



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



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

The PREZ Says

Thanks to all that attended the ICOM presentation. It will be interesting to see who gets one. Hopefully you saw the **Echo Extra** about the **KIWI SDR**—Good stuff!

NAQP contest this weekend. James (KK4JFO) and Burnis (KK4VYT) will run it at the shack. Get with James Reed if you're interested in participating at the shack: jshreed@bellsouth.net

Charles Webb (KN4KWA)

Minutes from January, 2021

The monthly meeting of the *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)* started at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance

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

Club Business

Treasurer's Report

December 1 – December 31, 2020

Balance as of 11/30/20	\$ 3,867.83
Plus: Dep: 5x 2021 dues	\$ 90.00



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Shack radio auction proceeds	\$ 486.00
Total Income	\$ 576.00
Sub-Total	\$ 4,443.83
Less: Exp: (none)	\$ 0.00
Total Expense	\$ 0.00
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/20	\$ 4,443.83

Meeting Minutes

December's minutes were approved by the membership.

Announcements

North Carolina QSO Party

The *NC QSO Party* is scheduled for February 28, 2021. For information about the event, including rules, can be found at:

ncqsoparty.org

Annual Dues

Your club annual dues are up for renewal. They remain \$20.00. Please send checks to Steve Smith, made payable to *The Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* (BRARC).

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Tour of the Shack

Carl (KW4EO) gave a video tour of the Shack. It is truly a professional radio shack. Thanks to Carl & all those who helped. We should all be proud and we should all take advantage of this wonderful resource.

Informal Breakfast Meeting

We're still having informal local breakfast gatherings for anyone interested.

- *Schedule:* 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM - (January 16, 2021).
- *Location:* Ingles - near the Fresh Market - Address; 625 Spartanburg Hwy, Hendersonville, NC 28792.



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No agenda - just fellowship - plenty of tables to distance - please do not attend if you would be uncomfortable or at risk.

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

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

Will Jourdain (AA4WJ), (a representative of ICOM), joined our meeting to give an informational presentation on the new ICOM 705 QRP radio. It was extremely thorough and provided details about the useful features of the ICOM 705 radio. It was great to see what new products are available.

Meeting Ended

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Calendar of Events for 2021

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
January, 2021	BRARC Meeting; All meetings at Jackson Park are canceled until further notice. Instead, they will be held as virtual meetings. See details in this issue on how to login.
January 16, 2020	Informal Breakfast - Ingles - near the Fresh Market - Address; 625 Spartanburg Hwy, Hendersonville, NC 28792. Time: 9:00 AM



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January 30, 2021 - January 31 2021	Winter Field Day - Details are TBD at this point in time - sorry.
February 28, 2021	NC QSO Party - For information about the event, including rules, can be found at: ncqsoparty.org

For Sale

There are 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 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
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



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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
WNC Net	WNC System Fusion Reflector YS24157	Wednesday 9:00 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.



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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.

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