



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



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

The PREZ Says

Thank you to all that joined us last week at the Henderson County 911 Center. I think it was a very informative visit and you folk were very attentive. It is just amazing the technology that is available but it still takes a dedicated team to run it.

We have a lot of different events coming up including the *Tour de Apple* bike ride and the *Hunger Walk* so be sure to step up and get involved. I am not sure why but many of you have never taken the time to help out in these or other events. Please do not be afraid to try. If it is your first time and you are worried, we will put you with someone who is experienced. We can even help out with equipment. Helping our community is the heart of what we do.

We also do contests. This coming Saturday, 8/17, 2:00 PM until Sunday at 2:00 AM is the NAQP SSB contest. This year we are trying something different. In this contest you can form teams of up to five people each. Each person works from their home station and then we combine the scores. This is a single side band contest on HF. You can only work 10 of the 12 hours so this is a fairly short contest. All I am asking is for you to try to commit 6 hours. Does this interest you? Please contact me at 329-8863 before Saturday and I will get you signed up. Again it is a easy contest where all the stations are in North America and everyone is using 100 watts. Come have some fun!

73's

Danny (NA4X)

Minutes from August, 2019

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



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In Attendance

There were 26 people who signed the attendance sheet. There were two guests: Debbie Day, & Karl Hubbard.

Club Business

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

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

Current BRARC Treasurer's Report

July 1 – July 31, 2019

Balance as of 06/30/19	\$3,962.59
Plus: Dep: 1x 2019 + 2x 2019 half-year dues	\$40.00
Total Income	\$40.00
Sub-Total	\$4,002.59
Less: Exp: Rope and pulleys for Field Day	\$162.09
Field Day food	\$152.85
BRARC Brochure printing	\$85.39
Total Expense	\$400.33
BALANCE AS OF 07/31/19	\$3,602.26

Announcements

Tour de Apple – Asheville, Monday, September 2, 2019 marks the day of this event. Volunteers are needed. Please contact [Lee Mager \(NOSYS\)](#). They need volunteers for two shifts. The event starts at 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. They also need four SAG vehicles with APRS capability.

W4RSS

David Day (N1DAY) - Made contact with Dick Smith (W4RSS) via D-Star. He is well and moved-into his new home up north.

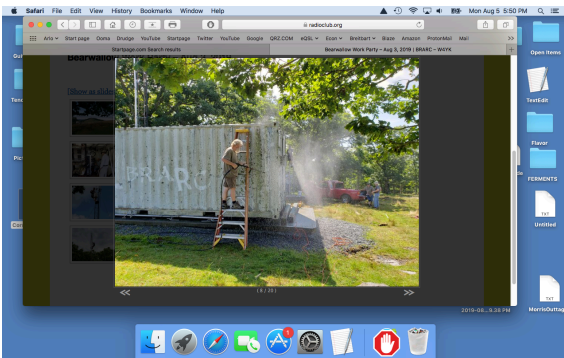
Repeater Work Party

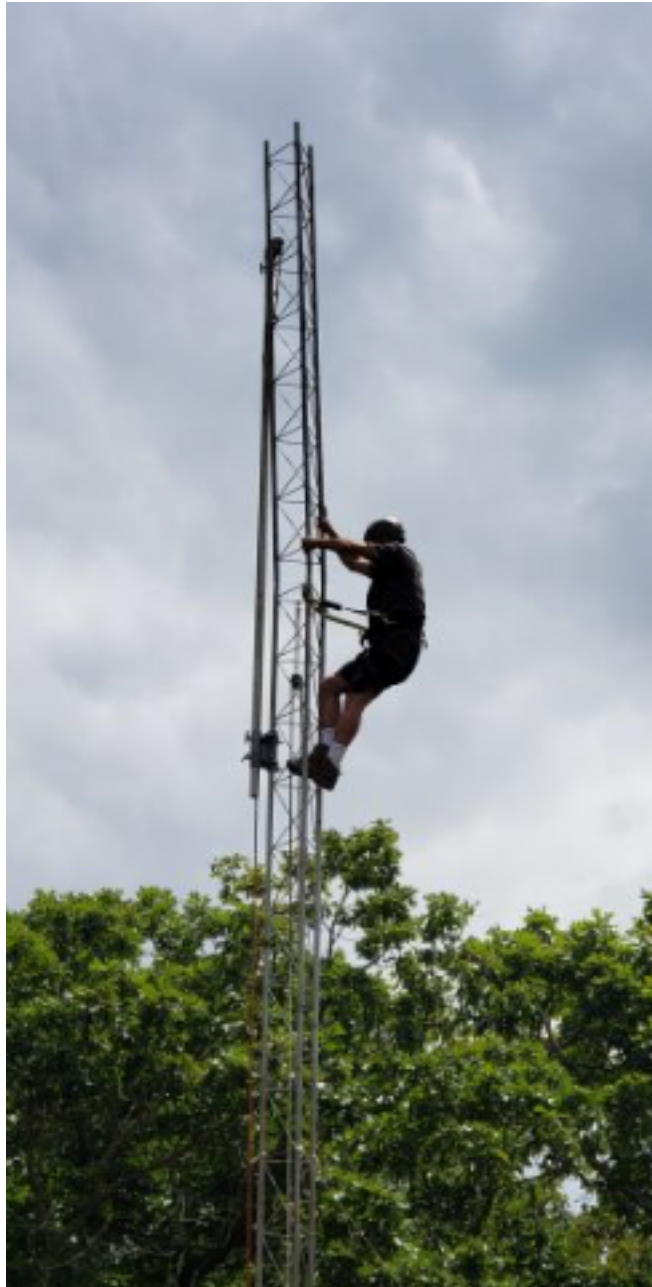
Correction from the July issue of the Echo: The 146.640 Mhz repeater is located in the building owned by Dan Kimball (WB4YAO). Thanks DAN for the use of the building to house the repeater!

The 146.640 Mhz repeater received MORE attention on another trip to Bearwallow Mountain. The repeater building was pressure washed and a new 55 foot tower was installed – including guy wires. There will be another work party (TBD) to install two new antennas.

Thanks Martin and the 9 helpers for keeping and maintaining the “club” repeater and tower work.

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Special Event

Apple Festival – Hendersonville, Friday August 30, 2019 to Sunday, September 2, 2019. Earn a W4YK Certificate during the Festival. Make a 20 Meter (14.245 Mhz) phone contact or via digital using FT8. This is a special event to help publicize the Festival & to make the community aware of the **Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)**, as well. Many people collect certificates and talk about them. Hopefully, this also promotes the BRARC too.

Certificates will go to the stations contacted, as well as certificates for those the club stations that also made contacts.

Details on how to indicate this is a special event will be forthcoming (TBA) from Ronnie (K2SST) on what to say, & how to show information on FT-8.

So join the fun & help promote your club!

Donated Equipment

Dominion Energy donated two Motorola PR-8300 UHF repeaters and two 100 watt amplifiers.

Hunger Walk

The annual walk will be held in Jackson Park on September 12th, 21st?? Volunteers are needed for the five Rest Stops in the park. Contact [James Reed \(KK4JFO\)](#).



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Shelby Hamfest

Here is the information regarding the Shebly Hamfest:

63rd ANNUAL SHELBY HAMFEST 2019

ARRL SANCTIONED HAMFEST SHELBY HAMFEST

CLEVELAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1751 E. Marion St, Shelby, NC 28150
August 30th, August 31st & September 1st 2019

MORE INFO ON WWW.SHELBYHAMFEST.ORG

- DEALERS
- FLEA MARKET
- CAMPSITES FULL HOOKUP & 50 AMP SERVICE
- FORUMS—SATURDAY
- EXAMS—SATURDAY
- BINGO—SUNDAY
- SUNDAY SCHOOL

TALK-IN 146.990 (-) No Tone, W4NVR REPEATER

PRIZES

PRE-REGISTRATION HYGAIN TH-3MK4 BEAM
SAT. MAIN PRIZE AMERITRON 811
SUN. MAIN PRIZE ICOM 7300
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PRESENTATION

There was no forma presentation. Instead club members & guests had a filed trip to the Hendersonville 911 Call Center. It was most enjoyable and very informative.

50/50 Drawing

There was no drawing.

Meeting Ended

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. Then it proceeded to the 911 Call Center.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
September 3, 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.
Saturday, August 17- to Sunday August 19, 2019	NAQP SSB contest – Starts 2:00 PM until Sunday at 2:00 AM



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August 30 to Sept 1	Shelby Hamfest. Details in this issue.
August 30 to Sept 1	BRARC Special Event Details in this issue.
September 2, 2019	Tour d'Apple: http://tourdapple.com
September 12th 21 st?	Hunger Walk - Jackson Park

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
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



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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.

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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