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# 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...

This has been a busy time of year. I want to thank all of you for your willingness to help in different events. People have been very impressed with the way we have been able to communicate and especially for the demonstrations of APRS. At the present time we have the WNC State Fair going on. This is a great place to demonstrate our skills to the public. Saturday is the Hunger Walk. We do not usually have to do much for it but the folks feel a lot more at ease having us near by. We want also continue to welcome visitors that come by. I want us to be known as the friendliest ham radio club in Western North Carolina. Thank you!

Danny, NA4X

## Minutes from September 1, 2015

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

**In Attendance:** 23 people signed the attendance sheet. There were other guests but they failed to sign the attendance sheet.

**Visitors:** There were two guests who signed-in; Zack Thompson (KM4BLG) and Huey Aikew (KI4SCL).

### Business

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

### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer Steve (KC5F) reported that we have a current balance of \$ 1,235.93.

### **Public Events**

WNC State Fair begins on September 11 to September 20<sup>th</sup>. BRARC will be hosting on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We still need volunteers. Contact Danny (NA4X).

## **Announcements**

### **Testing On Demand**

The WCARS radio club offers classes and testing for anyone interested. Contact them at: [WCARS.ORG](http://WCARS.ORG) for more details.

### **Raffle Tickets**

The *Roadshow Radio Club* is holding a raffle to raise money to offset the cost of the WNC Fair. Tickets are \$20 and there are three chances to win. The prizes include an Elecraft K3S-100, an Elecraft KX3 and a Yaesu HT. Contact either Howard (W4PH) or Phil (N4HF) for tickets.

### **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).

### **New Simplex Net**

Shannon (KM4EFT) is sponsoring a brand new simplex net. It starts this coming Thursday at 9:00 PM right after the 220 Mount Pisgah net (224.260 @ 8:00 PM). To begin, meet and check-in with her on the 146.640 repeater. Then all checkins will migrate over to 146.580 MHZ to see if they can make contact. Good luck. This is a Great IDEA for local Hams. Thanks Shannon! Please support his effort if you can.

### **Formal Presentation**

There were two formal presentations. The first was given by David Day (N1DAY) on a DIY *Milliohm Meter*.

The second presentation was on *Radio Astronomy* by Stan Frady (N1BBS). He explained that you really do not need specialized equipment to receive these radio signals – just a good antenna.

Both presentations were enjoyed by all.

### **50/50 Drawing**

Zack Thompson (KM4BLG) won the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Davis (KJ4WWN) Secretary.

# Treasurer's Report



## BRARC Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 07/31/15	\$1,012.93
<b>Plus:</b> Dep: ½ year dues, August 50/50	\$23.00
Contribution from Fletcher Flyer	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 423.00</u>
- Sub-Total	\$1,435.93
- <b>Less:</b> Exp: Road Show ARC for State Fair booth	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$200.00</u>
<b>BALANCE AS OF 08/31/15</b>	<b>\$1,235.93</b>

## Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates to be aware of:

Date	Description
<b>Tuesday, October 6th, 2015</b>	<b>BRARC Meeting.</b> 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.
<b>Saturday, September 19, 2015</b>	<b>Hunger Walk</b> – Contact Dick W4RSS for more details.
<b>Friday, September 25, 2015 to Saturday September 26, 2015</b>	<b>W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention -</b> W4DXCC is a DX and Contest Convention held in Pigeon Forge, TN and it's our 11th year. Make reservations now!

<b>Saturday, October 17, 2015</b>	<b>Anderson Hamfest</b> , Darwin Wright Park, Anderson, SC. Free admission. Opens at 9:00 AM.
<b>Saturday - Sunday, October 24-25, 2015</b>	<b>CQ WW DX Contest</b> . SSB on October 24-25 and CA on November 28-29. See <a href="http://www.cqww.com">http://www.cqww.com</a> for details.
<b>Saturday, November 7 to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>	<b>Stone Mountain Hamfest</b> in Gwinnett County Fairgrounds 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30045 More details at: <a href="http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com">http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com</a>

## New Business

There was a motion to purchase 20 discounted vender tickets for the WNC Fair. The motion was seconded and was 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>.

## 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
NEW SIMPLEX NET	146.640 then 146.580 Simplex	Thursday 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](mailto:themtns@yahoo.com).

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