



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



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

The PREZ Says

Thank you James for carrying on with the meeting during February while I was out of the country. I tried to pull the meeting up on Zoom but my Internet connection was just too poor. Thank you David and Ernie for the presentation on *Slow Scan TV*. This coming week the Carolina's QSO Parties will take place. There will be a announcement about this below. In our next meeting Vlad will be with us and he will present tips on contesting. This guy consistently wins contest using 5 watts or less. Come out and see how. Finally, if you have not been able to pay your dues please do so as soon as you are able.

73's Danny (NA4X)

Minutes from February 5, 2019

No minutes were recorded.

In Attendance

No attendance was recorded.

Visitors

Visitors were not recorded.

BRARC Treasurer's Report

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January 1 - January 31, 2019

Balance as of 12/31/18	\$3,525.56
Plus: Dep: 7x 2019 dues	\$140.00
Total Income	\$140.00
Sub-Total	\$3,665.56
Less: Exp: (none)	\$0.00



Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club

Total Expense	\$0.00
BALANCE AS OF 01/31/19	\$3,665.56

Club Annual Fees

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC-W4YK) fees (\$20.00) are due once again. Send your payments to Steve Smith KC5F or contact him at: kc5f@arrrl.net

Please, please remember to send-in your dues. Send your payments to:

Steve Smith, KC5F, BRARC Treasurer
607 E Blue Ridge Rd
East Flat Rock NC 28726-2205

Announcement

The Carolina's QSO Parties are coming up next weekend, February 23rd and 24th. We will have the Shack open for a good bit of the SC QSO party on Saturday. We will probably start around noon and go into the late evening. Come on out and join in the fun.

On Sunday, James will have the shack open from 10:00 until 8:00PM for the NC QSO Party. Come on guys. This is our state. Let's really support this one from both the shack and from your homes. Don't let James have to do this by himself. If I don't chicken out I am going to attempt my first expedition to Clay county for the NC QSO Party. This is a bonus county which has had very little activity in the past. It is near Andrews. Be looking for me. If I get lucky I will set up right on the county line along with Macon county so you can get credit for two counties with one contact. I will probably work 20, 40 and maybe 80 meters.

Danny (NA4X)

FORMAL PRESENTATION

There was a formal presentation given by David Day (DAY) and Ernie (KC4SIT) on Slow-Scan TV.

50/50 Drawing

There was no drawing.

From The Shack

Be sure and make a reservation for the class on building a FREE QRP radio. See the calendar. Call me anytime 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM - and do leave a message, I will call back!

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Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
March , 2019	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. Guest Speaker: Phil Jenkins (NH4F) will give a presentation on <i>AMSAT and Satellite Communications</i> .
February 23 - 24, 2019	Carolina's QSO Party; We will have the shack open for a good bit of the SC QSO party on Saturday. We will probably start around noon and go into the late evening. Come on out and join in the fun.
February 21, 2019	How to Solder; Free class, 6:30 PM at the Shack.
February 28, 2019	Build a Kit QRP Radio: Free radio kit you build in class. Make reservation: Carl.Stover@Gmail.com.

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



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6 Meter Net		
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHZ/T 100	Friday 9:00 PM
220 NETS		
Mount Pisgah 220 Net	224.260 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday 8:00 PM
Mount Spivey 220 Net	224.600/T 98.4	Wednesday 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

Simplex Nets

80 Meter Simplex Net	3.843 MHz	Thursday 9:30 PM
WCARS Simplex Net	147.525 MHz	Tuesday 8:30 PM

Digital Mobil Radio Nets

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

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.



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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.

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club Officers

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