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

Message from the President, Danny (NA4X)

The Prez Says...

I want to thank everyone for their hard work at Field Day. You guys did a great job presenting ham radio to our visitors. I think we have found a great spot with a lot of potential for a variety of antennas. Being close to the shack we should be able to experiment with antennas and radios throughout the year.

I also want to thank Ron and the rest of the wives for such great food!

Our last meeting could have been a disaster since we could not get into the building for our meeting. Instead you did what all good hams do. You adapted to the circumstances. Most of the time in a disaster our settings around us are not perfect. We have to be willing to make the best out of the situation. Thank you!

Be sure to support the upcoming WCARS and Shelby hamfests. Also please put the WNC Fair on your calendar for September 5 - 14. We will be asking for volunteers to man the information tent and special event radios as we get closer.

73's
Danny (NA4X)

IMPORTANT: We are missing four items that need to be accounted for insurance purposes and also to be accountable to each other as a club members. They are a Icom 740, Kenwood 440F radios, a LDG AT100 PRO Tuner and a AEA PK232MBX TNC. Please call Danny at 329-8863 or Steve Smith at 697-6388 if you know where these items are

Minutes from July 2, 2014

The meeting was held at the Jackson Park location outside on the lawn because the facility was locked. Minutes were submitted by Dick Smith (W4RSS), as follows:

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Danny Rector (NA4X) , President, followed by the pledge of allegiance.
- 2) Treasurer's Report:
 - a) Balance before Field Day: \$1497.64
 - b) Field Day expenses as of July 1: \$141.00
 - c) Accepted by voice vote.
- 3) Announcements
 - a) Mountain State Fair September 5-14. Setup on September 3rd. Volunteers are needed.
 - b) Blue Ridge Bike Club (Fletcher Flyer) Gave the club a \$400.00 gift to BRARC in recognition of services rendered.
- 4) Danny put forth the idea of using the donation in two ways: purchase the AH4 tuner used at field day for \$175 and donate the balance to the Road Show Radio Club for use in fair expenses.
 - a) Moved by Bill Ponder (KD4RAM), seconded by Michael Parente (AI4GR) to purchase tuner for \$175.00. After discussion motion passed.
 - b) Moved by Michael Parente, seconded by Duke Knief (W4DK) to donate \$225.00 to the Road Show. Discussion followed, motion passed.
- 5) Field Day Report
 - a) President Rector reported that for the most part everything went well. There were some rig issues at the start, but after settling out things moved along well.
 - b) A nice article appeared in the Monday, June 30th edition of the *Times-News*.
 - c) Danny has received several requests for Public Service help as a result of the article.
 - d) The *Hendersonville Lions Club* has requested a presentation at one of their meetings. Dick Smith volunteered.
 - e) Preliminary statistics were reported by Michael Parente:
 - i) 21 club members were involved in Field Day this year.
 - ii) 30 visitors signed in during the weekend,
 - iii) Club operators logged 916 QSO's: 511 CW, 395 Phone, 41 Digital
 - (1) 160-0
 - (2) 80 - 86 CW
 - (3) 40 - 427 QSO's: 134-CW, 280-Phone,13-RTTY
 - (4) 20 - 345 QSO's: 282-CW, 40-Phone, 23-Digital
 - (5) 15 - 52 QSSO's: 9-CW, 38-Phone, 5-Digital
 - (6) 10 - 3 QSO's: 3-Phone
 - (7) 6 - 3 QSO's: 3-Phone
 - (8) GOTA - 31 QSO's
 - iv) QSO points earned - 2928
 - f) Discussion followed regarding antennas and rigs used.
 - g) Danny thanked all for their interest and participation. Special thanks to Bill Ponder, Steve Smith, and James Reed for their contributions.
- 6) Miscellaneous items:

- a) Think about club business cards for State Fair, Field Day, other Public Service events.
 - b) North Carolina Section Manager Karl Bowman, W4CHX, visited our Field Day site and left two items: An ARRL Repeater Directory and a 100th ARRL Anniversary commemorative coin.
 - c) Create opportunities for public operating events:
 - i) Farm City Day – October
 - ii) Antique Tractor Show – 3rd Weekend in October.
 - iii) Add items to August Agenda
 - d) Discussion about antennas and power for new shack.
- 7) President Rector adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.
- 8) Next Meeting – August 5, 7:00 pm – Jackson Park.

Respectfully Submitted
Dick Smith (W4RSS)



Treasurer's Report

The club balance as of 7/1/14 is \$1497.64

In Attendance: There was no attendance sheet passed, so we do not have a count of the number of participants who attended.

General Business

The minutes were approved from the June meeting along with the Treasurer's Report.

New Business

Radio Raffle

The *Road Show Radio Club* announced that they still have 238 raffle tickets left. This is their fund raiser to help pay for their display at the State Fair in September. Tickets are \$10 and the prize is an Elecraft K3-100 radio.

W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention

The *W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention* is the South East's largest and best attended ham radio event for 10 years running. Located at the *MainStay Suites* in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee September 26-27th. A full schedule of popular presenters will speak on DX and Contest subjects throughout the main convention with prize drawings between presenters, drinks and snacks included. Major equipment manufacturers are on hand to demonstrate new products and answer your equipment questions face to face. A banquet rounds out the day where the grand prizes are drawn.

A full range of shopping for the family is located nearby along with water parks, go cart tracks and Dollywood for the kids. Bring the family for a wonderful weekend full of Fun.

Check out the WEB site for more details, filling fast, book early:
www.W4DXCC.com

We look forward to seeing you attend this year.

Thank You in advance, 73

Dave Anderson, K4SV
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New Call Sign

Gary Mitchell (K2GLM)

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates to be aware of:

Date	Description
July 19 - 20, 2014	CQ World-Wide VHF Contest. Link for more details...
July 26, 2014	The WCARS Hamfest. Location = Haywood County Fairgrounds, Waynesville, NC. 758 Crabtree Rd, Waynesville, NC 28785. Tickets = \$7.00 at the gate. Link for more details...
August 30 - 31, 2014	Shelby Hamfest. Location: Cleveland County Fairgrounds. Link for more details...
Sept. 5 - 14	The WNC State Fair. We will need volunteers for this upcoming event.

Formal Presentation

There was no formal presentation.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:04 PM

Items for Sale or Wanted

Wanted: ICOM 718. Contact Doug (KJ4WWN) at themtns@yahoo.com.

Popular Ham Radio Nets

Name	Frequency/Tone	Day/Days AM/PM (EST)
BRARC Net (W4YK)	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Sunday 8:00 PM
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / 91.5	Wednesday 8:30 PM
Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily 9:00 PM
6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday 9:00 PM
Good Morning Net	146.760 MHz	M-W-F 9:00 AM
WCARS Information Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Monday 9:00 PM
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Wednesday 9:00 PM
Transylvania ARC Net	147.135 MHz	Thursday 8:00 PM
WCARS Simplex Net	147.525 MHz	Tuesday 8:30 PM
Mount Pisgah 220 Net	224.260 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday 8:00 PM
Mount Pisgah 220 Thursday Net	224.260 MHz	Thursday 8:00 PM
Hit and Bounce Net (CW)	7.042 MHz	Daily 8:30 AM
K4UUQ Morning Net	7.225.5 MHz (SSB)	Mon-Sat 7:00 AM
Carolinas Slow Net	3.571 MHz (CW 5-8 wpm)	Daily 8:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Early)	3.573 MHz (CW 20-22 wpm)	Daily 7:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Late)	3.573 MHz (CW 15-18 wpm)	Daily 10:00 PM
QCWA Chapter 76	3.740 MHz (SSB)	Saturday 8:45 AM
NC Evening Net	3.923 MHz (SSB)	Daily 6:30 PM
Tarheel ARES Net	3.923 MHz (SSB)	Daily 7:30 PM
NC Morning Net	3.927 MHz (SSB)	Daily 7:45 AM
SATERN Net	14.265 MHz	Daily 10:00 AM
BRARC Rag Chew	28.350 MHz	Sunday after the 146.640 Net

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club Officers

Title	Name	Call Sign	Phone	Email
President	Danny Rector	NA4X	828-329-8863	rectordl@bellsouth.net
Vice President	Bill Gaede	KK4VCQ		rattletree7@gmail.com
Treasurer & Membership	Steve Smith	KC5F	828-697-6388	kc5f@arrl.net
Secretary	Doug Davis	KJ4WWN	828-685-1291	themtns@yahoo.com
Member @ Large	Stan Frady	N1BBS	910-366-2133	skfrady@gmail.com
Web Master & VE Testing	Dick Smith	W4RSS	828-687-9531	w4rss@att.net

Club Information

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)

One of the key benefits of joining or having a ham radio club in your community is to link-up with like-minded people who share similar interests. Radio operators come from all walks of life. Some are students, teachers, pilots, technicians, police officers, doctors, executives, retired military, engineers, you name it.

The *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* is all of these things. Another key benefit it that they give-back in many ways back to their community. Amateur radio operators at BRARC donate time and equipment to participate with the Department of Emergency Management, the Red Cross, and FEMA. Radio operators practice using their equipment without power from the grid. So during REAL emergencies they can supply the necessary communication to first responders so they can provide help to those who need it. Hurricane Sandy was a perfect example.

The BRARC also provides volunteer community support in a variety of community activities including, parades including the 4th of July, and Christmas parades, walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, horse riding events at the Biltmore Estates, and the Fletcher Flier.

The *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* also provides daily and weekly forums via what they call "Nets." You don't need a ham license to listen to a net - just a radio. These forums include informal sessions or "rag chews" that discuss local events or just about any topic.

Blue Ridge Echo Submissions

If you have timely information that you would like to publish in the Echo, all submissions must be received by the first 6-7 days of each month in order to meet publication deadlines. Please send your copy to Doug (KJ4WWN) at themtns@yahoo.com.