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

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

Our Next Meeting: September 3, 2013

7:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES OF August 6th 2013 —

Meeting was called to order on August 6, 2013 at 7:11pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, chaired by Jonathan Williams (KF4NVX), club Vice President.

Attendance: 18 signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors: There were five visitors; Ron Schoner, Jack Mandelman (K1VT), Jim Green (W3HUN), Bill Gaede and Philip Jenkins (N4HF).

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that we have a balance of $2212.74.

Public Events:
VE testing for all licenses will be given on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 9:00am at the Mountain Home Fire Department.

Fletcher Flyer Chairperson - Jennifer Caldwell-Billstrom donated $250 to BRARC for our support to the event this year.

Haywood Bike Club has indicated that they too would like assistance from BRARC in running their bike marathons in the future.

Contests: Michael (AI4GR) announced the OSD contest on August 18-19th
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General News/Business:
Duke (W4DK) made a motion to donate $250 to the Joint effort at the NC Mountain State Fair (9/6 to 9/15). The motion was seconded and passed.

Ronnie (K2SST) said that the Boy Scouts Merit badge and Jamboree details are still TBD. Ronnie also provided refreshments and presented a sound tape on Ham Radio. Thanks Ronnie!!

Harry Ryttenburg (N4ZVX) won the 50/50 drawing.

Formal Presentation: The presentation was on Mesh Networks by Jonathan (KF4NVX). THANKS for some great ideas!

The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

August V.E. Test Session

At our August 10, 2013 test session at Mountain Home Fire Department, we had one applicant who came to test. Ron Schoner came, tested and left with a Technician ticket. His call is KK4TCS. Welcome to the hobby Ron!

I thank those who came to help with the testing:
Bob Andrews, W4HUE
Dan Maxwell, K2DRM
Gary Mitchell, KW4GM
Jonathan Williams, KF4NVX

Thanks everyone for your help!

Sid Hendricks, W4IOE

Mark Your Calendar —

6-15 September	– Booth at NC Mountain State Fair
14-16 September	– September VHF Contest - ARRL
21 September	– Hunger Coalition Walk
27-28 September	– Ten-Tec Hamfest, Pigeon Forge, TN
28-29 September	– CQWW DX Contest – RTTY
5-6 October	– Oceania DX Contest – Phone
10 October	– 10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint
12-13 October	– Oceania DX Contest – CW
13 October	– North American Sprint – RTTY
26-27 October	– CQWW DX Contest – SSB

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

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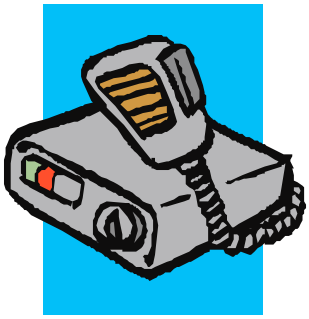
ICOM IC-745 HF Transceiver. 160-10 Meters all mode (not my radio).
MINT. Includes power supply, HM-12 mike and SM6 electret desk mike.
$425 ... make an offer. Duke W4DK 891-4359

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: August 2013
Steve Smith, KC5F

Balance as of 7/31/13	**2212.74**
Plus: Deposits	**267.00**
Less: Expenses	**1296.43**
Balance as of 8/31/13	**1183.31**

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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: November 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
September 3, 7:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center

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

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

SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB

— Find us on the web at < http://www.radioclub.org > —