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

The PREZ Says

Hi All,

I am looking to the 2nd half of 2018 now for BARAC meeting presentations as outlined in the *Calendar of Events Section*. All meetings at 7:00 PM , the 1st Tuesday of the month. Please confirm that you will be available on the dates we previously discussed.

Thanks all,

73s

David Day (N1DAY/WI2XUF)

Minutes from June 5, 2018

1. Meeting opened at 7:03 PM by David (N1DAY).
2. Treasurers Report: \$3,115.99 on hand.
3. Junior reported a new call sign – (AA4LS).
4. 17 hams participated in the WNC Flyer - reported by Danny (NA4X).
5. ARES Report by John Quinn (N9JZX). Henderson County ARES/AUXCOMM will have a table and a functioning *Winlink* station at *Field Day* this year.
6. *Shack Report* by Karl Stover (KW4EO). Everthing is A-OK in the shack.
7. *Digital Modes* update by David (N1DAY) via Ernie (KC4SIT). A new FT-8 version is out WSJT V1.9.1.
8. David (N1DAY), mentioned the upcoming ARRL Design Competition. Details in QST Magazine.
9. New Business.
 - Christmas party to be at *Twin Dragons* unless otherwise decided.
 - BRARC ops will march at the end of this year's Hendersonville Christmas Parade.
10. *Field Day Report* by James Reed (KK4JFO).
 - We will operate 3A with a GOTA station this year. **What is the GOTA station?** It is an opportunity for any Technician or Novice licensees, newly licensed amateurs, other



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generally inactive licensees, and non-licensed persons to experience first-hand the fun of amateur radio by allowing them to **GET ON THE AIR (GOTA)**.

- Also there will be an ARES demo station. The **Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)** is a corps of trained [amateur radio](#) operator volunteers organized to assist in public service and [emergency communications](#).
- Duke (W4DK) will be handling the ARRL messages for bonus points.
- Antenna setup is Friday, June 22 beginning at 5:00 PM.
- Saturday breakfast is at 8:00 AM at the *Mustang Café, Tracy Grove & Dana Road in Hendersonville*.
- Saturday setup begins at 9:00 AM at Jackson Park.

11. *Field Day* Q&A:

- Make sure you label your own equipment properly and that what you brought goes home with YOU.
- Make sure your equipment is properly taken care of during bouts of bad weather.
- There will be a FM/AM radio broadcast within the park announcing *Field Day* activities, courtesy of Martin (W4FOT).
- Duke (W4DK) gave a recap of messaging requirements for *Field Day*.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dick Smith (W4RSS), acting Secretary.

In Attendance

Attendance was not taken..

Visitors

Not tracked.

FORMAL PRESENTATION

There was no formal presentation.

50/50 Drawing

There was no drawing.

Meeting Ended

The meeting was formally adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
July 3, 2018	BRARC Meeting; Held at <i>Jackson Park</i> in Hendersonville, NC. Time 7:00 PM. In the case of inclement weather: We do NOT meet when <i>Blue Ridge College</i> is closed.
July 3, 2018	Vlado - Autopsy of the Icom 7000. I will have a camera set up for this one so everyone can see the guts on the big screen.
August 7, 2018	David Day - <i>Field Day</i> propagation and contact analysis.... discussion of alternate sources of propagation prediction.
September 4, 2018	Zach - presentation of his graduate research work on propagation.
October 2 nd , 2018	Martin - Repeaters Past and Present.
December 3, 2018	Annual Christmas Party.

For Sale

IC-880H 2/440 Analog/Digital (D-star) transceiver. Complete with mounting bracket, separation cable and microphone Manual also included. Programming software and interface cable included. Great Rig, but it's time to downsize the shack a bit. Asking \$165. Call Dick W4RSS at 828-712-5263 or email dick@radioclub.org

Popular Ham Radio Nets

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
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



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Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz / T91.5	Wednesday 9:00 PM
Transylvania ARC Net	147.135 MHz	Thursday 8:00 PM
Anderson Radio Club Net	146.790 MHz	Daily 8:30 PM
6 Meter Net		
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHZ/T 100	Friday 9:00 PM
220 NETS		
Mount Pisgah 220 Thur Net	224.260 MHz	Thursday 8:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday 8:00 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
Get Up and Go Net	28.350/28.360 MHZ	Sunday 9:00 PM
SATURN Net	14.265 MHz (SSB)	Daily 10:00 AM

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 (Federal Emergency Management Agency)*. 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.



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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 8 days of each month in order to meet publication deadlines. Please send your ASCII copy to Doug (KJ4WWN) at themtns@yahoo.com.

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