



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



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

## The PREZ Says

Well this year's *Field Day* preparations have not been without drama. With two weeks to go I was informed there is a county ordinance against overnight operations in the park. That was a set-back but one of the qualities of Ham Radio is being flexible. The challenge was to find a location in a public place with trees and limited power lines.

I am proud to say we have come up with a very good location. Martin (W4FOT) contacted Jimmy Brissie with *Emergency Management* and they are allowing us to set up in front of the new *Emergency Management Center* in Balfor at 2529 Asheville Highway. This is easy to get to right beside the road. We will be setting up Saturday morning and be ready to be in operation at 1400 on June 22nd. Come on out and get on the radio. Bring a friend too. Don't forget we will have supper about 5:30 PM on Saturday. Bring a covered dish. Carl will be cooking for us. It's going to be a great weekend!

73's

Danny (NA4X)

## Minutes from June 4, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by BRARC President Danny Rector (NA4X).

### In Attendance

There were 15 people present who signed the attendance sheet.

### Visitors

There were two visitors who attended this meeting; Mike McClain, and Justin Reilly (KN4TCZ).

### Club Business

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

Another motion and second was accepted to approve the current Treasurer's Report.

## BRARC Treasurer's Report

The current balance in the Club's account is: \$3, 942.59.

## Announcements

The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing assignments for the up coming **Field Day** activities. If you would like to volunteer your time to help-out, please contact James (KK4JFO) [jshreed@bellsouth.net](mailto:jshreed@bellsouth.net) or Danny (NA4X) [record@bellsouth.net](mailto:record@bellsouth.net).

## Hamfest



Six weeks from this coming Saturday, we'll be celebrating amateur radio once again at the Haywood County Fairgrounds in Waynesville, NC. We'll have great vendors, plus family friendly exhibits, and educational forums. And of course, door prizes including a Yaesu FT-857D for the grand prize!

**Day:** Saturday, July 27, 2019.

**Location:** Haywood County Fairgrounds, Waynesville, NC

**Hamfest Hours:** 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Admission:** \$5.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the gate, kids 10 and under free.

Gates open at 6:00 AM for flea market/tailgate setup.

Vendor setup begins Friday afternoon, July 26th. Club potluck for vendors at 6:00 PM Friday.

VE Testing at the *Lake Junaluska Fire Department* at 2:00 PM

Go to <http://www.wcars.org/wcarshamfest.htm> for more details and to print the order form for

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ordering tickets and reserving vendor space.

**SPONSORED BY:** *Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society (WCARS)*

[www.wcars.org](http://www.wcars.org)

Contact us at: [wcars.nc.hamfest@gmail.com](mailto:wcars.nc.hamfest@gmail.com)

*Haywood County Fairgrounds* is located at 758 Crabtree Road, Waynesville, NC.

If you are already a part of our family of Hamfest friends we look forward to seeing you again this summer. If you haven't made the WCARS Hamfest a part of your annual calendar, we hope you will come join the fun!

Ruth (WA4VT)

WCARS Hamfest Chair

## PRESENTATION

There was a short presentation given by Danny (NA4X), on how to use the new logging software that will be used for *Field Day*.

## 50/50 Drawing

There was no drawing.

## Meeting Ended

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

## Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates:

| Date                | Description   |
|---------------------|---|
| July 2, 2019        | <b>BRARC Meeting;</b> 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. |
| June 15, 2019       | <b>Knoxville Hamfest:</b><br><a href="http://www.w4bbb.org/knoxville-hamfest">http://www.w4bbb.org/knoxville-hamfest</a>  |
| June 22 to 23, 2019 | <b>Field Day:</b> New Location this year. Henderson County Emergency Services, 2529 Asheville Highway,  |



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|                            | Hendersonville, NC.  |
| <b>July 27, 2019</b>       | <b>WCARS Hamfest</b> – Held at the Haywood County fairgrounds. For details or purchase of advance tickets: <a href="http://www.wcars.org/wcarshamfest.htm">http://www.wcars.org/wcarshamfest.htm</a> |
| <b>August 30 to Sept 1</b> | <b>Shelby Hamfest.</b> 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     |
| <b>6 Meter Net</b>        |                     |                   |
| 6 Meter Net               | 53.130 MHZ/T 100    | Friday 9:00 PM    |
| <b>220 NETS</b>           |                     |                   |
| 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 |



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## 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

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|----------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 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

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|---------|------------------|------------------|
| 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.



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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](mailto:themtns@yahoo.com).

## Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club Officers

| Title          | Name         | Call Sign | Phone        | Email  |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--|
| President      | Danny Rector | NA4X      | 828-698-3231 | <a href="mailto:record@bellsouth.net">record@bellsouth.net</a>   |
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