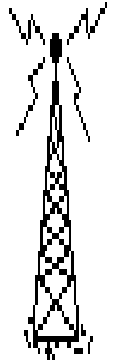


The Blue Ridge Echo .. Echo.. Echo..



Official Transmitter of the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club - W4YK -

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The Prez Sez — Merry Christmas to all and I hope u have a lot of Qs in the New Year. It's been a strange year and quite busy on the airwaves. We are starting to wane with the solar cycle, so 2013 is the time to get those you need. Thanks to all the members of BRARC for chipping in and making this year a success.

The January meeting will be held on January 8th! This was changed to avoid the holiday and give all of you who will be recovering from Straight Key Night (SKN) a week to get your wits about you. Speaking of SKN, be sure to get out that old straight key and make a Q or two. It's a great chance to reconnect with the roots of our hobby and who knows, you may just rekindle an old passion. Speed doesn't matter BTW. So grab and go with the "original" digital mode.

73 and CU AGN on the air.

Rusty
K4SAA

Our Next Meeting: January 8, 2013

7:00 pm

Please note this is one week later than normal due to the New Year holiday!

MEETING MINUTES OF November 6th, 2012 —

Meeting called to order on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at: 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, chaired by Michael Parente (AI4GR).

Attendance: 15 people signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors: There were 2 visitors.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$2,325.08.

Public Events

Hendersonville Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2012. Volunteers are needed. Please meet at the Girl Scouts building behind Pop's Restaurant at 7:30 AM. Bring a 2 meter HT tuned to 146.710, negative offset, and no tone. Contact Danny (NA4X) for more details.

Fletcher Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2012. Volunteers are also needed. Please report to the Blue Sky Café next to the town hall at 7:30 AM. Contact Dick Smith (W4RSS) for more details.

Contest News

Michael (AI4GR) announced that the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club came in 2nd in the whole state of North Carolina! Congratulations to all those who participated!

General News

Dick Day (N4WVL) is a silent key.

Our club re-elected all officers for another year of service. We still have an opening for the position of "Member at large." Volunteer?

The annual Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Blue Ridge Pizza Company in Etowah. See you there!

Formal Presentation

There was no formal presentation.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES OF December 4th, 2012

The December meeting was the annual Christmas dinner, held at the Blue Ridge Pizza Company in Etowah. All in attendance had a good time of food and fellowship.

Christmas Parades – Again in 2012 our club provided support for the Christmas parades in Hendersonville and Fletcher. A special thanks to Danny and Dick for their efforts in organizing these two events, and a big thank you to all who participated in these events. Your dedication to community service and to the Amateur Radio hobby is greatly appreciated.

FROM THE TREASURER – Please be aware that dues for 2013 are now due and payable. Please make checks payable to Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club. Dues can be paid in person to Steve Smith, or by mail to:

Steve Smith – KC5F
607 E. Blue Ridge Rd.
East Flat Rock, NC 28726

Thank you.

Mark Your Calendar —

1 January	– ARRL Straight Key Night
5-6 January	– ARRL RTTY Roundup
6 January	– ARRL Kids Day
19-21 January	– January VHF Contest
9 February	– WCARS Testing Session at Mtn. Home VFD, 9:00am
11-15 February	– School Club Roundup
16-17 February	– International DX Contest, CW
2-3 March	– International DX Contest, Phone

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

ITEMS FOR SALE

AMERITRON AL-811 Amplifier – all HF bands including WARC and most MARS bands. Uses three low cost 811s Easy to buy. Desktop 16” deep x 13 ¼” W x 8” high, 30 pounds. \$400.00

BECKMAN 300 MULTIMETER W/ Instruction book and new 9-volt battery...\$18.00

5-WAY ANTENNA COUPLER: five circuits built on 10”x17’x3” chassis. A provided QST article has the schematic drawings and photos and how-to-use. This has been used up to a kilowatt...\$25.00

PALOMAR R-X NOISE BRIDGE: Operator’s Manual and Instruction sheet. Both the PALOMAR and the OMEGA are still offered on E-Bay. These hardy devices are still very handy...\$20.00

OMEGA-T SYSTEMS TE7-01 NOISE BRIDGE: An E-mail excerpt provided tells how to use...\$8.00S

MFJ 721 CW/SSB FILTER: Power supply included. Instruction sheet and schematic provided. This easy-to-use device is a remarkable performer for SSB and CW...\$15.00

TWO B&W COAX SWITCHES: Model 550 in box, never used..\$15.00 -Model 375 no box...\$8.00

KEVLAR LINE: 400 feet. Never used...\$5.00

HY-GAIN BOOM-TO-MAST CLAMP: In box, never used...\$5.00

FOOT SWITCHES: Two, each different...\$3.00 each

LIGHTENING ARRESTORS: One still in package for balanced line..\$5.00S -one for coax, used...\$2.00

TUBES: Six OB2, one each 6EA8, 12AV6, 12BA6...All for \$1.00

TEN-TEC ACRO-BAT ANTENNA CONNECTOR & HANGER: This is the best center support that allows standard wire or ladder line to be used for the antenna and either RG-58 type coax or ladder line at the feed point. The ACRO-BAT is constructed of UV resistant, high stability polycarbonate plastic designed to endure outdoor use, same as the power meters. All hardware is stainless steel. This was my extra ACRO-BAT while I used one for the last five years. \$12.00

INSULATORS - Lots to see here. 3 for \$5.00 – you pick and choose

- Nine unused stand-offs that will handle wire, ladder line or coax.
- Three through-glass as well as siding – inside to outside.
- End insulators -- seven small, one large.
- Two heavy-duty porcelain center insulators.
- Never used center insulator with 4:1 balun.
- Strain insulators – three large, three small.

CONNECTORS PL-259...Adapters, right-angles, straight UG-298, and plenty more. Some new...\$1.00 each
“N” connectors, one bulk head...\$1.00 each

Ed Cushing, W4GW (828) 697-5111, gec7388@bellsouth.net

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IC-T81A Quad Band handheld FM transceiver (6, 2, 440, 1270 MHz.) with (2) BP-200 battery packs, (2) LC-1148 Leatherette cases, (1) Diamond SRH-999 quad band antenna (50cm/21in), Instruction Manual, Nifty Quick Reference Guide, CS-T81 Cloning software, (4) belt clips, CP-12L Cigarette Lighter Adapter, (2) BP-197 triple-AA battery cases, W&W Master Charger Ia drop-in desk charger with AC supply, BC-110A "Wall Wart" charger, and KPC3+ Interface cable. Asking \$200 - will throw in an Alinco DJ-596T dual band (2m/440) handheld with accessories, but which needs a new battery.

Garmin Ique 3600 PDA with built-in GPS, with desktop cradle/charger and vehicular cradle/12VDC cigarette lighter charger/connector, plus original box and documentation, etc. \$200 or BO.

Icom SP-20 deluxe speaker (includes 2 HPFs and 2 LPFs) - MSRP \$230, asking \$120.

Brandy, NIHO (828) 693-5770 or (954) 818-6790 n1ho@arrl.net

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Package Deal

80 ft tower, fold-over base and side mount, Mosley Tri-band 20, 15 and 10 meters, 11 element 2 meter beam and Ham-M rotator. \$250 for the whole package only.

If interested, please contact Mike, K8YDV directly at miccar8@frontier.com

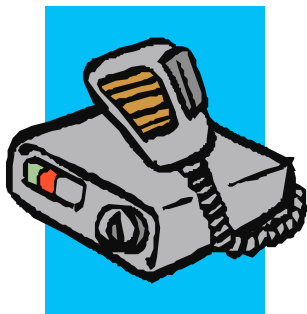
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ICOM IC-7000 HF/VHF/UHF Transceiver. Excellent condition.
Not modified. Asking \$1000...make an offer

BIRD Model 43 Thruline wattmeter w/3 low power VHF slugs. Asking \$200 ...make an offer.

Duke W4DK 828-891-4359 w4dk@arrl.net

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

— DUES FOR 2013 ARE NOW DUE —



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Happy New Year and happy radio sport.

Thanks and 73

— K2DRM 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: Steve Smith, 607 E Blue Ridge Rd, East Flat Rock, NC 28726

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: December 2012
Steve Smith, KC5F**

Balance as of 10/31/12	2325.08
Plus: Deposits	42.50
Less: Expenses	0.00
Balance as of 12/31/12	2367.58

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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: Every 3 months, our volunteer examiners provide an opportunity to get your amateur license or to upgrade your status.

NEXT SESSION: February 9, 2013

Contact Sid, W4IOE, for details.

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

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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: Dan, K2DRM.

Call me at: 828-243-1347 or E-mail me at: danmaxwell@dan-maxwell.com

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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
High Country Swap & Rag Chew	442.225 MHz/107.2	Monday	9:00 PM
Haywood County ARC 2m Net	147.390 Mhz/94.8	Monday	8:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 6m Net	53.630 MHz/100	Friday	9:00 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
NC ARES Area 15 Roll Call Net	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Thursday	8:00 PM
Tarheel Emergency 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 Dan at danmaxwell@dan-maxwell.com.



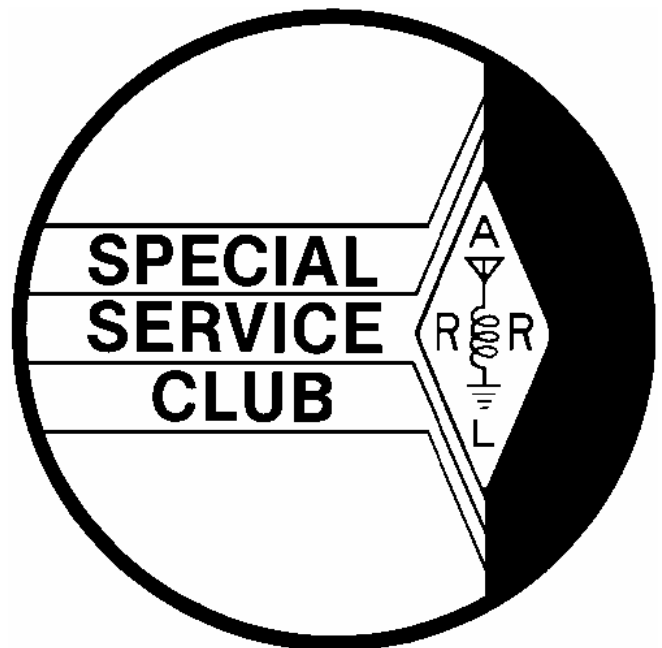
Club Meeting Tuesday
January 8, 7:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Subsequent club meeting
February 5, 7:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Henderson County ARES Training
Fourth Monday of Month
in the County Building
100 King Street, Hendersonville, 7pm



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