



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...

Thank you for the attendance at the monthly meetings. It has led us to have some nice questions and discussions during the meeting. At our next meeting, I plan to talk about DMR and VHF/UHF digital modes.

See you there,
Stan (N1BBS)

Minutes from April 7, 2016

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:55 PM.

There were 25 people who signed the attendance sheet. We had 2 guests, as follows: Tomas Witherspoon (K4SWL) and Steve Capogna (NO1R).

Treasurer's Report



March 1 - March 31, 2016

Balance as of 02/29/16	\$1,604.74
Plus: Dep: Dues 5x plus \$8.50 50/50	\$108.50
Total Income	\$108.50
Sub-Total	\$1,713.24

Less: Exp: (none)	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$ 0.00
BALANCE AS OF 03/31/16	\$1,713.24

CLUB NEWS

New Purchase - There was a motion and a second to purchase an interface cable for the shack's radio. The motion was carried by and oral vote of the membership.

Biltmore Ride - We no longer are asked to support the Biltmore Ride. They are now using cell phones instead of having us use our radios.

Silent Key – Lill Clark passed away last month. She served several years as club Treasure. She will be missed by many.

FORMAL PRESENTATION

The formal presentation was given by Tom Witherspoon (K4SWL) on Short Wave Radios. It included some details on Software Defined Radios as well. It was an inspiring presentation.

There was a Skywarn Class given by ARES. It was well attended and proved to be quite a success.

50/50 DRAWING

Ken Worley (KB3WHH) won the 50/50 drawing!

Business

The *March* minutes were approved by the membership.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Announcements

Field day – Scheduled for June 5, 2016. We need at least 20 volunteers. If you have APRS capabilities, we REALLY need your help! Contact Danny (NA4X).

Henderson County ARES Nets & Meetings

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/T 91.5 MHZ FM repeater located on Bearwallow Mountain in Northeast Henderson County.

MEETINGS : Held at 7:00PM, on the fourth Monday of each month in Classroom 101, *Parks & Recreation*, 708 S Grove St, Hendersonville.
Next meeting Monday, March 28, 2016.

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

Questions? Contact John Quinn, (N9JZX) ARES Coordinator, johnqiv@att.net n9jzx@att.net.

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates upcoming:

Date	Description
Tuesday, May 3, 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.
Saturday, April 16, 2016	Morganton Hamfest. Google details online.
April 23, 2016	Anderson Radio Club 50th Anniversary Celebration. Location: Anderson County Main Library Conference Room, 300 N. McDuffie Street, Anderson, South Carolina. Opens at 1:00 PM.

For Sale

ICOM IC 7600- EXCELLENT condition! No scratches or blemishes of any kind. Operates like new and looks the same! 100% operational with full 100W output. The radio was only used lightly Heavy duty DC Power Cord, IC7600 Instruction Manual, Accessory Goodies, Original box and packing. \$2500.

ALS 600S plus LDG 600 Pro II. This package deal includes the 600 watt amplifier (10/12m mod installed)with switching power supply and the LDG 600 Pro II 600 watt auto-tuner with M 600 meter. Accessories included are the ARB-704 switching relay interface, and the PNP 13D cable.

All manuals and original boxes. This equipment is from a non smoking environment. The optional cabling was compatible with a IC 7600. Price for package is \$1450.

Contact: *George W4GCK* email: george0133@ gmail.com, or Call: 828-595-0650.

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
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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