



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 just want to thank all of you for the many different ways you help out in our community. At the last meeting we went over a lot of different events that are coming up and I want you to be sure to get involved in some of those. But I also know many of you do things behind the scenes to help out fellow hams, things that never get mentioned. Thank you so much! I do want to encourage you to step-up and take on a leadership role in some of these events. If you are interested I and other club members will give all the support you would like. Just let me know your interest.

I also want to thank Howard, W4PH for the donation of the window air conditioner. It is installed and the shack is cool. With the help of David, N1DAY the shack is cleaned up and the radios are set up. It is ready to be used now.

Danny (NA4X)

Minutes from August 4, 2015

Meeting called to order by Danny Rector (NA4X) at 7:04 PM followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

In Attendance: 20 people signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors: There was one guest; Michael Moody.

Business

The July 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 \$ 1,012.93.

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.

We still need operators to stage the event properly. All volunteers are welcome.

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

Announcements

SKYWARN CLASS August 15

This class was cancelled. Future class will be announced.

Amateur Radio Parity Act

A bill to extend the FCC's "reasonable accommodation" rule on amateur antennas to private land use agreements was introduced in the US Senate. It's known as S.1685. This bill provides hams the ability to negotiate with subdivisions that now have restrictions that precede amateur radio antennas completely. The ARRL is encouraging all hams to contact their government representatives and to give their support to this important legislation.

Testing On Demand

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

WNC Fair

The *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* has volunteered to cover the fair's ham radio exhibition on September 16, 2015. We need as many volunteers as we can get. Contact Danny (NA4X).

Formal Presentation

Michael (AI4GR) gave a presentation on logging and the benefits of using Logbook of the World to log your entries. It was informative and showed an easy way to keep written records.

A second presentation was given by Gary (K2GLM) about his recent trip to the Antique Wireless Association's museum in Bloomfield, New York. It was enjoyed by everyone.

Missing

I have been missing my electronic SWR analyzer since Field Day. It was in a black plastic case. If anyone has seen it, please let me know. Thanks, Danny (NA4X).

50/50 Drawing

Michael Moody won the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM by vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Davis (KJ4WWN) Secretary.



Treasurer's Report

BRARC Treasurer's Report

July 1 – July 31, 2015

Balance as of 06/30/15	\$1,196.38
Plus: Dep: ½ year dues, July 50/50	\$28.00
Contribution toward Field Day tent	\$50.00
Total Income	\$78.00
Sub-Total	\$1,274.38
Less: Exp: Field Day supplies	\$211.45
Contribution toward Field Day tent	\$50.00
Total Expense	\$261.45
BALANCE AS OF 07/31/15	\$1,012.93

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates to be aware of:

Date	Description
Tuesday, September 8th, 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, August 15, 2015	Skywarn Class – CANCELLED until further notice.
Saturday, September 5, 2015	Shelby Hamfest - 1751 E Marion St, Shelby, NC 28150. (980) 295-5151. http://www.shelbyhamfest.org/
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.
Tuesday, September 15, 2015	Hunger Walk – Details to follow.
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. Make reservations now!
Saturday - Sunday, October 24-25, 2015	CQ WW DX Contest. SSB on October 24-25 and CA on November 28-29. See http://www.cqww.com for details.

New Business

A motion to donate \$200 to the State Fair fund (to help pay for the ham exhibition) was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA)

The QCWA was founded in New York City in 1947 for any ham who has been licensed for more than 25 years. Membership is still open today to 25 year amateurs (gaps are permitted). For more information: <http://www.qcwa.org/qcwa.php>.

Air Conditioner Donation

Howard (W4PH) donated a used AC machine for the club radio shack. THANKS HOWARD!

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	3.636 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 (BRARC)* 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.

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, 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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