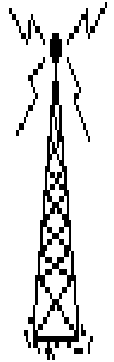


The Blue Ridge Echo .. Echo.. Echo..



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

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The Prez Sez — The Prez has been quiet this month, nothing received.

Our Next Meeting: August 6, 2013

7:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES OF July 2nd 2013 —

Meeting called to order on July 2, 2012 at: 7:07 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, chaired by Jonathan Williams, club Vice President.

Attendance: 17 signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors: There was one visitor; Mr. Ron Schoner.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$2642.00.

Contests: Michael Parente, AI4GR announced the Field Day results: BRARC had a total of 848 contacts in CW, 48 Digital, 449 Phone for a total point value of 1,345 points!

General News/Business: There will be a WCARS Hamfest on Saturday, July 27 at the Haywood County Fairgrounds. Starting at 8:00 AM.

There's the Shelby Hamfest on Labor Day.

Volunteers are needed to work the State Fair in September.

There will be a coalition walk scheduled for September.

New Business

The club moved and seconded a motion to purchase a new generator. The motion carried.

Richard Smith (W4RSS) won the 50/50 drawing.

Formal Presentation: Doug Davis (KJ4WWN) gave a slide presentation on CHIRP – programming software. It was enjoyed by all..

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Field Day Score

It was great planning to have scheduled Field Day for such fine weather. We made the most of it, keeping our 3 HF and 1 VHF rigs operating almost full time. This "time in seats" produced a record score for W4YK.

We made 1345 QSOs. CW accounted for 848; phone, 449; digital, 48. This QSO total did not quite reach the 1352 we made in 2011, but since CW and digital Qs count double, and since both surpassed the 2011 total, this year's QSO score won out by more than 100 points: 4482 to 4322.

To this we add bonus points, where we picked up all except the satellite contact. So the 1450 point bonus adds to the QSO points for a record score of 5932 points.

We will have to see how we fared compared to others in our section and division. We'll know this after ARRL publishes results in a few months.

Michael, AI4GR

Mark Your Calendar —

3-4 August	– August UHF Contest - ARRL
3-4 August	– North American QSO Party - CW
17-18 August	– North American QSO Party - SSB
18 August	– Rookie Roundup - RTTY
10 August	– WCARS VEC Test Session, Mountain Home
31 Aug-1 Sept	– Shelby Hamfest,
14-16 September	– September VHF Contest - ARRL
21 September	– Hunger Coalition Walk
28-29 September	– CQWW DX Contest - RTTY

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

ITEMS FOR SALE

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, N1HO (828) 693-5770 or (954) 818-6790 n1ho@arrl.net

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ICOM VHF FM and DSTAR HT for sale -

ICOM model IC-V82 handheld transceiver with DSTAR chip (UT-118) installed.

Modes VHF FM & DSTAR with 7 Watts output, and 200 memories.

Includes extra 1650mA battery (BP-210N) and fast charger (BC-144N).

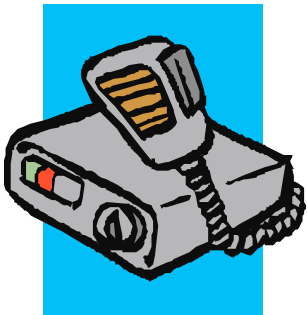
See QST review at

http://www.icomamerica.com/en/products/amateur/handheld/v82_u82/IC880_QSTReview.pdf

Excellent condition. Asking \$275.

Call Bob Felt cell(703) 915-2796 or email W4RYF@ARRL.NET

If you have items for sale, or need something, notify the editor. Also, if your listed items have sold, notify the editor to remove the listing.



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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: July 2013
Steve Smith, KC5F**

Balance as of 6/30/13	2461.49
Plus: Deposits	26.50
Less: Expenses	275.25
Balance as of 7/31/13	2212.74

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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: August 10, 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

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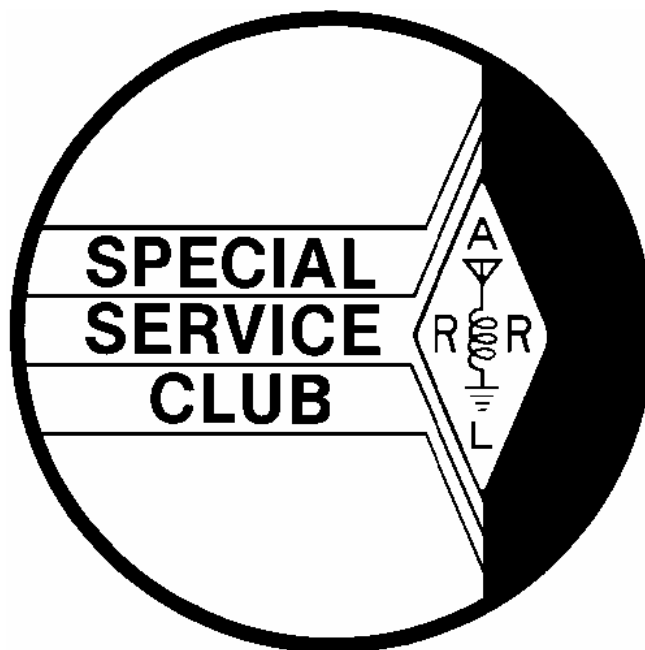
Club Meeting Tuesday
August 6, 7:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Subsequent club meeting
September 3, 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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