



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



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

Minutes from May 7, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by BRARC President Danny Rector (NA4X).

In Attendance

There were 26 people present who signed the attendance sheet.

There were five visitors who attended this meeting: Danny Mellard (WA4TOG), Sam Singleton, Pat Dalporto (W8FV), Christine Singleton, Justin Reilly.

Club Business

A motion was passed and seconded to accept the minutes of last April's meeting.

Another motion and second was accepted and the Treasurer's Report was approved by a vote from the membership.

BRARC Treasurer's Report

April 1 – April 30, 2019

Balance as of 03/31/19	\$4,061.02
Plus: Dep: 3x 2019 dues plus \$10 donation	\$70.00
Total Income	\$70.00
Sub-Total	\$4,131.02
Less: Exp: Shack deadbolt installation	\$144.10
ARRL Equipment Insurance	\$64.33
Total Expense	\$208.43
BALANCE AS OF 04/30/19	\$3,922.59



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Announcements

Field Day – June 22 to 23, 2019

The focus for the June meeting will be exclusively on developing the details to implement a successful Field Day operation.

Fourth of July Parade

Both of our officers will be unavailable to organize or work on the parade this year. Danny asked for volunteers and no one offered to do it. He will notify the town officials that we are unable to provide coverage. (Please remember, the town of Hendersonville provides our physical space for meetings as well as our radio shack without charge).

QSO Contesting

Danny (NA4X) announced that the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club came in second in the NC QSO Party. We received a formal QSO Award. Congratulations for all those who participated!

FORMAL PRESENTATION

The formal presentation was “*Radios, Satellites & Weather*” given by David Day (N1DAY), and Ernie Hollingsworth (KC4SIT). It was fascinating and most informative.

50/50 Drawing

There was no drawing.

Meeting Ended

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
June 4, 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.
May 17th, 18th, 19th, 2019	Haute Ride: Volunteers are needed. Contact Danny (NA4X) for details. https://www.hauteroute.org/events/overview/asheville-2019



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June 2, 2019	WNC Flyer: Sign-up sheet available for volunteers. Contact Danny (NA4X). We still need volunteers.
June 15, 2019	Knoxville Hamfest: http://www.w4bbb.org/knoxville-hamfest
June 22 to 23, 2019	Field Day: Details to follow...
July 27, 2019	WCARS Hamfest – Held at the Haywood County fairgrounds. For details or purchase of advance tickets: http://www.wcars.org/wcarshamfest.htm
August 30 to Sept 1	Shelby Hamfest. Details TBD

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
SSTV Net	146.640 MHz/T91.5	Sunday 9:00 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 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
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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. *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.



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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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