



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



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

## The PREZ Says

Wow!

What a spring! We had an interesting *Zoom* (virtual meeting software) club meeting with Marv Hoffman (WA4NC) as our guest speaker. Thank you to all that attended. Looks like that's how we will need to do it in May as well.

Club members Brandy (N1HO) and David (N1DAY) have articles in Ham Magazines (CQ and QST). Be sure to congratulate them.

Everything is still up in the air such as Hamfests, Field Day, parades & who knows what else? However, we have the ability to adapt and overcome no matter what. It's all still fun.. stretching makes us stronger. We're looking at having a *Zoom "class"* night coming up on SSTV MMSTV software. Details to follow.

Hopefully your antenna's survived Sunday night! It seems like every limb not holding a dipole fell into my yard, but my antenna's are still up. Hopefully I can see if they still work when the power comes back on. (My portable generator circuit is not feeding the shack yet).

Stay safe. Hope to hear you on the air soon.

Charles Webb (KN4KWA)

## Minutes from April 7, 2020

The meeting opened at 7:01 PM led by BRARC club President Charles Webb (KN4KWA). It was a virtual meeting because of Covid-19 the Chinese virus.

### In Attendance

20 people attended as listed in the ZOOM "*Participants List.*"



# Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club

## Club Business

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

## Current BRARC Treasurer's Report

March 1 – March 31, 2020

Balance as of 02/29/20	\$3,658.16
Plus: Dep: Dues – 7 Regular	\$140.00
Total Income	\$140.00
Sub-Total	\$3,798.16
Less: Exp: Postage for QSL cards	\$11.00
Total Expense	\$11.00
 BALANCE AS OF 03/31/20	 \$3,787.16

## Announcements

### BRARC Streaming Meetings

All future *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* (BRARC) meetings will be virtual until the pandemic is over. Anyone is welcome to join our monthly meetings. Here's what you need:

- Free download of ZOOM software: <https://zoom.us/download> (Scroll for all operating systems)
- Internet connection
- A computer device such as a phone, tablet or laptop

### Directions on Logging into the meeting:

- 1) Install ZOOM software onto your device.
- 2) At meeting time (7:00 PM the 1st Tuesday each month) open ZOOM.
- 3) Click the "Join" icon & the "Join Meeting" dialog displays.
- 4) Enter the Meeting ID: **915-464-442** & click "Join."
- 5) Enter the password (*if required*) noting case sensitivity for characters. The "Waiting for the host to start this meeting" dialog displays.
- 6) Then the system displays "Waiting" until you are accepted into the meeting.

### Western Carolina Flier

The *Western Carolina Flier* bike ride has been canceled for 2020. This is one of our biggest volunteer events for our radio club that would normally take place June 7th. I do appreciate all of those who have been willing to help in the past. I look forward to other events in the near future.

Danny (NA4X)

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## ***Club Membership Dues***

The 2020 dues for the ***Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club*** are \$20.00 and are now part due. Either send me a check made-out-to BRARC or bring a check or cash to the next meeting. Thanks!

## **Contact Information**

Steve Smith, (KC5F)  
BRARC Treasurer  
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East Flat Rock NC 28726-2205

## ***Informal Ham Meeting***

The informal meeting of Hams the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month has been suspended because of the pandemic.

## ***Club Name Badges***

*Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)* name tags are now available. A big thank you to David Tirado for re-designing the logo! These color badges are printed on plastic – not engraved like the old ones. There is no minimum order AND you can customize them the way you want.



**Example Name Tag**

The cost for the badge starts at \$12.50. Order yours at

<https://thesignman.com/clubs/blueridgearccart.html>

Here is their web page:



## The SignMan of Baton Rouge

### Blue Ridge ARC Name Badge



Blue Ridge ARC Badge price \$12.50

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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Over-the-Pocket &amp; Safety Pin</b>	\$2.25
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Removable Alligator Clip Adapter</b>	\$2.50

### Where to Order a Badge

#### Slow Scan TV

There is a Slow Scan TV Net each Sunday night after the BRARC Net at approximately 9:00 PM each Sunday. All it takes is free software like MMSSTV for Windows, or MultiScan 3B for Mac and a radio with a sound card interface to a computer device. There are several participants and they all contribute to a fun way of using Ham radio.

#### PRESENTATION

The formal presentation was on the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL), by the ARRL North Carolina Section Manager, Marvin Hoffman (WA4NC). It was informative and well received.

#### Meeting Ended

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).



## Calendar of Events for 2020

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
May, 2020	<b>BRARC Meeting;</b> All meetings at Jackson Park are closed until further notice. They will be held as virtual meetings because of the pandemic. See details in this issue on how to login.
May, 2020	<b>Informal Ham Meeting-</b> The informal meetings at Ingles have been cancelled until further notice because of the virus. However, there is discussion about making it a virtual meeting in the near future. Please let us know if you would like to participate in something like this.
June 7, 2020	<b>Western Carolina Flier</b> The <i>Western Carolina Flyer</i> bike ride has been canceled for 2020.

## For Sale

No items for sale this month.

## 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
<b>6 Meter Net</b>		
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHZ/T 100	Friday 9:00 PM



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<b>220 NETS</b>		
Mount Pisgah 220 Thur Net	224.260 MHz	Thursday 8:00 PM
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.

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.



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## 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

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