



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...

I again want to say thank you to all that came out and helped at Field Day. I am so proud of this club and all the participation that I see from you. Well there are several hamfests coming up where you can trade out some of your stuff for some of someone else's stuff. WCARS Hamfest is July 25th and Shelby Hamfest is September 5th and 6th events that you will see mentioned in this Echo. Keep up the involvement and have fun with radio.

Danny (NA4X)

Minutes from July 7, 2015

Meeting called to order by Danny Rector (NA4X) at 7:02 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance: 19 people signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors: There was one guest; Michael Moody.

Business

The June minutes and *Treasurer's Report* were approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer Steve (KC5F) reported that we have a current balance of \$ 1,196.38.

Public Events

Tour d'Apple – September 7, 2015.

BRARC and ARES have agreed to help out with this year's *Tour d'Apple* bicycle event on Monday, September 7, 2015.

In order to be able to staff the event, we will need a minimum of 13 operators to stage the event properly, but more would make it easier to spread the workload more equitably.

If you are available, please contact Dick Smith (W4RSS), at dick@radioclub.org or call at 828-712-5263.

Thanks,
Dick

Announcements

SKYWARN CLASS August 15

"Although SKYWARN® spotters provide essential information for all types of weather hazards, the main responsibility of a SKYWARN® spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms. In the average year, 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods and more than 1,000 tornadoes occur across the United States. These events threatened lives and property.

Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by SKYWARN® spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data, has enabled NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods.

SKYWARN® storm spotters are part of the ranks of citizens who form the Nation's first line of defense against severe weather. There can be no finer reward than to know that their efforts have given communities the precious gift of time—seconds and minutes that can help save lives." This quote is from **SKYWARN.ORG**

The class is free to all, if you want to attend the Skywarn Class on August 15th. It will be from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM with an hour lunch break (eating places are close by). The class will be held in **Classroom 101, Henderson County Athletics & Activity Center, 708 South Grove Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792.**

We need to know how many will be attending the class, so the instructor will have enough class materials for each attendee.

The class is free to all persons that have an interest; you do not have to be an amateur radio operator to attend.

Please email me johnqiv@att.net by August 3 if you want to attend the SKYWARN class. Thank you for your interest in the Skywarn Class.

John Quinn (N9JZX)

The W4YK 10M Net

Get Up and Go Net occurs every Sunday night at 28.350 immediately following the 146.640 net (~ 9pm eastern time). The purpose of this net is to encourage VHF/UHF operator advancement into HF communications. The alternate frequency is 28.360.

As all technician class operators have limited HF privileges on the 10M band, the primary purpose of this net is to help new HF operators gain experience in HF operation protocol and to solve station set-up and operation issues that present challenges in successful long distance communication.

The net will follow a topic driven format. At the beginning of each net, holders of technician class operator licenses will be provided the first opportunity to select a topic for discussion based on any questions they may have about HF operation, station setup, or on-air protocol. In the event of no technician class operator participation, topics will be decided upon by those ham operators participating in the net.

Please note that this net is not just for those who are new to HF communications. Experienced operators play an important role in this net by providing their knowledge and experience to those who are just beginning HF activities.

For more information contact David Day, (N1DAY) (davidlday@yahoo.com)

NOTE: Be sure and see the listing of ALL NETS at the end of this newsletter. There are several on Sunday evening. Check into them all!

QST Article

Phil (N4HF) announced that there will be an article in QST Magazine in the September issue regarding several Ham Radio clubs in our area. Please be sure and see it.

Testing On Demand

The WCARS radio club offers classes and testing for anyone interested. Contact them at: WCARS.ORG for more details.

Formal Presentation

The formal presentation was given by Duke (W4DK) on how to send ARRL Radiogram messages.

A second presentation was given by Michael (AI4GR) on the results from Field Day. Although the official tabulations are not in yet, BRARC did fairly well overall. Michael compiled the stats for the club and then discussed the pros and cons regarding this event.

50/50 Drawing

Martin (W4FOT) won the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM by vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Davis (KJ4WWN) Secretary.



Treasurer's Report

BRARC Treasurer's Report

June 1 – June 30, 2015

Balance as of 05/31/15	\$1,337.22
Plus: Dep: Sale of BBQ at Field Day	\$5.00
Total Income	\$5.00
Sub-Total	\$1,342.22
Less: Exp: Food for Field Day	\$145.84
Total Expense	\$145.84
BALANCE AS OF 06/30/15	\$1,196.38

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates to be aware of:

Date	Description
Tuesday, August 4th, 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.
Saturday, July 25, 2015	WCARS Hamfest. When: Sat, July 25, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Where: The Haywood County Fairgrounds, Waynesville, NC. 758 Crabtree Rd, Waynesville, NC 28785 See the BLOG entry for details: https://wcarssmokefest.wordpress.com/2015/04/14/wcars-hamfest-saturday-july-25-2015/ .
Saturday, August 15, 2015	Skywarn Class – Details are above in this newsletter.
Monday, September 7, 2015	Tour de Apple – For Information: <i>tourdapple.com</i> . Registration is at: <i>active.com</i> . Volunteers needed. Bring your HTs and fresh batteries.
Friday, September 25, 2015 to Saturday September 26, 2015	W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention - W4DXCC is a DX and Contest Convention held in Pigeon Forge, TN and it's our 11th year

New Business

Announcements

Phil (N4HF) was selling *Roadshow Radio Cub* raffle tickets at our meeting. They hope to sell them all at the *Dayton HamFest*. They use the monies raised to help defray their expenses at the State Fair demonstrations.

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	Daily 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
6 Meter Rag Chew	53.130 MHz/ T 100	Friday 9:00 PM
Get Up and Go Net	28.350/28.360	Sunday 9:00 PM

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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