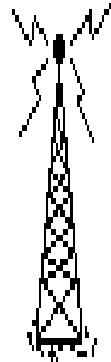


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- W4YK -***

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The Prez Sez — It is hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas dinner at Twin Dragons on December 1st. I will bring a sign-up list to the dinner for both the Hendersonville Christmas Parade on December 5th and the Fletcher Christmas Parade on December 12th. I am also anxious to see more people involved with our radio shack so please do not be shy about wanting to try your hand at operating our radios. It's great fellowship and fun and a great way to learn about radios, antennas and propagation. Just speak up and we will do all we can to help you.

Thank you so much for all that you do.

Danny Rector, AJ4HZ

Holiday Meeting – Our annual Holiday Meeting is dinner at Twin Dragons in Brevard. It will start about 6 pm on December 1st. Bring the family.

MEETING MINUTES OF November 3, 2009 — The regular monthly meeting of the Blue Ridge Amateur Club was held on November 3rd, 2009. We had 25 in attendance, counting one visitor. We were pleased to welcome Edward Given, NA3P, who is new to the Hendersonville area. The presiding officer was Danny Rector, AJ4HZ, club president. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as recorded in THE ECHO. Motion was made by Bill Onuska, KD4RRY; and the second was made by Brandy Coolidge, N1HO. The motion carried by vote of those present.

The treasurer's report was given by Lil Clark, KG4GFP. Lil reported the treasury had \$2461.01 in it at the time of meeting. It is to be remembered that \$1400.00 of this balance is for the raffle. The report was accepted.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the year of 2010. The steering committee had put forth a slate of nominees at the October meeting. These were: Danny Rector, AJ4HZ, nominated for the second term as club president. Craig Miller, KE4DFV, nominated for the second term as club vice president. Lil Clark, KG4GFP, nominated for club treasurer. Sid Hendricks, W4IOE, nominated for club secretary. The floor was opened for any other nominations, but none were presented. The motion being made by the steering

committee needed no motion or second, as it came from a committee. The vote was taken, and the afore named were elected.

There were several announcements made:

The Christmas dinner will be held at the Twin Dragons in Brevard, N.C. This will take the place of the December meeting. We normally begin eating at 6:00 p.m. The raffle drawing will be held during the dinner. Duke, W4DK, spoke to the sale of the raffle tickets. There is little time to sell what is left. Duke wants everything finalized by Thanksgiving. All money is to be turned in, and outstanding tickets not sold turned in. The club will help with the Hendersonville Christmas parade the first Saturday in December; and the Fletcher Christmas parade the second Saturday in December. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the Christmas dinner.

Our club was well represented at the Sky Warn class held in October at the Hendersonville mall. Those in attendance were: Bob Delwiche, KD4OKT; Craig Miller, KE4DFV; David Lewis, KG4NUW; Martin Harris, W4FOT; Harry Rittenberg, N4ZVX; Danny Rector, AJ4HZ; John Quinn, N9JZX; Frank Forrester, KI4NC; Jonathan Williams, KF4NVX; Will Hicks, WI1L; Debbie Hicks, AD2H; and, Bob Felt, KB5YZG.



The featured program of the evening was given by Rusty Jones, KG4JGQ. Rusty began his presentation on contesting by giving Debbie Hicks a certificate for being the highest scorer in the CQ contest. Our club had five members who worked as a team for our club. The team scored 273,823 points.

Rusty gave an excellent power-point presentation that covered several aspects of contesting including learning more about propagation, strategy in the contest (how you are going to operate), and timing in order to break that pile-up. He discussed the modes of operation, and some of the methods he has had success with as he has contested. Thanks Rusty, for a great program.

The last topic of discussion concerned the 80 meter double zepp at the club. Ours has a problem, and needs replacement. We discussed buying a new one. Brandy has a G5RV for 160-10 meters, and we are going to acquire it for the club.

John Quinn won the 50-50 drawing.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sid Hendricks

Our Next Meeting: December 1, 2009

6:00 pm – Holiday Dinner, Twin Dragons, Brevard

Let's Sweep – Next weekend we will be contesting in the November Sweepstakes from the club's shack. The contest runs from 4pm on Saturday the 21st through 10pm on Sunday, with a mandatory 6-hour off-time.

So far, 10 of us are on the schedule to operate or log. We could use more help, especially on Sunday afternoon and evening. Please contact Michael, AI4GR, if you plan to be there. But even if you cannot make it to the shack, be sure to log a contact with us. The exchange to give us is: Sequence number of contact; category; call sign; year you were first licensed; section. For instance, if we are your first contact, operating with less than 100W, and first licensed in 2012, say: 01 – A – AI4GR -12 – NC.

Two Succeed at License Exam – On November 14th, the Volunteer Examiner team led by Sid, W4IOE, held an Amateur Radio license exam session at the Mt. Home Fire Department. Club member Dan Maxwell, K2DRM, upgraded to Amateur Extra. A second candidate joined the Amateur community by passing the Technician Class exam. VEs assisting at the session were Duke, W4DK, Eric, W4ENC, Debbie, AD2H, and Bob, KD4OKT.



ARES Notes

The Wednesday ARES training net starts at 8:30PM.

On Tuesday, 17 November, members of the Henderson County ARES provided communication support for the large-scale flu shot clinic at the Patterson Center. Operations were set up at Patterson, as well as at the Henderson County 911 center and at the Hendersonville Chapter of the American Red Cross. Operational messages were transmitted to the Red Cross using packet modes on 2m. Local contacts were handled via 70cm FM.

Will, WI1L
Emergency Coordinator, Henderson County



Begali Key Raffle Update – Under the Begali key raffle terms, the following members will have their 2010 dues paid from the raffle proceeds held by the treasurer. If a member feels there is an error in the listings, contact Duke, W4DK.

OPT IN - Bought minimum of \$10 raffle tickets. 2010 dues paid:

Abercrombie	W2GJS	Lewis	KG4NUW
Ballard	WB4KIJ	Mathis	KG4SXE
Blackwell	KJ4DLG	Nielsen	K2GRO
Carter	KB4YBB	Onuska	KD4RRY
Clark	KG4GFP	Parham	K2SST
Coolidge	N1NO	Ponder	KD4RAM
Felt	KB5YZG	Quinn	N9JZX
Fink	KF4HAT	Rector	AJ4HZ
Fischer	KI4FLM	Remsen	KJ4CRQ
Harris	W4FOT	Rogers	KI4RBK
Hendricks	W4IOE	Ryttenberg	N4ZVX

Hicks	AD2H	Secrist	KF4HOG
Hicks	W11L	Smith	K4KQJ
Kloiber	W8NBX (SK)	Smith	KC5F
Knief	W4DK	Walden	KF4LQX
Korper	K3GK	Williams	KF4NVX

Mark Your Calendar —

December 1	– Holiday Dinner, Twin Dragons, 6:00pm
December 5	– Hendersonville Parade
December 12	– Fletcher Parade

Please notify the editor if dates change, or as new events arise.

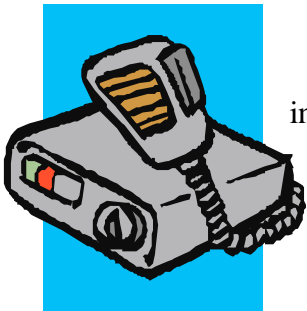
ITEMS FOR SALE

- 1) Yaesu FT 900 Transceiver and FP 800 Power supply **\$450.00**
- 2) Ameriton AL 80B Amplifier **\$800.00**
- 3) Kenwood MC 60 Microphone **\$75.00**
- 4) MFJ 1621 Antenna System 40/10 Mtrs **\$40.00**
- 5) Daiwa CN 720B SWR meter **\$75.00**

Contact Danny, rectord@bellsouth.net



If you have items for sale, or need something, notify the editor.



PTT ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ BRARC member Andy, K4YKZ, had a nice mention in the November *Repeater Journal*. He was Elmer to Tom, N4GVK, the new NC editor.

Elizabeth Engelhardt, daughter of member Bob, KD4OKT, authored the newly published, “Republic of Barbeque.” She will talk about the project and have a book signing at Hendersonville Library Sat 12 Dec, 3-5 PM

ARRL membership benefits include newsletters, such as the ARRL Contest Update, the ARES E-Letter (public service and emergency communications news), and the ARRL Club News. You can also receive information from our Section Manager, as well as W1AW bulletins that relate to DX, propagation, satellites and Keplerian reports. Sign up for these on the Member Data page <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html>.

———— AI4GR is clear.

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Club Information

Address: Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club
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Website: <http://www.radioclub.org/>

Dues: Our dues cover the period from January through December. Dues for additional related members in the same household as a Full or Associate member are one-half the applicable rate. Dues for full-time students of an accredited school are one-half the regular rate as long as student status is maintained. New members joining between July and December pay one-half the applicable rate for membership through the end of the year. This year's 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 Stoney Mountain Activity Center at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

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Financial Report: November 2009 - Lil Clark

Balance as of 10/31/09	\$ 2461.01
Plus: Deposits	18.00
Less: Expenses	0.00
Balance as of 11/15/09	\$ 2479.01*

*includes \$1400.00 raffle money

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Purpose: The purpose of the club is to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to promote and conduct programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

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.

Volunteer Examinations: Once per quarter, our volunteer examiners provide an opportunity to get your amateur license or to upgrade your present status.
NEXT SESSION: February 13, 2010

Contact Sid, W4IOE, for details.

Classes: We occasionally have classes so you can learn how to get your own amateur radio Technician class license.



A message from the editor..... Articles and submissions for the Echo should be sent by the 15th of each month.

If you have something to add to our newsletter, send it to: Michael, AI4GR.

Call me at: 828-891-8970 or E-mail me at:

ai4gr@arrl.net



Nets and On-The-Air Activities

Net	Freq / PL	Day	Time
BRARC Net	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Sunday	8:00 PM
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / 91.5	Wednesday	8:30 PM
440 Rag Chew	442.225 MHz/107.2	Monday	8:00 PM
Red Cross Communicators	146.640 MHz/91.5	Sunday	9:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 6m Net	53.630 MHz/100	Friday	8:00 PM
QCWA Chapter 76	3.625 MHz (SSB)	Saturday	8:45 AM
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Wednesday	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
6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday	9:00 PM
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily	9:00 PM
Mount Pisgah 220 Net	224.260 MHz	Sunday	9:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday	8:00 PM
Rutherford County QSO	147.240 MHz/ 94.8	Wednesday	9:00 PM
Tarheel ARES Net	3.923 MHz (SSB)	Daily	7:30 PM
NC Morning Net	3.926 MHz (SSB)	Daily	7:45 AM
SATERN Net	14.265 MHz	Daily	10:00 AM
NC Evening Net	3.923 MHz (SSB)	Daily	6:30 PM
Carolinas Slow Net	3.571 MHz (CW 5-8 wpm)	Daily	8:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Late)	3.573 MHz (CW 15-18 wpm)	Daily	10:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Early)	3.573 MHz (CW 20-22 wpm)	Daily	7:00 PM

If this information has changed, please contact Michael at ai4gr@arrl.net.



Club Meeting Tuesday
December 1st, 6:00 pm
Twin Dragons
Subsequent club meeting
January 5th, 6:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Henderson County ARES
Training Session
Fourth Monday of month
Etowah Lions Club, 7pm

