



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



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

The PREZ Says

What a great year in Amateur Radio! A great big thank you to Danny (NA4X) for leading the club this year and keeping things straight!! We've recently had a VNA class (Smith Chart on steroids) taught by Carl (KW4EO), A Christmas Party with a huge turnout, and communications for the *Hendersonville Christmas Parade*.

The work parties on Bearwallow Mountain were very successful this year, and we have a club sponsored weather station (satellite) going into Hendersonville East High School (details coming).

Steve (KC5F) has documented the events and updated information on the club website <http://radioclub.org/> (please check out the gallery link). And Doug (KJ4WWN) provides this wonderful email newsletter each month. Sid (W4IOE) and I have also been posting information and pictures on the club facebook page and group <https://www.facebook.com/BlueRidgeHams/> (you don't have to sign up to see the pictures). And, Sid calls the club net on Sunday evenings on 146.640 MHZ (thank you Martin for this repeater). Sid sure has a way of making sure everyone is welcome. He encourages new hams and insures we have great fellowship throughout the year.

Please let me know if you have ideas on presentations or classes this next year- your input and participation is appreciated, and with a hobby as diverse as radio it's certainly needed.

Merry Christmas to all and look forward to seeing everyone next year..

Charles Webb (KN4KWA) 828-698-1035

Minutes from December, 2019

The meeting opened at 6:00 PM at the Twin Dragons in Brevard, NC. This was the annual Christmas Party.

In Attendance



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No attendance was taken. No minutes were recorded and there was no business conducted.

Current BRARC Treasurer's Report

November 1 – November 30, 2019

Balance as of 10/31/19	\$ 3,555.40
Plus: Dep: \$10 donation	\$ 10.00
Total Income	\$ 10.00
Sub-Total	\$ 3,565.40
Less: Exp: E. HVL HS Weather Station	\$ 323.88
Christmas Parade candy	\$ 55.96
Total Expense	\$ 379.84
BALANCE AS OF 11/30/19	\$ 3,185.56

Announcements

Christmas Parade

The annual Hendersonville Christmas Parade was a great success. Many thanks to all the volunteers and to Danny (Na4X) for organizing the whole thing.



Parade Banner



Pre-Parade Planning

Calendar of Events for 2020

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
January 7, 2020	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.
January 25 th - 26 th	Winter Field Day - BRARC does not currently have plans to participate in 2020. However if you want to participate here is the information: https://www.winterfieldday.com/rules
March 1 st	NORTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY - 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM EST. More information at: https://ncqsoparty.org/

For Sale

FOR SALE: Just in time for Christmas!



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TEN TECH TITAN 425 linear amp. Tunes 1.8 to 30 MHz. inclusive. With two 3CX800A7 tubes, 60 watts in easily gets 1500 out. Spare pair tubes included. Dahl hypersil plate transformer. USE GOOGLE for reviews/ full info then let's talk.

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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
6 Meter Net		
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHz/T 100	Friday 9:00 PM
220 NETS		
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday 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
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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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