



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 want to say thank you to all that came out and helped at Field Day. What we were able to do as a team was amazing and I look forward to next year.

It is sad to hear about AES closing, but then HRO is expanding. DX Engineering seems to be doing well as well.

Next month, I will spend some time talking about the influx of non-American radio manufactures and updates on that front.

WCARS Hamfest and the Shelby Hamfest are coming up soon, so great time to get parts or go for new/used equipment.

Amateur Electronic Supply (AES) - Has announced that it is ceasing operations as of the end of July, 2016.

The Milwaukee-based retailer has four locations around the country, including Milwaukee; Cleveland (Wickliffe), Ohio; Las Vegas, Nevada and Orlando, Florida. It has long been the nation's second-largest ham radio dealer, after Ham Radio Outlet. No reason was given for the decision to close the business.

At time of posting, there is no mention of AES going out of business on their website, but I assume their various stores may begin the process of liquidating inventory soon.

73,

Stan (N1BBS)

Minutes from July 5, 2016

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 PM.

There were 16 people who signed the attendance sheet. We had 1 guest, as follows:
Al Lockwood (NZ2V).



Treasurer's Report

BRARC Treasurer's Report
June 1 – June 30, 2016

Balance as of 05/31/16	\$1,912.24
Plus: Dep: \$19.00 50/50	\$19.00
Total Income	\$19.00
Sub-Total	\$1,931.24
Less: Exp: Field Day – Food	\$96.90
Field Day – Drinks	\$38.14
Field Day – Food & bug spray	\$61.54
Field Day – Ground rods, connectors, etc.	\$72.22
Field Day – Gasoline	\$8.83
Total Expense	\$277.63

FORMAL PRESENTATION

Ronnie (K2SST) gave a presentation about passing the baton. He has worked in the past on recruiting new members. Anyone interested in taking-over should contact him. Free memberships were one of the incentives used in the past. He also was giving-away a 10 meter radio to anyone interested.

Business

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

50/50 DRAWING

Duke (W4DK) won the 50/50 drawing!

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Club News

Fox Hunt Demonstration

Shannon (KM4EFT) had a training session on how to foxhunt on Field Day. It was fun, and participants enjoyed it. Ronnie mentioned that we used to teach map reading along with Fox-hunting.

Announcements

Free Software: Ronny (K2SST) has learned about an interesting web site in the UK. Here is the link:
txfactor.co.uk

Have a look and let us all know what you think of it.

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>.

EchoLink Node - Hi all - I have been working on building a reliable Echolink node for some time now, and am finally there. This means that if someone is traveling or away for an extended period of time, they can access any local 144 or 440 repeater that my station can hit simply by connecting to my Echolink node through a tablet, smart phone, or computer that has internet access. I know we have a couple of club members that travel regularly or winter in another area of the country and this will allow them to stay in touch with our nets.

So if anyone finds themselves away and wants to connect, just let me know and I will set up the node and point it at the right repeater.

Stan - I would be glad to show the club how this works.

Regards,
David (N1DAY)

Tour De Apple – Dick Smith (W4RSS) needs volunteers to work on Labor Day at this event. It starts at 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please contact him for complete details.

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
July 30, 2016	WCARS Hamfest – Haywood County Fairgrounds. Tickets \$8.00. Time: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Email: km4blg.hf@gmail.com
August 2, 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.
August 20, 2016	Blueridge Breakaway – The Haywood County radio club needs volunteers to this event. Contact Tony (KK4FFE) for details: KK4FFE@YAHOO.COM
September 5, 2016	Tour de Apple – Dick Smith (W4RSS) needs SAG vehicles with APRS capabilities. Contact him at: w4rss@att.net & their website is http://tourdapple.com
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 MHz FM	Thursday 9:00 PM
10 Meter Simplex Net	28.420 MHz	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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