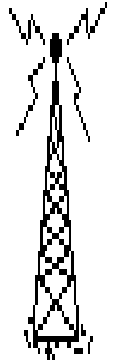


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Official Transmitter of the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club - W4YK -

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The (Vice) Prez Sez— Hi all. The cooler weather is moving in as we mark the end of summer. And with much sadness, I report to you that our residence at the Stoney Mountain Activity Center is coming to an end also. The building has in fact been turned over to the Henderson County Solid Waste Department and they are going to be locating their offices in the building. At this point in time, we have been notified that we have a couple months to move the shack but there are still discussions ongoing on the timeframe and details. As far as our monthly meetings are concerned we have to decide fairly quickly where to hold the next few meetings. For the shack, most likely we will need to put our equipment into storage somewhere. If you have basement or garage space available please let us know! We are all hoping that we can find a shack to move our stuff into fairly quickly and restore the only permanent club shack in WNC! Thank you all for the work done for the club.

I hope to see you ALL at the October meeting.

73
Jonathan Williams
KF4NVX

Our Next Meeting: October 1, 2013

7:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES OF September 3rd 2013 —

Meeting was called to order on September 3, 2013 at 7:01pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, chaired by Jonathan Williams (KF4NVX), club Vice President.

Attendance: 18 signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors: There were 2 visitors. Dave (K4SV) & Nick Andrews (K9GVM).

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$1183.74. The club had just purchased a new generator.

Public Events:

Hunger Coalition Walk is scheduled for September 21, 2013. Contact Gene (KG4SXE) for details and to volunteer.

Mountain State Fair needs volunteers to host the ham radio station display. Contact Dave (K4SV).

Hamfests: Ten-Tec is having their Ham Fest on Sept. 27-28 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Check the internet for details at W4DXCC.com

Danny (NA4X) won the 50/50 drawing.

Formal Presentation: The presentation was on Dxing (DXCC) by Phil Jenkins of Fairview, NC-(N4HF). THANKS for some great ideas!

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Mark Your Calendar —

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
2-4 November	– ARRL Sweepstakes, CW
9-10 November	– WAE (Worked All Europe) DX Contest, RTTY
16-17 November	– ARRL EME Contest
16-18 November	– ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB
23-24 November	– CQWW DX Contest, CW

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

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KENWOOD TS – 820S – 160 to 10 mtrs HF XCVR. SSB, CW, FSK. 200 watt plate power input on SSB. 160

watt input on CW. 120 VAC supply built in. With Shure desk mic and instruction manual. No WARC bands.

Very clean. Works well. Willing to demo on air. From non-smoker home. \$225

Nick Andrews K9GVM (828) 891-3927 nv_andrews@sbcglobal.net

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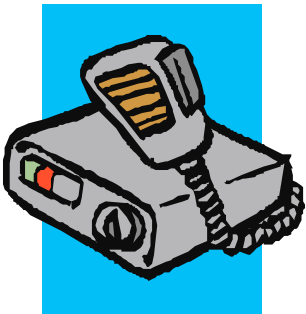
ICOM IC-725 - 160 to 10 mtr HF XCVR. Incl WARC bands. SSB, CW. 10 to 100 w output power. 26 channel

memory. ICOM HM-12 hand mic and instruction manual. With original ICOM box. Very clean. Works well.

Willing to demo on air. From non-smoker home. \$325

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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: September 2013
Steve Smith, KC5F**

Balance as of 8/31/13	1183.31
Plus: Deposits	16.50
Less: Expenses	0.00
Balance as of 9/30/13	1199.81

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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.



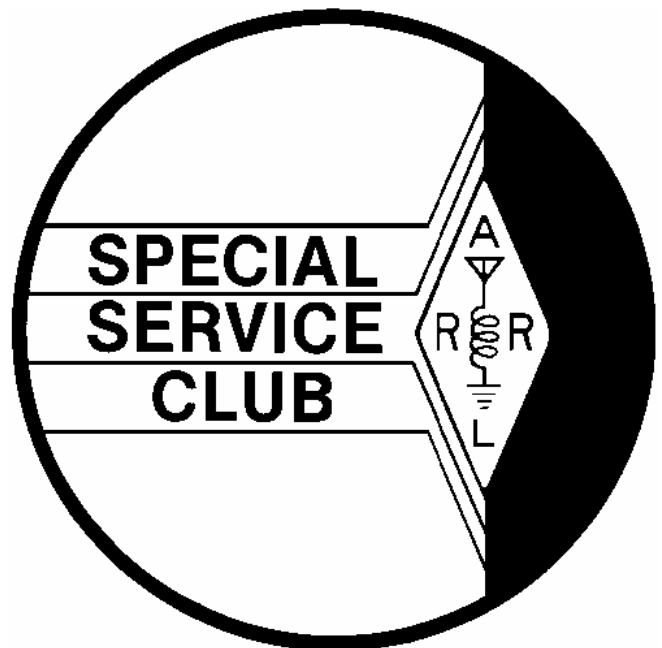
Club Meeting Tuesday
October 1, 7:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Subsequent club meeting
November 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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