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# 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...**

Well, been a quick year as the president of this wonderful club. We have a shack that is ready for use in contests and learning. If you want to check it out or participate in the Sweepstakes on November 19th and 20th, contact Danny.

We have both the Hendersonville and Fletcher Christmas parades coming up. Contact Danny for the Hendersonville parade and Dick for the Fletcher parade.

I look forward to enjoying dinner with everyone on December 6th at the Twin Dragons.

73's

Stan (N1BBS)

## **Minutes from November 1, 2016**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

There were 20 people who signed the attendance sheet. We had 4 guests, as follows:  
Bob Heiton (KS4FX), Jim Sane, Al Bruce (NZ2V), Kenneth S. Worley (KB3WH).



## Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 09/30/16	<b>\$1,548.61</b>
Plus: Dep: \$20 50/50	\$20.00
\$10 Dues	\$10.00
Total Income	\$30.00
Sub-Total	\$1,578.61
Less: Exp: (none)	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$0.00
BALANCE AS OF 10/31/16	\$1,578.61

### Business

- The *October* minutes were approved by the membership.
- The *October* **Treasurer's Report** was also approved by the membership.
- Sponsors of the Tour DeApple (Four Seasons Rotary Club) donated \$200 to their local ARRES and they in-turn donated it to the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club for helping out.

### Officer Elections

Elections were held for the following positions:

- President – Stan Frady (N1BSS) was re-elected.
- Vice President- James Reed (KK4JFO) was re-elected.
- Treasurer – Steve Smith (KC5F) was re-elected.
- Secretary – Doug Davis (KJ4WWN) was re-elected.

Congratulations!

### FORMAL PRESENTATION

Danny NA4X gave a brief talk on CW Academy. He noted that there is a 1 year waiting list but it is well worth waiting. Classes are held via SKYPE for a duration of 8 weeks.

David Day (N1DAY) presented a formal talk on Echolink which was very informative and enjoyed by all.

### 50/50 DRAWING

John (KT4JJ) won the 50/50 drawing! Congratulations!

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

## Announcements

**Christmas Parades** – The Hendersonville Christmas Parade needs 10 more volunteers. Date: December 3, 2016. Fletcher Christmas Parade: Date December 10, 2016.

Here's a note from Danny (NA4X):

*We have 10 of us signed up. I need 10 more please. It is not difficult. All you need is a HT. I will assign you a small section of cars to watch over. If you have not participated before our main job is to try to place the parade entrants in the proper order and then get them off on time with no gaps between them. It really is a lot of fun and something I look forward to every year. We will meet at Pop's Dinner across from Hendersonville High School at 7:00 AM on Saturday December 3rd. Again, please, if at all possible, come join in with us. You will be finished by 11:00 AM. By the way, this is a good warm up for the Fletcher Christmas Parade which takes place the following week. Contact Dick at [www.radioclub.org](http://www.radioclub.org) if you would like to help with that parade.*

Danny, NA4X  
329-8863

### Radio Shack

Our club shack is in full working-order. Feel free to use this capability or come and learn how to use this facility. Contact Carl (KW4EO): Carl.Stover@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.

**ARRES 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/>

### Christmas Party

The annual December 6, 2016 meeting will take place at the Twin Dragons in Brevard, NC at 6:00 PM.

## Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
December 6, 2016	<b>BRARC Christmas Meeting.</b> . This will be held at the Twin Dragons in Brevard, NC starting at 6:00 PM.
November 19-21, 2016	<b>ARRL Sweepstakes - Phone.</b> <a href="http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar">http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar</a>
January 27, 2017	<b>CQ World-Wide 160 meter-</b> The CQ WW is the largest Amateur Radio competition in the world.

## For Sale

4 FOOT ALUMINUM stacking Poles. These are the same as the fiberglass antenna poles that we all know and love BUT high strength ALUMINUM. Check Ebay for comparable pricing. I have 12 ...one dozen.... in unused condition that can be yours for a meager \$50. No shipping. The canvas carry bag is included. Duke [W4DK@arrl.net](mailto:W4DK@arrl.net) ....828-891-4359.

## 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
**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](mailto:themtns@yahoo.com).

## Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club Officers

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