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

Message from the President, Danny (NA4X)

The Prez Says...

It is exciting to see so many of you getting interested in the digital modes. I think this continues to be a growing frontier where hams can continue to develop new methods of communication. Keep on trying new things. Don't forget there are a number of different contests coming up over the next couple of months including the *CQWW Side Band* and the the *ARRL Sweepstakes*. Get on the air!

Finally, November 3rd is Election Day for local precincts and for our club. Take them seriously. If you have someone you would like to nominate for office please let me know. We still need a *Vice President* nomination.

73s Danny, NA4X

Minutes from October 6, 2015

In Attendance: There was no attendance sheet passed to sign.

1. Call to order by President Rector at 7:02 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Minutes Approved as published in the Echo.
3. Steve Smith (KC5F), gave the Treasurer's Report: \$1248.93 on hand. Approved by voice vote.
4. Nominations were opened for 2016 officers.

Steve Smith (KC5F) nominated as *Treasurer*

Doug Davis (KJ4WWN) nominated as *Secretary* and *Echo Editor*

Stan Frady (N1BBS) nominated for *President*

No nomination for *Vice President*

5. Duke, (W4DK), commented on the correct settings for those using APRS software and hardware. Those can be found at aprs.org on the Internet.

6. Program: Brandy (N1HO), presented an in-depth look WSJT and JT-65 operating modes. Contact Brandy for more information.
7. David (N1DAY), reminded everyone of the *10 meter Net* on Sunday night following the BRARC *2 meter Net (146.640/94.5)*. The *10 meter Net* frequency is 28.350 +/-.
8. Shannon (KM4EFT), reminded all of the *Simplex Net*, 146.580 mhz, Thursday evening at 9:00 PM
9. Ronnie (K2SST), told of the *Skype Net* he is involved in at 10:00 AM, daily. Contact Ronnie for more information.
10. Duke (W4DK), won the 50-50 drawing.
11. Meeting adjourned by President Rector at 8:30 PM.

73's

Dick

W4RSS, Acting-Secretary.

Business

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

Announcements

Testing On Demand

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

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 MHz repeater. Then all checkins should 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

Brandy (N1HO), presented the topic of WSJT and JT-65 operating modes. It was enjoyed by all.

50/50 Drawing

Duke (W4DK) won the 50/50 drawing.

Treasurer's Report



BRARC Treasurer's Report September 1 - September 30, 2015

Balance as of 08/31/15	\$1,235.93
Plus: Dep: September 50/50	\$13.00
Total Income	\$13.00
Sub-Total	\$1,248.93
Less: Exp: (none)	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$0.00
BALANCE AS OF 09/30/15	\$1,248.93

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates to be aware of:

Date	Description
Tuesday, November 3rd, 2015	BRARC Meeting. Held at <i>Jackson Park</i> . Time 7:00 PM. In the case of inclement weather on a meeting night, when <i>Blue Ridge College</i> is closed, we do not have a meeting. BRARC elections! Please try to attend.
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, October 17, 2015	Anderson Hamfest, Darwin Wright Park, Anderson, SC. Free admission. Opens at 9:00 AM.
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.
Saturday, November	Stone Mountain Hamfest in Gwinnett County Fairgrounds 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy,

7 to 8th, 2015	Lawrenceville, GA 30045 More details at: http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com
December 4-6, 2015	160 Meter Contest – For Amateurs worldwide to exchange information with W/VE amateurs on 160-meter CW. Details at ARRL.org .

New Business

No new business other than nominations for next year's officers.

For Sale

Kenwood 20-amp power supply model PS-30, with matching TS-120S 80-10m transceiver thrown in for free! Transceiver works on 80-20, but display blanks on 15-10. Online reports say that opening it up and reseating all of the boards usually fixes it, but no guarantees. Average eBay last four months' sold price for the P/S is \$67.64, and one TS-120S "for repair or parts" sold for \$125. I'm the original owner, and I'll sell both to any BRARC member for \$65. Includes internal CW filter, microphone and all manuals and schematics. Steve Smith, (KC5F) - kc5f@bellsouth.net

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
SATURN 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 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
10 meter Net	28.350 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
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.

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