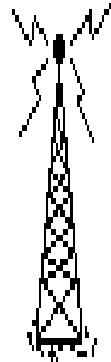


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- W4YK -**

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- DUES FOR 2010 ARE DUE -

The Prez Sez — This winter weather has been very uncooperative when it comes to meetings. It has been a disappointment to have to cancel but in the interest of safety it has been necessary. The NC QSO party will take place before our next meeting. It takes place the last Sunday of February (the 28th) starting at 12:00 noon until 10:00 pm. If you are interested we would love to have you come out to the club shack and operate for one or two hours. Also, we would like for everyone in the club to dust off your HF radios and make contact with us. We get a point for each band that you contact us on. Also if you have a mobile rig you could move around to the different counties and make contact with us. Give us a call on 146.640 to find what frequency we are on.

Our next meeting is March 2nd and I am putting in a special request for no snow. See you then.

Danny Rector, AJ4HZ

Our Next Meeting: March 2, 2010

7:00 pm – Rusty, kg4jgq –RTTY

DIGITAL GROUP FORMS – A digital users group will meet informally on the **3rd Saturday** of each month for lunch (11:15) at Binion's on Four Seasons Blvd. This will continue as long as there's interest

Binion's will only hold the back room for groups of 15+ so we'll be seated somewhere ask as you walk in the door. The manager says she will set up or move tables to accommodate us (since we get there early, it shouldn't be a problem).

The group meets to discuss digital problems, solutions, software, hardware, etc. Everyone is welcome. At the last meeting, I had CDs with the BBS commands and other info on them. In some areas, the info is a bit dated, but if you'd like one, ask.

Please pass this info on..... 73, Duke W4DK

HamCation Vacation — The Orlando HamCation of February 12 – 14 was attended by 3 members of BRARC, and maybe more. Kathleen, AJ4FV, and Michael, AI4GR, met Tom, K4TEL, by serendipity in the crowd of amateurs browsing amongst the goodies.

The HamCation is a great Fest. Five radio manufacturers had knowledgeable staff happy to field questions about their latest products. Some were offering specials that were too good to pass up. Three buildings were filled by suppliers and ham tables, and there was an extensive outdoor tailgate.

On Friday the attendance was about right to permit in-depth conversation with manufacturers. Saturday the attendance was so great that it was hard to navigate the aisles. But don't expect to keep warm in Orlando in February. Outdoor wear was ski-jacket, scarf, and gloves.



Michael & Tom

Rusty's Uses Low Power To Score High — Rusty, KG4JGQ, used only 5 Watts in last August's North American QSO Party, yet he made 130 contacts. His score was 7,930, placing him third in the nation. It was a SSB contest, and he entered as Single Op QRP.

70-cm Net Debuts in Rutherford County - There's now a ragchew net on Thursday nights at 8:00pm from Rutherford County. It's at 442.000 MHz with a tone of 114.8 Hz. Net-control is Steve, N4STF, who many of us will recognize from his check-ins to the BRARC net on Sunday nights.

The repeater is located atop Cherry Mountain, which is in the eastern part of Rutherford County. Steve makes you feel welcome, so join in on the fun.



ARES Notes

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

Will, WI1L
Emergency Coordinator, Henderson County



Mark Your Calendar —

28 February – NC QSO Party
13 – 14 March – Charlotte Hamfest
26 – 27 June – Field Day

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

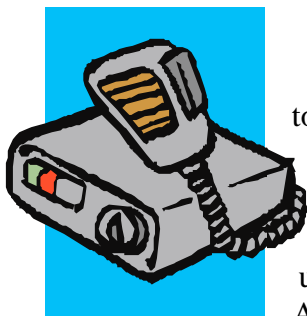
ITEMS FOR SALE

ICOM IC-02AT 2m handheld, mint condition. \$75.00

Walt, KO4JN < walter134@morrisbb.net >

- 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 Bruce Rogers, KI4RBK, has moved to Richmond, VA. His new email is brucerogers2010@gmail.com. He has coordinated the Fletcher Flyer bike ride with us, so new arrangements will be necessary.

BRARC has received LOTW confirmation of contacts with all 50 states. This qualifies us for the Worked All States award. The final two states were reached in the recent North American QSO Party.

ARRL announced that owners of Kindle -- an electronic book reader -- can now download [ARRL's Tech Q&A](#) directly from Amazon for use on their Kindle. – ARRL Letter 12/19/09

Marc Tarplee, N4UFP, of Rock Hill, has been appointed the new ARRL South Carolina Section Manager. He will complete the term of Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, who was elected ARRL Roanoke Division Vice Director.

———— AI4GR is clear.

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Club Information

Address: Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 831, Horse Shoe NC 28742

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: February 2010 - Lil Clark

Balance as of 1/31/10	\$ 1950.57
Plus: Deposits	0.00
Less: Expenses	<u>40.05</u>
Balance as of 2/21/10	\$ 1910.52

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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: May 8, 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 ARES Net	147.240 MHz/ 94.8	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Tarheel Emergency Net	1.943 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
 March 2nd, 7:00 pm
 Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Subsequent club meeting
 April 6th, 7:00 pm
 Stoney Mountain Activity Center



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

