



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



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

Message from the President, Stan Frady (N1BBS)

The Prez Says...

I extend a welcome from the club to our newest members:

- Garth Grugal, N4AKA
- Ernie Hollingsworth, KG4SIT
- Carl Stover, KW4EO

Winter time has made it to the mountains even though we have not seen much in the way of snow. Now is a good time to turn on the radio and listen to distant stations and make contacts. There are plenty of contests coming up and we will discuss this at our next club meeting. Let us know if you would like to get on the air using the radio at the shack sometime.

In other news, as we start 2016 there have been some news from US based radio manufacturers. We have learned that Ten-Tec has a new buyer with what seems to be good plans to turn it around. Time will tell.

Ramsey Electronics kit line has been shut-down and most everything was bought-up. If there was something you were wanting, be on the lookout at the next hamfest you go to. For those who did not hear the news back in November, Heathkit released a new kit last year that is solderless. Reviews can be found online and are mixed. I look forward to see what the next offering will be.

Stan Frady (N1BBS)

Minutes from December 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Stan Frady (N1BBS) at 7:01 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance: There were 22 people who signed the attendance sheet.

VISITORS: We had three guests – Garth Grubal (N4AKA), Zack Thompson (KM4BLG), and Charles Lee.



Treasurer's Report

Steve Smith reported:

December 1 – December 31, 2015

Balance as of 11/30/15	\$1,262.74
Plus: Dep: Dues 1x	\$20.00
Total Income	\$20.00
Sub-Total	\$1,282.74
Less: Exp/Adj: Acct Bal Adjustment to Bank	\$2.00
Total Expense/Adjustment	\$2.00
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/15	\$1,280.74

PUBLIC EVENTS

January is a quiet month for Club-sponsored events. There are none reported.

CLUB NEWS

2016 dues for the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club are \$20 and are now due. Either send me a check made out to BRARC or bring a check or cash to the next meeting. Thanks!

Steve Smith, KC5F, BRARC Treasurer
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Club Survey

Everyone, the survey has been setup. I have turned off data collection so that your responses are anonymous and no data is collected. This survey is to see what you would like from the club this year. Stan (N1BSS)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2RR78G>

2 Meter Simplex Net

Shannon (KM4EFT) is sponsoring a brand new 2 Meter Simplex net. It's on Thursdays 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 – especially if local repeaters are disabled. Thanks Shannon! Please support his effort if you can.

73s Shannon!

FORMAL PRESENTATION

The formal presentation was given by *Stan Frady (N1BSS)*. He described ***National Parks On The Air*** (NPOTA). It was enjoyed by all.

50/50 DRAWING

There was no 50/50 drawing held at this meeting.

Business

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Davis (KJ4WW).

Announcements

Anyone interested in ARES in Henderson county listen up. All amateur radio operators are welcome.

NETS: The Henderson County ARES/RACES Administrative and Training Net meets on the air every Wednesday night at 9:00 PM using the local 146.640 Mhz FM repeater located on Bearwallow Mountain in Northeast Henderson County.

MEETINGS : at 7:00PM, on the fourth Monday of each month in Classroom 101, Parks & Recreation, 708 S Grove St, Hendersonville. Next meeting Monday 25 January 2016.

WEB PAGE: More info at <http://nc4hc.us/wp/>

Questions?: Contact Bob W4RYF robertfelt@bellsouth.net.

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates to be aware of:

Date	Description
Tuesday, , 2016	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. Please try to attend.
February 28, 2016	The North Carolina QSO Party. It starts at 10 AM and ends at 8 PM.

For Sale

The following items are for sale:

Vertical Antenna Ground Radial Kit by Tarheel. Asking \$60.00 (new in the box).



MT3 FB Mobile Antenna Tilt Mount (2 x 2 hitch) by Tarheel. Asking \$155.00.



Contact Bob Felt (W4RYF) at robertfelt@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 9:00 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)

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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