



The Blue Ridge Echo .. Echo .. Echo..



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

Message from the President

I hope everyone made it through the Hurricane with no issues. Weather is changing, so Joe might be a good time to do any antenna maintenance before ice season gets here.

See you in October.

73,
Stan Frady, (N1BBS)

Minutes from September 5, 2017

The meeting began at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance chaired by Dick Smith (W4RSS).

In Attendance

There were 18 people who signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors

We had one visitor, as follows; Michael Capps.

Club Business

The minutes from the August meeting were approved by the membership, as was the Treasurer's Report by unanimous vote of the membership.



Treasurer's Report

BRARC Treasurer's Report
August 1 - August 31, 2017

Balance as of 07/31/17	\$3,094.33
Plus: Dep: (none)	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00
Sub-Total	\$3,094.33
Less: Exp: Liability Insurance	\$200.00
Total Expense	\$200.00
BALANCE AS OF 08/31/17	\$2,894.33

New Business

A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers for the Hunger Walk on 9/16/17.

Announcements

Tour de Apple

Dick Smith acknowledged all volunteers who worked on the Tour de Apple. THANK YOU ALL!

ARRL Awards

The Club (W4YK) has won these two awards:



and



Congratulations!!

From The Shack

Wonderful news this month! Burnis Souther (KK4VYT) provided properly pre-cut melamine table top and shelves for our shack. THANKS BURNIS ! The old tables were removed, new base made and good sturdy shelf brackets installed, grounding reworked, and all equipment put back in place with new lighting.

We now have a really nice operating table with three completely separate operating stations, as follows:

1. An IC-7000 with laptop and LDG tuner
2. An IC-718 with ICOM AH-2 tuner
3. An IC-718 with Signalink (manual tuner), laptop with fldigi .

A 2 meter radio is also set up at station #3. I've tried to keep each station independent of the others – ie, each has its own power supply/cabling/etc. However we still need the following:

- 12v power supply – about 20A
- 30A supply
- Iambic key (we have a good keyer, just need a key).
- Automatic antenna tuner for #3 station. (We're now using a manual tuner, so this is really just a 'nice to have' item.)



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Ideas for upcoming 'Evenings in the Shack'

1. One evening on **"HOW-TO"** use the club station to get started with HF. Oriented toward getting newer VHF hams to try the HF bands without spending a bunch of \$\$.
2. Three evenings on **Ham Radio Hardware** basics, as follows:
 - a) The rig
 - b) Antennas
 - c) Tuners/grounding.
3. **Getting Started in Contesting** An experienced contester will get you started on a simple contest.

Ideas? Suggestions? Call me anytime 7AM-10PM - and do leave a message, I will call back!
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FORMAL PRESENTATION

There was no formal presentation.

50/50 Drawing

Tom Long (K4TEL) won the drawing.

Meeting Ended

The meeting was formally adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
October 3, 2017	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.
October, 2017	Evening In The Shack - Find out more about digital radio. Jackson Park club Radio Shack. 6:00 PM.



For Sale

10x10 pop-up tent with sidewalls. Used very little , in perfect condition with carry case and rollers

Includes small fold-up table. If interested, Call Duke (W4DK)
891-4359 w4dk@arrl.net

Popular Ham Radio Nets

New Nets are highlighted in yellow.

FM Nets

BRARC Net (W4YK)	146.640 MHz / T91.5	Sunday 8:00 PM
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / T91.5	Wednesday 9:00 PM
Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
KI4ZEK Net	145.190 MHz	Thursday 8:30 PM
AmRRON CPN Preparedness	145.190 MHz	Wednesday 8:30 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/ T91.5	Monday 9:00 PM
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz / T91.5	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 Thur Net	224.260 MHz	Thursday 8:00 PM
Mount Spivey 220 Net	224.600 / T 98.4	Wednesday 8:00 PM
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHz/T 100	Friday 9:00 PM

CW Nets

Hit and Bounce Net	7.042 MHz (CW)	Daily 8:30 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

HF Nets

K4UUQ Morning Net	7.225.5 MHz (SSB)	Mon-Sat 7:00 AM
QCWA Chapter 76	3.636 MHz (SSB)	Saturday 8:45 AM
The American Preparedness Radio Network (TAPRN)	3.818 MHz or 7.24 MHz	Sundays 9:00 PM
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



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Get Up and Go Net	28.350/28.360 MHZ	Sunday 9:00 PM
SATURN Net	14.265 MHZ (SSB)	Daily 10:00 AM

Simplex Nets

2 Meter Simplex Net	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 9:30 PM
440 Simplex Net	446.000 MHZ	Thursday 9:00 PM
80 Meter Simplex Net	3.843 MHZ	Thursday 9:30 PM

Digital Mobil Radio Nets

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