



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...

WCARS hamfest is over and Shelby's is fast approaching. We have the hunger walk coming up as well.

North American QSO party is August 20th. We will be operating from the shack. Great event if you can make it.

73's

Stan (N1BBS)

Minutes from August 2, 2016

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:06 PM. It was chaired by James (KK4FJO) because Stan was obligated to a work project.

There were 24 people who signed the attendance sheet. We had 2 guests, as follows:
Al Bruce (NZ4X) and Bill Mittelmaier .

Treasurer's Report



BRARC Treasurer's Report

July 1 - July 31, 2016

Balance as of 06/30/16	\$1,653.61
Plus: Dep: \$20 dues, \$8 50/50	\$28.00
Fletcher Flyer donation	\$500.00
Total Income	\$528.00
Sub-Total	\$2,181.61

Less: Exp: (none)	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$0.00
BALANCE AS OF 07/31/16	\$2,181.61

FORMAL PRESENTATION

David (N1DAY) gave a presentation an antenna he developed for 2 Meters. It is a directional PVC and wire antenna that has a 12 DB gain! Everyone enjoyed his presentation.

Business

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

50/50 DRAWING

Marc Novell (KM4TVS) won the 50/50 drawing!

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Announcements

Tour De Apple – Dick Smith (W4RSS) and Lee Mayer (N0SYS) need volunteers to work on Labor Day (September, 5, 2016) at this event. It starts at 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please contact either of them for complete details. They need SAG operators with APRS capabilities as well as, way-station operators. Please contact either Dick or Lee to sign-up.

Hunger Walk – We need operators for September 17, 2016 at Jackson Park. Contact Danny (NA4X). rectordl@bellsouth.net.

New Simplex Net

Shannon (KM4EFT) has added another simplex net on 446.000 MHz. Thursdays at 9:00 PM. See the listings in the Popular Ham Radio Nets section in this document.

North American QSO Contest

Scheduled for August 20, 2016 in the club Radio Shack in Jackson Park. It starts at 2:00 PM and runs 12 hours until 2:00 AM. All are welcome. If you would like to volunteer, contact Danny (NA4X or James (KK4JFO) rectordl@bellsouth.net, or adamreedy@gmail.com.

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
September 6, 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
September 17, 2016	Hunger Walk – Jackson Park Volunteers needed. Contact Danny (NA4X) rectordl@bellsouth.net .

For Sale

ICOM IC-91 HT with DSTAR. Excellent condition. 2 VFO bands. VFO can operate 0.495 MHz to 999.990 MHz as well as 188 MHz to 174 MHz and 470 MHz. Dual VFO is excellent for AMSAT operations. Asking \$195 or best offer. Contact Bob (W4RYF) at 703-915-2796.



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
440 Simplex Net	446.000 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.

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club Officers

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