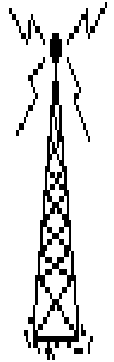


The Blue Ridge Echo .. Echo.. Echo..



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

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The Prez Sez — The Prez has been quiet this month, nothing received.

Our Next Meeting: July 2, 2013

7:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES OF June 5th 2013 —

Meeting called to order on Tuesday, June 5, 2013 at 7:05pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, chaired by Jonathan Williams (KF4NVX).

Attendance: 19 signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors: There were 4 visitors; David Johnson, Wesley Johnson, Bill Holt (KF4TVE) & Mark Heard (W4QT).

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$2,456.00.

Contests: There will be a VHF contest this coming Saturday, June 8, 2013 and Sunday June 9, 2013. If you would like to give it a try, contact Michael.

Field Day: Our annual Field Day is scheduled for June 22-23, 2013. Alternate site will be the radio shack. Volunteers are needed. Contact Danny (NA4X). We discussed Field Day assignments and went over our checklist. We still need operators to volunteer their services.

DuPont Race: Bob Felt (W4RYF) announced that there were four aid stations. Weather played an important role this year. Again, radio operators helped many individuals. THANKS to all that helped.

General News/Business: Michael (AI4GR) announced that BRARC came in 1st in North Carolina and 3rd in our division in the November Sweepstakes.

Fletcher Flyer: Danny (NA4X) announced that the weather caused many injuries and several accidents. There were many falls, lost people and several injuries. Our volunteers were a welcome sight to participants who needed assistance. This was the first time we used APRS to track our SAG cars and it was a big help. THANKS to all that helped!

Hunger Coalition Walk: Is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013. It starts at 7:30am at Shed #1 at Jackson Park (Hendersonville).

Bob Felt (W4RYF) won the 50/50 and donated it back to the club.

Formal Presentation: There was no formal presentation, instead we discussed Field Day and work assignments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

July 4th Parade

Operators are needed for the July 4th parade in Hendersonville.

Sign up with John Quinn to help n9jzx@att.net. We meet at 9am on the 4th at the Girl Scout building, and should be finished soon after noon. Bring a hand-held with charged batteries; wear the yellow club hat and a safety vest.

Michael, AI4GR

Mark Your Calendar —

4 July	– July 4 th Parade, Hendersonville
13-14 July	– IARU HF World Championship
20-21 July	– CQWW VHF Contest
20-21 July	– North American QSO Party - RTTY
3-4 August	– August UHF Contest - ARRL
3-4 August	– North American QSO Party - CW
17-18 August	– North American QSO Party - SSB
18 August	– Rookie Roundup - RTTY
10 August	– WCARS VEC Test Session, Mountain Home
14-16 September	– September VHF Contest - ARRL
21 September	– Hunger Coalition Walk
28-29 September	– CQWW DX Contest - RTTY

Please notify the editor if dates change, or as new events arise.

ITEMS FOR SALE

AMERITRON AL-811 Amplifier – all HF bands including WARC and most MARS bands. Uses three low cost 811s Easy to buy. Desktop 16” deep x 13 ¼” W x 8” high, 30 pounds. \$400.00

BECKMAN 300 MULTIMETER W/ Instruction book and new 9-volt battery...\$18.00

5-WAY ANTENNA COUPLER: five circuits built on 10”x17’x3” chassis. A provided QST article has the schematic drawings and photos and how-to-use. This has been used up to a kilowatt...\$25.00

PALOMAR R-X NOISE BRIDGE: Operator’s Manual and Instruction sheet. Both the PALOMAR and the OMEGA are still offered on E-Bay. These hardy devices are still very handy...\$20.00

OMEGA-T SYSTEMS TE7-01 NOISE BRIDGE: An E-mail excerpt provided tells how to use...\$8.00S

MFJ 721 CW/SSB FILTER: Power supply included. Instruction sheet and schematic provided. This easy-to-use device is a remarkable performer for SSB and CW...\$15.00

TWO B&W COAX SWITCHES: Model 550 in box, never used..\$15.00 -Model 375 no box...\$8.00

KEVLAR LINE: 400 feet. Never used...\$5.00

HY-GAIN BOOM-TO-MAST CLAMP: In box, never used...\$5.00

FOOT SWITCHES: Two, each different...\$3.00 each

LIGHTENING ARRESTORS: One still in package for balanced line..\$5.00S -one for coax, used...\$2.00

TUBES: Six OB2, one each 6EA8, 12AV6, 12BA6...All for \$1.00

TEN-TEC ACRO-BAT ANTENNA CONNECTOR & HANGER: This is the best center support that allows standard wire or ladder line to be used for the antenna and either RG-58 type coax or ladder line at the feed point. The ACRO-BAT is constructed of UV resistant, high stability polycarbonate plastic designed to endure outdoor use, same as the power meters. All hardware is stainless steel. This was my extra ACRO-BAT while I used one for the last five years. \$12.00

INSULATORS - Lots to see here. 3 for \$5.00 – you pick and choose

- Nine unused stand-offs that will handle wire, ladder line or coax.
- Three through-glass as well as siding – inside to outside.
- End insulators -- seven small, one large.
- Two heavy-duty porcelain center insulators.
- Never used center insulator with 4:1 balun.
- Strain insulators – three large, three small.

CONNECTORS PL-259...Adapters, right-angles, straight UG-298, and plenty more. Some new...\$1.00 each “N” connectors, one bulk head...\$1.00 each

Ed Cushing, W4GW (828) 697-5111, gec7388@bellsouth.net

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IC-T81A Quad Band handheld FM transceiver (6, 2, 440, 1270 MHz.) with (2) BP-200 battery packs, (2) LC-1148 Leatherette cases, (1) Diamond SRH-999 quad band antenna (50cm/21in), Instruction Manual, Nifty Quick Reference Guide, CS-T81 Cloning software, (4) belt clips, CP-12L Cigarette Lighter Adapter, (2) BP-197 triple-AA battery cases, W&W Master Charger Ia drop-in desk charger with AC supply, BC-110A "Wall Wart" charger, and KPC3+ Interface cable. Asking \$200 - will throw in an Alinco DJ-596T dual band (2m/440) handheld with accessories, but which needs a new battery.

Garmin Ique 3600 PDA with built-in GPS, with desktop cradle/charger and vehicular cradle/12VDC cigarette lighter charger/connector, plus original box and documentation, etc. \$200 or BO.

Icom SP-20 deluxe speaker (includes 2 HPFs and 2 LPFs) - MSRP \$230, asking \$120.

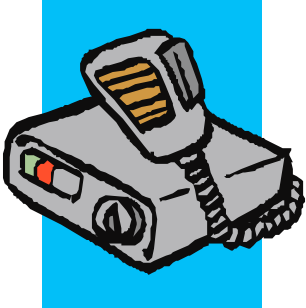
Brandy, N1HO (828) 693-5770 or (954) 818-6790 n1ho@arrl.net

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Package Deal

80 ft tower, fold-over base and side mount, Mosley Tri-band 20, 15 and 10 meters, 11 element 2 meter beam and Ham-M rotator. \$250 for the whole package only.

If interested, please contact Mike, K8YDV directly at miccar8@frontier.com

If you have items for sale, or need something, notify the editor. Also, if your listed items have sold, notify the editor to remove the listing.



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Thanks and 73

— K2DRM is clear.

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Club Information

Address: Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 831, Horse Shoe NC 28742

Website: <http://www.radioclub.org/>

Dues: Our dues cover the period from January through December. Dues for additional related members in the same household as a Full or Associate member are one-half the applicable rate. Dues for full-time students of an accredited school are one-half the regular rate as long as student status is maintained. New members joining between July and December pay one-half the applicable rate for membership through the end of the year. This year's dues are \$20.00 per person; \$10.00 per additional family member.

Please send your renewals to: Steve Smith,
607 E Blue Ridge Rd, East Flat Rock, NC 28726

Meetings: We meet at the Stoney Mountain Activity Center at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

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**Financial Report: March 2013
Steve Smith, KC5F**

Balance as of 5/31/13	2456.44
Plus: Deposits	52.00
Less: Expenses	46.95
Balance as of 6/30/13	2461.49

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Purpose: The purpose of the club is to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to promote and conduct programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

Elmers: We have many "Elmers." An Elmer is a knowledgeable amateur radio operator who is willing to help new hams and "students" with questions or procedures and help them to understand more about the hobby.

Volunteer Examinations: Every 3 months, our volunteer examiners provide an opportunity to get your amateur license or to upgrade your status.

NEXT SESSION: August 10, 2013

Contact Sid, W4IOE, for details.

Classes: We occasionally have classes so you can learn how to get your own amateur radio Technician class license.

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A message from the editor..... Articles and submissions for the Echo should be sent by the 15th of each month.

If you have something to add to our newsletter, send it to: Dan, K2DRM.

Call me at: 828-243-1347 or E-mail me at: danmaxwell@dan-maxwell.com

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Nets and On-The-Air Activities

Net	Freq / PL	Day	Time
BRARC Net	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Sunday	8:00 PM
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / 91.5	Wednesday	8:30 PM
High Country Swap & Rag Chew	442.225 MHz/107.2	Monday	9:00 PM
Haywood County ARC 2m Net	147.390 Mhz/94.8	Monday	8:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 6m Net	53.630 MHz/100	Friday	9:00 PM
QCWA Chapter 76	3.625 MHz (SSB)	Saturday	8:45 AM
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Wednesday	9:00 PM
Good Morning Net	146.760 MHz	M-W-F	9:00 AM
WCARS Info. Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Monday	9:00 PM
6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday	9:00 PM
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily	9:00 PM
Mount Pisgah 220 Net	224.260 MHz	Sunday	9:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday	8:00 PM
NC ARES Area 15 Roll Call Net	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Thursday	8:00 PM
Tarheel Emergency Net	3.923 MHz (SSB)	Daily	7:30 PM
NC Morning Net	3.926 MHz (SSB)	Daily	7:45 AM
SATERN Net	14.265 MHz	Daily	10:00 AM
NC Evening Net	3.923 MHz (SSB)	Daily	6:30 PM
Carolinas Slow Net	3.571 MHz (CW 5-8 wpm)	Daily	8:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Late)	3.573 MHz (CW 15-18 wpm)	Daily	10:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Early)	3.573 MHz (CW 20-22 wpm)	Daily	7:00 PM

If this information has changed, please contact Dan at danmaxwell@dan-maxwell.com.



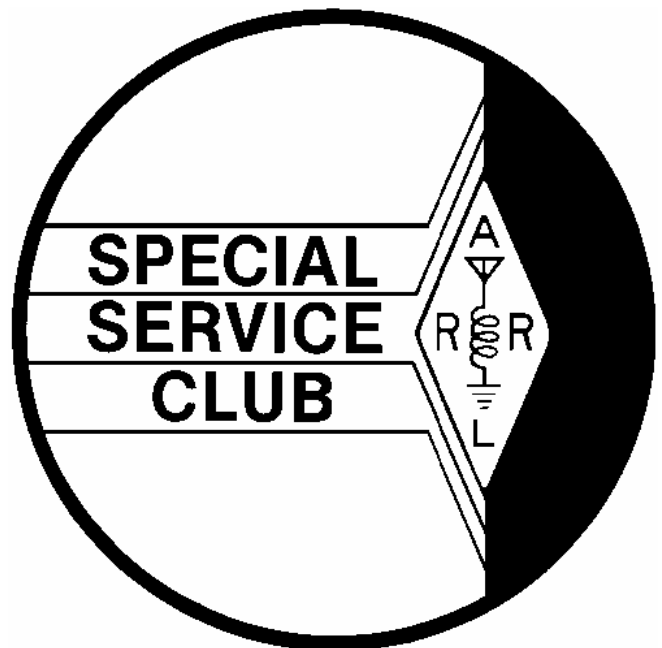
Club Meeting Tuesday
July 2, 7:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Subsequent club meeting
August 6, 7:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Henderson County ARES Training
Fourth Monday of Month
in the County Building
100 King Street, Hendersonville, 7pm



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