



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



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

Message from the President, Danny (NA4X)

The Prez Says...

Thank you for the great attendance at the meetings. It is very encouraging. Also thanks to all of those who have been helping get the shack and antennas in order, in particular Michael and David. We can be very proud of what we have. It will make a great emergency set up location if needed. Our shack is also a wonderful learning tool where you can experiment with antennas and set ups. At our next meeting Dave Anderson is going to talk to us about protecting all of new antennas from lightning. See you there.

Danny (NA4X)

Minutes from April 7, 2015

Meeting called to order by Danny Rector (NA4X) at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance: 18 people signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors: There were two visitors present. Dick Miley, and Mike Joiner (ND4W).

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$1,288.62.

Public Events

- **Biltmore Ride** - The BRARC support for the *Biltmore Ride* is cancelled this year. They will use cell phones instead of ham radios and the Club's services will not be needed.
- **Fletcher Flyer** - The *Fletcher Flyer* will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Specific details such as the route maps and times are forthcoming. There will be 6 – 7 rest stops. We need operators of the SAG vehicles as well as volunteers to work the aid stations. There will be two shifts of volunteers. You can register at the following:

Blueridgebicycleclub.org/content/ASPX

Sign-up for anything but be sure to tell Danny your preferences so you can work you into the detail you want.

Club News

David Day (N1DAY) gave a summary report on the installation of the 600 foot loop antenna. Thanks for all those who helped.

Formal Presentation

The formal presentation was given by Dick Miley on the Tour d' Apple. Dick represents the *Rotary International*. They need volunteers with HTs to handle the four rest stops in their upcoming bike marathon. They also need drivers for SAG vehicles. For more information here is the link: tourdapple.com.

50/50 Drawing

The drawing was won by Michael Parente (AI4GR).

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM by vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Davis (KJ4WWN) Secretary.



Treasurer's Report

BRARC Treasurer's Report

March 1 – March 31, 2015

Balance as of 02/28/15	\$1,387.62
Plus: Dep: Dues x 6	\$120.00
Liability Insurance refund – Auto-Owners	\$281.00
Total Income	\$401.00
Sub-Total	\$1,788.62
Less: Exp: Wire and rope for new loop antenna – Wireman	\$300.00
Liability Insurance – ARRL	\$200.00
Total Expense	\$500.00
BALANCE AS OF 03/31/15	\$1,288.62

New Business

Announcements

The *Road Show Club* announced that they will have another drawing this year. The prizes include an Elecraft KX3 and an Elecraft K3100 transceiver. Ticket prices will be raised to \$20 per ticket and they will only print 350 tickets. The funding will be used to defray expenses for the *State Fair Radio Exhibition*.

If you would like to work the *State Fair Ham Radio Exhibition* with the *Road Show Club*, please contact Howard (W4PH) or Phil (N4HF) for more details.

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates to be aware of:

Date	Description
Saturday, May 2, 2015	Spartenburg Hamfest. Details to follow.
Tuesday, May 5, 2015	BRARC Meeting. Held at <i>Jackson Park</i> . Time 7:00 PM. In the case of inclement weather on a meeting night, we follow the <i>Blue Ridge College</i> evening schedule. When <i>Blue Ridge College</i> is closed, we do not have a meeting.
Sunday, June 7, 2015	Fletcher Flyer. Contact Danny (NA4X) for details.
Saturday, July 25, 2015	WCARS Hamfest. Details will follow.
Monday, September 7, 2015	Tour de Apple – Four routes! Information: <i>tourdapple.com</i> . Registration is at: <i>active.com</i> . Volunteers needed. Bring your HTs and fresh batteries.

Items for Sale or Wanted

No items were listed.

Popular Ham Radio Nets

Name	Frequency/Tone	Day/Days AM/PM (EST)
BRARC Net (W4YK)	146.640 MHz/ T 91.5	Sunday 8:00 PM
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / T 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/ T 91.5	Monday 9:00 PM
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz/ T 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
Anderson Radio Club Net	146.790 MHz	Wednesday 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
Mount Spivey 220 Net	224.600/ T 98.4	Wednesday 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
6 Meter Rag Chew	53.130 MHz/ T 100	Friday 8:00 PM
Alexander Net	53.270 MHz/ T 100	TBD

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. Ham radio operators helped FEMA direct needed supplies and medical attention.

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.

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