



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



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

## The PREZ Says

Informal this weekend if you are not going to the Greenville, TN Hamfest.

Henderson County is still restricting gatherings - any ideas for an 'outside' meeting?

Not much else to report...

Charles Webb (KN4KWA)

## Club Business

### Treasurer's Report

March 1 – March 31, 2021	
Balance as of 02/28/21	\$4,864.83
Plus: Dep: 22x 2021 dues plus \$10 donation	\$450.00
Total Income	\$450.00
Sub-Total	\$5,314.83
Less: Exp: ARRL Equipment Insurance 05/01/21-05/01/22	\$71.89
Total Expense	\$71.89
BALANCE AS OF 03/31/21	\$5,242.94

## Meeting Minutes

The April meeting began at 7:02 PM. The minutes from the last meeting were approved by the membership.

## In Attendance

18 people attended as listed in the ZOOM "Participants List."



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## Announcements

In a couple of past years we received certificates for **ARRL November Sweepstakes First Place NC** for our class, but we just received a plaque for 2019 **First Place** in the entire Roanoke Division! If we don't have a good place for it in the shack (it's 11x13), maybe we should let James and Danny alternate having it in theirs. Great job, guys!

Wording on the plaque:

*"ARRL November Sweepstakes W4YK (KK4JFO, NA4X, ops) 2019 Roanoke Division Winner  
Multioperator Low Power Phone"*

-Steve (KC5F)

## Informal Breakfast Meeting

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

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

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

After completing club business, we had a guest speaker (Jim Andrews (KH6HTV) who gave a talk on **Amateur High Definition Digital TV**. It was very interesting!



Meeting Ended

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM. Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Calendar of Events for 2021

Here are some notable dates:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Description. Rows include: May 4, 2021 (BRARC Meeting), April 17, 2020 (Informal Breakfast), Hamfests (search) (http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search), Saturday, April 24th (Test Session).

For Sale

Items by John Scruggs (N4JRC), Hendersonville, NC. Contact info: jpscruggs@gmail.com or: (901) 488-5022.

Table with 2 columns: Item Description, Price. Rows include: SDRPlay RSPdx Software-Defined Receiver, MFJ 1708B-SDRS T/R switch, Diamond D-505 all-band antenna, Cushcraft AR-2 Ringo antenna, Duplexer, Diamond MX-62M, CB mobile antenna, Hustler mobile mast.



## Blue Ridge Echo Content

Content for the monthly *Echo* is provided solely by the members. If you have information that you would like to share with us, submissions should be received by the first 5 days of each month. Please send your unformatted ASCII text content to Doug (KJ4WWN) at [themtns@yahoo.com](mailto:themtns@yahoo.com).

## 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
<b>6 Meter Net</b>		
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHz/T 100	Friday 9:00 PM
<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
Simplex 2 Meter Net	146.640 Y 91.5	TBA



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## 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
<b>DMR PRN Net</b>	<b>PRN Local Talk Group*</b>	<b>Tuesday 8:00 PM</b>

**NOTE:** \* The *PRN Local Talk Group* on Bearwallow (441.8875-MHz) repeater includes Western North Carolina and Roanoke, Virginia.

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