be effective.

Commercial telecommunications providers are under growing pressure to provide greater resiliency and quicker recovery after a disaster. That means our window of usefulness is shrinking. We have to be on the scene quickly with trained operators who have practiced so much that the skills they need during the emergency are second nature.

ARRL North Carolina Section Manager: Timothy B. Slay, N4IB

PREZ SEZ

Hello to all, Hope all are doing well. We won't be having our standard meeting Tuesday night. We will be meeting at the Twin Dragons Restaurant on 280 in Brevard for our Christmas dinner at 6:00 pm.

Hope all can attend and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

A reminder that our January meeting will be at the same time and place, just on the second Tuesday (the 8th). I will mention it again

at the dinner. This will free up everyone's New Years Day/Evening to spend with family.

See you at the Christmas Dinner. 73 for now, Gene (KG4SXE).

Financial Statement for
Nov. 2007 - Lil Clark

Not received at Publica-

Club Shirts

\$30.00 each, checks to Duke Knief, order placed when 6 are ordered. Put callsign and size on memo line.

Operate Discovery Place

Many of us have visited Discovery Place in uptown Charlotte with our children or grandchildren, or perhaps to see the IMAX. But did you know it also features an amateur radio station, NC4DP?

The station is maintained and operated by the local amateur radio club. It is fully equipped, a dream shack. Among its many rigs are a Ten-Tec Orion and Jupiter, a Kenwood TS-80, and an Icom IC-910 and IC-229H. Antennas

on the roof include a beam and vertical for 2m, and beams and dipoles for 10m thru 80m. Phone, CW, and digital modes



ticket sales counter. However, the shack can be accessed without paying an admission fee. It is usually, but not always, staffed during museum hours, most reliably on weekends.

The photo shows Michael, AI4GR, making DX contacts using the Orion. The computer-controlled Jupiter is background.

are supported. You can use all of these; just bring a copy of your license.

The station is located on the main floor near the

ECHO Editor Changes

I'd like to thank all of the BRARC members for their support over the last few years that I have been doing the ECHO. Thanks to all of you who submitted articles, pictures and story ideas, not to mention lists of gear

for sale. It's been fun.

I welcome Michael Par-ente, AI4GR, as the new editor, I hope you will give him the same help and encouragement you have given me.

I hope you all have a very fulfilling Holiday Season and the New Year is full of all of the things you need to keep you life fulfilled.

Happy Hamming....
Dick

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 7, 2007

The meeting of the November, Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club, meeting was held on the 6th of the month at the Henderson County Parks and Recreation Building on Stony Mountain Road, Hendersonville, N.C.

There were 27 present, of which, one was a visitor. We welcomed Robert Jones, who is looking to soon get his amateur ticket. Gene Mathis, KG4SXE, club president was the presiding officer.

After the pledge of allegiance, Gene handed out name/call sign badges to the newest club members. He also took the time to thank those who at participated in the Tour de Leaves, and the DuPont Marathon run. We then had three members who had announcements for the club.

Duke, W4DK, handed out the shirts to club members who had ordered the shirts with their call sign and the club logo on them. The shirts are yellow, like the club hats, and are very attractive. If you haven't ordered yours, please see Duke. Duke went on to tell

us about a self adhesive plastic panel that could be affixed to a hand held. The panel can be cut to fit the frequency screen to protect it. This product can be purchased at Staples. His last announcement was a plea for operators to help in the Hendersonville Christmas parade. This parade will be the first day of December. A sign up sheet was passed for volunteers.

Michael, AI4GR, made an announcement about upcoming contests that amateurs may partake of.

Dick, K4KQJ, announced that the Fletcher Christmas parade would be held on the 8th of December. More operators are needed. If you didn't sign up at the meeting, please contact Dick.

Lil Clark, KG4GFP, club treasurer reported that the club has \$1258.84 in the treasury.

As November is the month for elections in the club, we had no formal presentation. The election results are as follows:

Gene Mathis, KG4SXE,

club president
Danny Rector, KI4XLT,
club vice president
Lil Clark, KG4GFP, club
treasure
Sid Hendricks, W4IOE,
club secretary
Rusty Jones, KG4JGO,
member at large
Ronnie Parham, K2SST,
member at large

Meeting was adjourned.

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: February 8, 2008. Call Sid, W4IOE 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, December 4, Twin Dragons, Brevard 6:00 pm



Next club meeting January 8, 2007, 7:00pm SMAC



QCWA Chapter 76— 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 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	3740 kHz (SSB)	Saturday 8:45 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 <i>Note new freq</i>	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 Michael Parente at ai4gr@arrl.net!