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

Message from the President, Stan Frady (N1BBS)

The Prez Says...

We had another great turn out at the October Meeting. We will be having elections at the November Club meeting for Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Echo Editor.

We are planning to participate in the ARRL Sweepstakes in November at the shack using Danny's tower and the club radios. More details will be shared at the November meeting.

Enjoy the cooler weather and consider participating in NPOTA. It is fast approaching the end of the year and it is a good time to go enjoy the fall weather and colors before they are gone.

73's

Stan (N1BBS)

Minutes from October 4, 2016

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 PM.

There were 16 people who signed the attendance sheet. We had 2 guests, as follows: Ross Bailey (KW4GD) and Burris Souther (KK4VYT).

Treasurer's Report



September 1 – September 31, 2016

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| Balance as of 08/31/16 | \$2,235.61 |
| Plus: Dep: \$13 50/50 | \$13.00 |
| Total Income | \$13.00 |

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| Sub-Total | \$2,248.61 |
| Less: Exp: Purchase IC-7000 from N1HO | \$500.00 |
| ARRL Liability Insurance through 09/26/2017 | \$200.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$700.00 |
| BALANCE AS OF 09/30/16 | \$1,548.61 |

FORMAL PRESENTATION

Stan Frady (N1BBS) once again gave a presentation this time on the shack clean-up. He showed many photographs of the changes and the new set-up. Everyone enjoyed his presentation.

Business

- The *September* minutes were approved by the membership.
- The *September Treasurer's Report* was also approved by the membership.
- **INSURANCE** – We purchased liability insurance and discussed which items we should/not insure for losses.

50/50 DRAWING

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Announcements

The Hunger Walk – Was a great success. Participants were pleased by our participation and organization at way-stations.

Next Month's Presentation – Next month we will have a presentation by David Day (N1DAY) on EchoLink.

IMPORTANT: Officer Elections – The next meeting will we select the club officers (your representation) for the coming 2 years. Be sure and attend so your votes will count!

Testing Session - There will be a testing session on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the *Mountain Home Fire Department* on the second floor starting at 9:00 AM. Bring a photo ID, your original license, \$10, and a copy of your existing license. Good Luck.

Christmas Parades – These parades are just around the corner. We need volunteers for the Hendersonville Christmas parade and the Fletcher Christmas parade a week later. Dates are TBD.

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.

NEW DMR Nets – There are at least 2 DMR nets, as follows:

1. Thursday, 8:30 PM, WNC Talk Group hosted by Tony (KK4FFE)
2. Sunday, 8:00 PM, TAC 310 Talk Group (various hosts)

Club Wins Award – The Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club won the ARRL Sweepstakes; we received the following award:



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 7:00 PM, on the fourth Monday of each month in Classroom 101, *Parks & Recreation*, 708 S Grove St, Hendersonville. There is more information at <http://nc4hc.us/wp/>

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates:

| Date | Description |
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| November 1, 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. |
| October 26-27, 2016 | CQ World-Wide - The CQ WW is the largest Amateur Radio competition in the world. Over 35,000 participants take to the airwaves on the last weekend of October (SSB) and November (CW) with the goal of making as many contacts with as many different DXCC entities and CQ Zones as possible. |
| November 5-7, 2016 | ARRL Sweepstakes - CW http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar |
| November 19-21, 2016 | ARRL Sweepstakes - Phone. http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar |
| December TBD | Christmas Dinner - Venue = Twin Dragons in Brevard. Time 6:30 PM. |

For Sale

There are 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 |

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| 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 |
| **DMR Net | WNC TalkGroup | Thursday 8:30 PM |
| **DMR Net | TAC310 TalkGroup | Sunday 8:00 PM |

** Signifies a new Net.

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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