



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



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

The PREZ Says

I hope everyone is getting along OK with all the challenges we are all facing. It's great to see the participation level in the Sunday evening nets - and I really appreciate Sid's (W4IOE) welcoming leadership as Net Control — big round of applause for Sid!! Don't forget the SSTV Net afterwards - and a big Thank You to Logan (KG4ICN) for heading that up.

Next month's meeting Sept 2nd — Zoom again. Login details are in this issue – below.

On the tentative agenda is several shorter presentations... *Logging...(logging software). Resources at the ARRL - New Nano VNA..* Still looking for other presenters and/or ideas if you have them.

Charles Webb (KN4KWA)

Minutes from August 4, 2020

The monthly meeting of the *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)* was a virtual meeting because of the pandemic. The meeting started at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance

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



Club Business

Current BRARC Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 06/30/20	\$ 3,972.83
Plus: Dep: Dues -1 ½-year	\$ 10.00
Purchase of donated item	\$ 20.00
Purchase of donated (nonfunctional) items	\$ 45.00
Total Income	\$ 75.00
Sub-Total	\$ 4,047.83
Less: Exp: (none)	\$ 0.00
Total Expense	\$ 0.00
BALANCE AS OF 07/31/20	\$ 4,047.83

This report was approved by the attending members.

Announcements

The 6 meter repeater (53.130 MHZ/T 100) has a new transmitter and has exceptional range and clarity. Please feel free to explore the possibilities of this great resource. Thanks Martin (W4FOT) for the excellent maintenance on this repeater.

Tour de Apple

The *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* (BRARC) has been asked to support the **Tour de Apple** coming in September 7, 2020. The number of contestants is reduced this year, but they still need help at way-stations, as well as, with radio communications – including APRS, and also, drivers. We need volunteers to support this important community event.

Please contact Danny (NA4X): rector@bellsouth.net.

NC QSO Party Results

Here is the link to view the results of the NC QSO Party: <http://ncqsoparty.org/results/>

BRARC Streaming Meetings

All future *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* (BRARC) meetings will be virtual until the state opens up officially. 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



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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.

PRESENTATION

The presentation was "Solar Activity & Comms" presented by Steve Riddle (VA3FLF). Be sure and visit SpaceWeather.com for the latest solar information. Steve's presentation was excellent and enjoyed by all.

Meeting Ended

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Calendar of Events for 2020

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
September 1, 2020	BRARC Meeting; 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.
September 7, 2020	Tour de Apple: Annual bike event. Volunteers needed!!

Popular Ham Radio Nets

FM Nets

BRARC Net (W4YK)	146.640 MHZ/T91.5	Sunday 8:00 PM
Slow Scan TV Net	146.640 MHZ/T91.5	Sunday 9:00 PM
Slow Scan TV Net	146.790 MHZ (no tone)	Saturday 9:15 PM
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / T91.5	Wednesday 8:00 PM
Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
KI4ZEK Net	145.190 MHz	Thursday 8:30 PM
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily 9:00 PM



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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 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
Simplex 2 Meter Net	146.640 Y 91.5	TBA

Digital Mobil Radio Nets

DMR Net	WNC Net Talk Group	Thursday 8:30 PM
DMR Net	WNC Local Talk Group	Monday 7:30 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.



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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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