



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 look forward to seeing everyone at field day later this month.

Stan (N1BBS)

Minutes from June 7, 2016

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 PM.

There were 21 people who signed the attendance sheet. We had 6 guests, as follows:
Bob Burdette (KM4SML), David Bennett (KK4HFR), Kenneth Worley (KB3WHH), Marc Novell (KM4TVS), Zach Thompson (KM4BLG), Julian Biller (N4ENY).

Treasurer's Report



BRARC Treasurer's Report
May 1 – May 31, 2016

Balance as of 04/30/16	\$1,842.24
Plus: Dep: Dues 3x plus \$10.00 50/50	\$70.00
Total Income	\$70.00
Sub-Total	\$1,912.24
Less: Exp: (none)	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$0.00
BALANCE AS OF 05/31/16	\$1,912.24

FORMAL PRESENTATION

There was no formal presentation. The entire agenda discussed Field Day and specific details.

Business

The *April* minutes were approved by the membership. The Treasurer's Report was also approved by the majority of the membership.

New Purchases

- More coax cable is needed for Field Day. The motion to purchase was carried by an oral vote of the membership.
- Business cards for club members were suggested and approved for purchase.
- Cable Adapters are needed for Field Day. The members voted to approve their purchase.

50/50 DRAWING

Burnis Southor (KK4VYT) won the 50/50 drawing!

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Club News

Field Day – Scheduled for June 25 - 26, 2016. We need at least 20 volunteers! Contact Stan (N1BBS).

This year's event will be held at our meeting place in Jackson Park. We *STILL* would like to see more volunteers to help make this a successful event. You can contact Stan (N1BBS) to sign-up for one of the many work details.

Help the club get more points by making your contribution and share your expertise.

FIELD DAY MESSAGING

As most club members know, we receive up to 100 points for generating 10 personal messages to be sent by RF from our *Field Day* site. Since this is ARRL's Field Day, we use the *RADIOGRAM* format.

If you're not familiar with it, just *GOOGLE ARRL Radiogram*. I have added a sample (one of my three messages) that you can follow.

IMPORTANT: I need seven more messages to use on *Field Day*. I will send all messages received from you.

These messages passed in the NTS are usually sent/passed by voice, but we'll be using *RMS Express* with email delivery. Here are the rules to follow.

1. Five lines, five words per line for a max of 25 words.
2. No punctuation except XRAY for end of sentence.
3. No abbreviated or hyphenated words.
4. No "text message" abbreviations such as "LMAO."
5. No ARL abbreviations (since the message will arrive as an email and would not make sense to the recipient).
6. All that's needed from you in the header is YOUR city/town of origin, a valid addressee and email address and, of course, the text. FYI, the word count is the number of words between the two "BT."

NOTE: If you do not provide a VALID email address, your message will not be sent. If you have questions please feel free to ASK me!

Sample Message:

NR xx R W4YK 18 ETOWAH NC JUNE 25

KARL F. KNIEF

73 MORTON DRIVE

RAMSEY NJ 07446

kknief@hotmail.com

BT

HAVING A GREAT TIME AT
ANNUAL AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY
IN JACKSON PARK XRAY HAVE
A GREAT DAY

BT

DAD W4DK

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Operators Note: Do NOT reply to this email address. It will not be received by signatory. NNNN.

Regards,
Duke (W4DK)

Fox Hunt Demonstration

Shannon (KM4EFT) is going to have a training session on how to foxhunt. This learning activity is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 1:00 PM. If interested, bring at least one HT transceiver AND a tape measure, if you have one. Have some fun, and try it!

Announcements

Prepper Camp – Dave Bennett (KK4HFR) (guest) announced this event on September 16, 17, 18 in Saluda, NC. It is an event in preparedness, survival, camp craft, and homesteading skills. Tickets \$75.00. There are classes on Ham radio included. For more details, see this web page: <http://www.preppercamp.com>

WCARS Hamfest – July 30, 2016. Where: The Haywood County Fairgrounds, Waynesville, NC. 758 Crabtree Rd, Waynesville, NC 28785. Details at <http://www.wcars.org/hamfest.html>.

Field Day Setup

Volunteers will meet at the **Mustang Café** at 140 Tracy Grove Road, Hendersonville, NC at 8:00 AM, Saturday, June 25, 2016.

Field Day Pot Luck Dinner

Annual dinner is scheduled for 5:00 PM, Saturday, June 25, 2016. Drinks, water, hamburgers, and condiments are provided. You can bring a salad or dessert, or any food surprise.

FREE CONTESTING SOFTWARE

There is a great contesting software on the web. It is free. It runs only on Windows operating systems. Here is a link to the web page and a video for this software. Scroll-down the page to view the demonstration video:

<http://n3fjp.com/aclog.html>

This is the video link that displays:

Here is a quick start video I created that will give you a whirlwind tour of some of the main features of Amateur Contact Log:



Technician Training Class Signup

There will be a tech class signup sheet provided at the Information table for all those interested in becoming a Ham. Phil (N4HF) suggested that we have another class soon.

State Fair Ham Exhibition

There will NOT be any demonstrations or displays of Ham radios at this year's State Fair. The application was filed too late and there is a NEW fee being charged to reserve a space of \$1,800!

New Simplex Net

There is a new 6 Meter FM Simplex net every Thursday at 9:00 PM. Use 52.5700 MHZ. See you there!

Henderson County ARES Nets & Meetings

All amateur radio operators are welcome. 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. 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, July 5, 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.
Friday, June 25 to Saturday, June 26, 2016	ARRL Field Day: Objective - To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands. We need many volunteers. Contact Danny NA4X or John N9JZX to sign up!
September 16, 17, 18, 2016	Prepper Camp: Salida, NC. Details are above in the Announcements section.
September 23 - 24, 2016	SEDCO Convention: SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization (SEDCO). http://w4dxcc.com/the-sedco-story.html

For Sale

There were no items for sale this month.

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
2 Meter Simplex Net	146.640 then 146.580 Simplex	Thursday 9:00 PM
6 Meter Simplex Net	52.5700 FM	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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