



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



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

The PREZ Says

Field day 2018 is now over, and I want to thank everyone in the club for their participation, especially James Reed (KK4JFO) who was the coordinator for this year's event. Carl Stover (KW4EO) made sure we were well fed and is going to be a hard act to follow next year!

If you get a chance, stop by the shack and take a look at the recent renovations. Also, if you are interested in operating out of the shack, just give any club officer some advance notice, and we will arrange to be there to open it up for you.

Don't forget to put August 7th on your calendar. At our next meeting, the renowned roofing filter transplant surgeon, Dr. Vlado Karamitrov (N3CZ) will be doing an autopsy on the club's ICOM 7000 which recently deceased. This is going to be a great way to get inside a newer radio and learn how the components work together to make a modern transceiver.

Also, don't forget the **WCARS Hamfest** on Saturday, July 28th at the *Haywood County Fairgrounds*. If so inclined, bring a few overly ripe tomatoes as Ernie Hollingsworth (KC4SIT) and I will be talking about our favorite subject – 630 meters. Our presentation starts at 9:00 AM.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for showing up at the last meeting. July 3rd is a tough day to have a meeting given everyone's holiday plans, and it was really good to see so many of our club members at *Jackson Park*. Please remember, if you can't make a meeting, we do have a live streaming service so you can attend remotely. Complete details are at ***radioclub.org***.

73s

David Day (N1DAY/WI2XUF)



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Minutes from July 3, 2018

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance chaired by David Day (N1DAY) our club President.

In Attendance

There were a total of 21 people who signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors

We had a total of 3 guests, as follows: Marty Nycum, Jan Johnson, Zach Thompson (KM4BLG).

Club Business

A motion was passed and seconded to accept the minutes of last month's meeting and they were approved.

The previous month's Treasurer's Report was also approved by a vote from the membership.

BRARC Treasurer's Report

June 1 – June 30, 2018

Balance as of 05/31/18	\$3,015.99
Plus: Dep: 2018 dues x4	\$20.00
June 50/50	\$9.00
Total Income	\$29.00
Sub-Total	\$3,044.99
Less: Exp: Field Day expenses	\$113.30
Total Expense	\$113.30
 BALANCE AS OF 06/30/18	 \$2,931.69

Announcements

FROM THE SHACK

Field Day

Thank-you to everyone involved. All the shack equipment was treated with care and all returned in good condition! No failures and no losses! THANKS to YOU!

Shack Modification

Another shack modification was accomplished. David (N1DAY), James (KK4JFO), and Jim (non-ham friend) and I removed everything from the wall opposite the operating table and in its place built another operating table with shelves. To the left (near window) is room reserved for



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ARES/PACKET/WINLINK type station. The equipment has been collected and within the next month should be placed in operation.

In the center is the new location of the 220Mhz and 2 meter stations and to the right side an "office" area and general use space. There are 3 shelves above for frequently used equipment and supplies. A new ground bus runs the length of the table and LED lighting installed.

A BIG thanks to Danny (NA4X) who made a special trip to climb and install coax for the new 2 meter Isopole making up for my mistake not having long enough coax when we put up the isopole.

THANKS DANNY! And WOW what an amazing antenna it is!! More on that next month.

In closing, thanks to all of you who have donated equipment to our club shack! We ARE using almost every bit of it and continuing to expand shack capabilities.

Call me anytime 7:00 AM-10:00 PM - and do leave a message, I will call back!

Carl Stover (KW4EO)

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FORMAL PRESENTATION

There was a formal presentation on *The Unofficial Results of Field Day* was delivered by David Day (N1DAY). We apparently did MUCH better than last year!

50/50 Drawing

The drawing was won by Brandy Coolidge (N1HO).

Meeting Ended

The meeting was formally adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
August 8, 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.



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August 8, 2018	Dr. Vlado Karamitrov will be doing an autopsy on the club's ICOM 7000
July 28, 2018	WCARS Hamfest at the Haywood County Fairgrounds. For more details: http://www.wcars.org/docs/wcarshamfestflyer.pdf

For Sale

There were no items for sale this month.

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
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
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	3.818 MHz or 7.24 MHz	Sundays 9:00 PM



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Radio Network (TAPRN)		
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.

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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