



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



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

Message from the President Elect, Danny (NA4X)

The Prez Says...

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Thank you for the great attendance at the Christmas dinner. It is always fun meeting the spouses and friends. Also thank you to all who have helped-out with the parades. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Next year we really would like to get a float of our own in the parade. I look forward to the coming year. I would like to see us all become more involved in the community through our different service events. Please consider what you can do. These events really do require a lot of help.

Danny, NA4X



Treasurer's Report

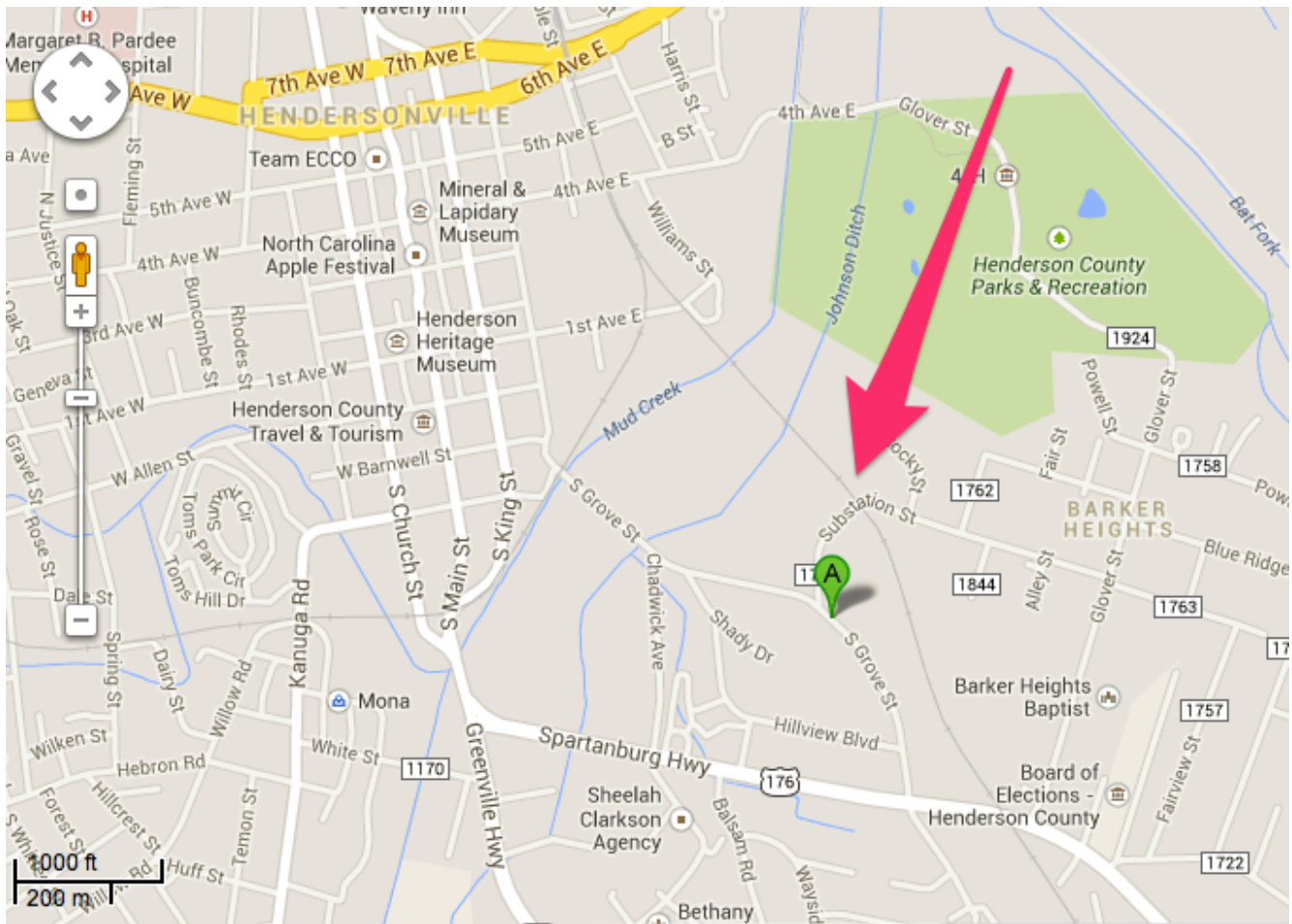
The *Treasurer* reported a balance of \$ 1,177.04 - as of December 1, 2013. Members are reminded that dues for the New Year are still \$20.00 and payable no later than the January meeting. Send checks to Steve Smith (KC5F) or call 828-697-6388 for more details.

Minutes from December 3, 2013

The meeting was Held at the Twin Dragons in Brevard, NC. It was a Christmas dinner.

New Meeting Place: The BRARC has a change of venue. Starting in January, we will be meeting at the ***Henderson County Athletics & Activity Center*** located at the following:

708 South Grove Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792
See the following map...



Henderson County Athletics & Activity Center

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM in room A101. See you all there!

Contest News

W4YK SCORES BIG!!

The results for this year's *Field Day* are in, and we did well. There were 2,548 entries nationwide for all categories. **With our score of 5,932 - W4YK was in the top 10%!!!** Of course, the nationwide category contains stations with more rigs than our 3, and they may have used higher power than our 100 W.

Our "*category*" was 3A, which means we had 3 stations on HF and we used low power. There were 310 entries in the 3A category, and we came in 33rd!!!

Propagation differs throughout the country, so comparison with other North Carolina stations is more apt. Of the 10 North Carolina entries in category 3A, we came in **SECOND PLACE**. This is our best ever in club history. Looking at QSOs, we made 1,345 contacts. This is second highest for the BRARC, exceeded only by our 1,352 QSOs of 2011. -now if only we can increase our Digital total... Congratulations to all who participated!! Well Done!

Hamfests

No new hamfests were reported.

Formal Presentation

There was no formal presentation in December.

VE Exams

The next scheduled VE exam is in February. Details are to be determined (TBD).

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates to be aware of:

Date	Description
Jan 7, 2013	The next club meeting will host Stan Frady (N1BBS). He will give a presentation on OSCAR (Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio) and current opportunities for operating UHF/VHF in 2014. Stan will review the history OSCAR and how to get started operating on UHF/VHF as well as, the needed equipment.
Dec 14, 2013	Fletcher Christmas Parade. Contact Dick Smith for details.

Items for Sale

The following items are listed for sale this month:

- MFJ-941E antenna tuner Yaesu FT-950
- 2x Signalink USB MFJ-259B antenna Analyzer
- 40 Ft Rhone tower - Need help removing 3 Element HF Beam Tailtwister rotator controller and rotator Hazer 2 (for cranking up the beam) Never really worked.
- HT-Yaesu FT-60 portable 2 Meter/440Mhz

Location: 1519 Crab Creek Rd. E of Dupont Road.

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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 and do, supply the necessary communication to first responders so they can provide help to those who need it. Hurricane Sandy was a perfect example.

On a lighter note, 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 Flyier.

In addition to all that, 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 including some technical ones as well.

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.

Popular Ham Radio Nets

Name	Frequency/Tone	Day/Days AM/PM (EST)
BRARC Net	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

6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday 9:00 PM
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily 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 Mitchell 220 Rag Chew Net	224.540 MHz	Thursday 8:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 440 Net	442.225 MHz/107.2	Monday 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
Mount Mitchell 6M Net	53.630 MHz/100.0	Friday 8:00 PM