



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



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

The PREZ Says

Thank you to all who came out to Ingles Saturday, February 15th at 9:00 AM for breakfast. We had 12 hams and had a great time! Come join us join us March 21, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Place: Ingles 625 Spartanburg Highway (closest to Fresh Market & across from Harris Teeter.) We plan on doing this every 3rd Saturday each month.

Carl Stover has compiled a list of "all" the local repeaters. Email Carl at: carl.stover@gmail.com for a copy. Carl's *Intro to Ham Radio Class* this past Thursday had 4 folks looking to get their Tech License and several Club members in attendance. The follow-up class is this Thursday.

Looking forward to the next Regular meeting March 3rd.
Charles Webb (KN4KWA) 828-698-1035

Minutes from February 4, 2020

The minutes were recorded as follows:

Minutes from February meeting:

- pledge
- all 6 guests were recognized.
- no reports
- announcements (see Charles notes about Carl's beginner intro to Ham Radio class)
- 21 signed the attendance roster
- still taking signups for NC QSO party . March 1 10:00 am till 8:00 pm. Phone, CW, and Digital modes. Need both radio operators and loggers. Contact James W. Reed (KK4JFO) at jshreed@bellsouth.net.

- Martin Harris (W4FOT) did an outstanding Powerpoint presentation detailing the repeaters, antennas and radio equipment housed on Bearwallow mountain. We all agreed we would be interested in hearing a follow-up presentation in the future.



--- meeting was adjourned

Submitted by Andy Chu

Current BRARC Treasurer's Report

January 1 – January 31, 2020

Balance as of 12/31/19	\$3,185.56
Plus:	
Dep: Dues-18 Regular 1 Family Member	\$370.00
Total Income	\$370.00
Sub-Total	\$3,555.56
Less: Exp: Raleigh ARS – NC QSO Party Sponsor	\$50.00
Host Gator – Website Hosting, 1 year	\$107.40
Total Expense	\$157.40
BALANCE AS OF 01/31/20	\$3,398.16

Announcements

QSO PARTY

Danny (NA4X) announced the QSO Party scheduled for March 1st, 2020. Duration; 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. All interested please contact Danny to sign-up.

Introduction to Ham Radio

Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM EST at the radio shack.
640 Glover St, Hendersonville, NC 28792-5450



Last Intro Class Meeting Attendees

Coffee Clutch

There will be an informal meeting of Hams the 3rd Saturday of each month. Anyone interested in Ham radio can attend. It will be held at the **Ingles** on **Spartanburg Road** (across from Harris Tweeter) in **Hendersonville**. Time: 9:00 AM, Saturday, March 21st. Hope to see you there!



Calendar of Events for 2020

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
March 3, 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.
March 1st, 2020	NORTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY – 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM EST. More information at: https://ncqsoparty.org/
March 21st, 2020	Coffee Clutch- <i>Place:</i> Ingles, 625 Spartanburg Highway (closest to Fresh Market & across from Harris Teeter.) We plan on doing this every 3rd Saturday each month.

For Sale

- Beam, 2m, 5 element, manufacturer unknown. \$25
- Hustler HF mobile antenna set (see photo): Fold-over mast, resonators for 75, 40, 15, 10. \$50
- Larsen mobile antenna for 6 meters, NMO-50. \$25
- Diamond D-505 all-band (500 kHz to 1.5 GHz) receiving base/mobile/SWL/scanner antenna, with 20 dB gain pre-amp. \$40
- 80m portable dipole antenna - two mobile elements on center conductor, with balun. \$30
- CB transceiver, Cobra 29, manufactured 2002 - receives well, transmit status unknown. (Try it - if want it, it will be yours cheap.)

Seller Contact Info:

John Scruggs / N4JRC

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Hendersonville NC



Popular Ham Radio Nets

FM Nets

BRARC Net (W4YK)	146.640 MHZ/T91.5	Sunday 8:00 PM
**Slow Scan 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 Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday 8:00 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
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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.



Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club

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

Title	Name	Call Sign	Phone	Email
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