



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



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

The PREZ Says

Fall is coming on quick. The days are getting shorter and the leaves are starting to change colors. This actually brings on a fairly busy time for our club. We have the **Hunger Walk** just around the corner and then the **Hendersonville Christmas Parade**. Be sure to be getting your HT's dusted off. I think you will really enjoy some of the upcoming meetings that we have scheduled. Our October meeting will look at Fox Hunting with a demonstration Bill Vannuys, (N400C). Have you ever had a radio or a noise interfere with your radio. This may give you some skills to help try to locate that interference plus this is just another fun part of our hobby. If you have any fox hunting equipment bring it along to the meeting.

Lately, I have had contacts with the widows and kids of several silent keys. As I look through their possessions I always wonder just who they were and how they got involved in radio. We have so many Hams in our local area that have had some very interesting careers that we never meet. Let's try to find them and get them involved with our club. One Ham with a very interesting career in the past was George Knudsen. Come to the November meeting to learn about his experiences with the **Apollo Space Program**. You will not want to miss it!

Finally, don't forget during our October meeting we will be taking nominations for officers for the upcoming year.

73's

Danny (NA4X)

Minutes from August, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by BRARC President Danny Rector (NA4X).

In Attendance

There were 23 people who signed the attendance sheet. There were three guests: Brian Beirs, Tom Evernham (W9GBA), Hank Fallek (WA3KK).



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Club Business

A motion was passed and seconded to accept the minutes of last August’s meeting. Another motion and second was accepted to approve the current Treasurer’s Report.

Current BRARC Treasurer’s Report

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August 1 – August 31, 2019

Balance as of 07/31/19	\$3,602.26
Plus: Dep: 1x 2019 half-year dues	\$10.00
Total Income	\$10.00
Sub-Total	\$3,612.26
Less: Exp: Bearwallow tower concrete and anchors	\$103.06
Field Day food & gas, Hollingsworth funeral flowers	\$93.80
ARRL club liability insurance 10/01/19-10/01/20	\$200.00
Total Expense	\$396.86
BALANCE AS OF 08/31/19	\$3,215.40

Announcements

Special Presentation

The **Road Show Radio Club** meets at the **Skyland Fire Deptment** (2nd floor) on the 4 th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. This month on September 24, 2019 Carl (KW4EO) will be giving a presentation on:

"Differences in Modern Radios with Conventional Superhetrodyne Structure, Superhetrodyne with DSP and those with Direct Sampling DSP."

Rotary Club Thanks

Bob Felt (W4RYF) announced that the local Rotary Club sends their message of gratitude to the Club for their help in the 100 mile biking event (Tour De Apple).

Special Event

Apple Festival – Hendersonville, Friday August 30, 2019 to Sunday, September 2, 2019. This was a special event to help publicize the Festival & to make the community aware of the **Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)**. Certificates will go to the stations contacted, as well as certificates for those the club stations that also made contacts. Details will be forthcoming from Ronnie (K2SST) on the radio contact results.



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Hunger Walk

The annual walk is held in *Jackson Park* on September 21st 2019. Volunteers are still needed for the five Rest Stops in the park. Contact [James Reed \(KK4JFO\)](#).

Donation

David Day (N1DAY) attended the Shelby Hamfest and sold Ham radio equipment for the widow of silent key Stephen Capogna (NO1R). She was so thankful that she awarded the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club \$250 as a big THANK YOU! Thanks too for David making this happen.

PRESENTATION

The presentation was on Satellites by Hank Fallek (WA3KK). It was most informative and we all appreciated hearing this presentation. A fascinating subject from a real expert.

50/50 Drawing

There was no drawing.

Meeting Ended

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
October 8, 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.
October 8, 2019	Officer Nominations
September 21, 2019	Hunger Walk - Jackson Park

For Sale

There were no items for sale this month. However, Mike McClain (K2BAS) has a Yaesu FT-857D that he wants to trade. Contact Mike for more details. 181 Pepperbush Rd, Brevard, NC 28712.



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

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



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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.

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