



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



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

The PREZ Says

In our May meeting the club voted to purchase a new radio for the shack and we will hopefully receive it before summer Field Day. We ordered an *Icom 7300*. Everyone I have spoken to is excited to see the new hardware, and look forward to learning how to operate it.

It was great seeing some of you at the *Road Show Swap Meet* last weekend. They welcome visitors, Hams and folks from other clubs. We discussed some “*joint*” activities for a Covid-free future. Details pending. Look for future announcements.

So- hope everyone is staying warm (coldest spring I can remember) and you have a full tank..
73

Charles Webb (KN4KWA)

Club Business

Treasurer’s Report

April 1 – April 30, 2021

Balance as of 03/31/21	\$ 5,242.94
Plus: Dep: 4x 2021 dues	\$ 80.00
Total Income	\$ 80.00
Sub-Total	\$ 5,322.94
Less: Exp: WCARS 2021 Hamfest club table rental	\$ 24.00
Total Expense	\$ 24.00
BALANCE AS OF 04/30/21	\$ 5,298.94

Meeting Minutes

The May meeting began at 7:03 PM. The minutes from the last meeting were approved by the membership.

In Attendance

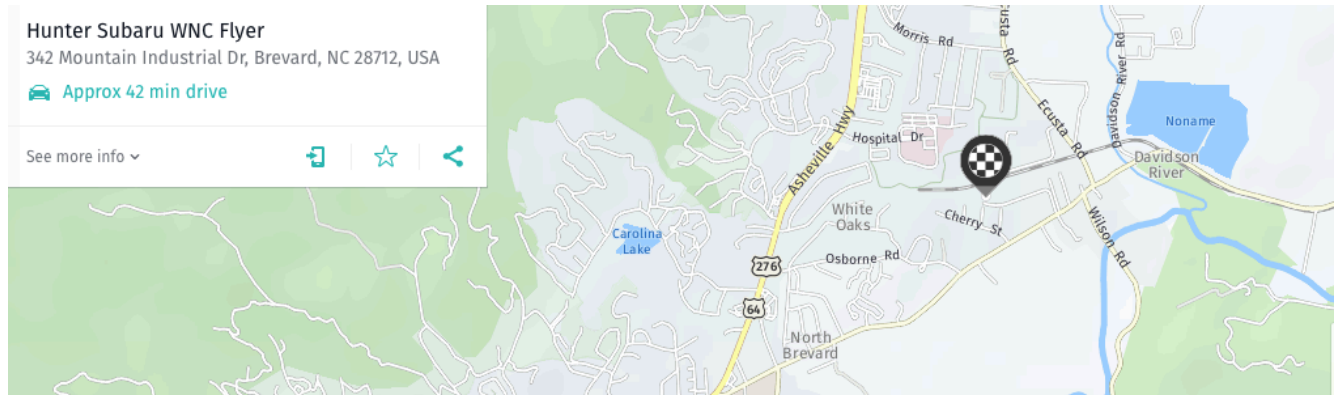
21 members attended as verified by Steve (KC5F). This was more than enough for a quorum needed for voting.

Announcements



WNC Flyer (Fletcher Flyer)

Once again the WNC Flyer will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2021. Danny (NA4X) needs volunteers for working at way-stations, rest areas, and to operate SAG vehicles for downed riders. This is one of our biggest events of the year and we need many volunteers. We need a maximum effort. Headquarters for this year’s venue is at a new location:



New Location in Brevard, NC

Please contact Danny at rectordl@bellsouth.net.

New Club Radio

There was a club membership vote to purchase a new ICOM 7300 radio. The details are as follows:

Icom IC-7300 and SM-30 desk mike from DX Engineering. Price including \$83.70 tax = \$1,323.64, with a \$100 rebate to be received. Estimated ship date 05/26/2021.



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ICOM 7300

Icom IC-7300 Dust Cover including embroidered W4YK callsign from an eBay dealer. \$22.95

This totals \$1,246.59.

Steve, (KC5F), BRARC Treasurer

Evening At the Shack

Carl (KW4EO) has announced that with the easing of the Covid restrictions he would like to restart educational sessions on Thursday evenings. Some of the topics being considered for presentation include: Which Radio to Buy, Rig Control, CAT Control, various other interfaces, Serial ports, Nano VNA Updates, Show & Tell, Kit Building, and many more ideas. Express your interests to Carl: carl.stover@gmail.com or 404-872-3969.

Field Day

James (KK4JFO) is working on the details for this year's Field Day. Dates and times are TBA. It WILL be held at **Jackson Park** following Covid-19 restrictions. If you would like to participate, please contact James at the following: 828-698-3609 jshreed@bellsouth.net

Informal Breakfast Meeting

We're still having informal local breakfast gatherings for anyone interested. So far they are well attended & quite successful.

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

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

Here is some great content is posted on our group pages--



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https://www.facebook.com/groups/2528288280790087/?ref=pages_group_cta
<https://mewe.com/group/5fa94b93bf87981a1ca46fb7>

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

This month's presentation was on "**Parks on the Air (POTA)**" presented by Steve (KC5F). It was most informative and very interesting.

Meeting Ended

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Calendar of Events for 2021

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
June 6, 2021	WNC Flyer – Details in this issue.
June 8, 2021	BRARC Meeting - All meetings are virtual via Zoom. Instructions on login are in this issue.
June 19, 2021	Informal Breakfast - Ingles - near the Fresh Market - Address; 625 Spartanburg Hwy, Hendersonville, NC 28792. Time: 9:00 AM
Hamfests (search)	http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search



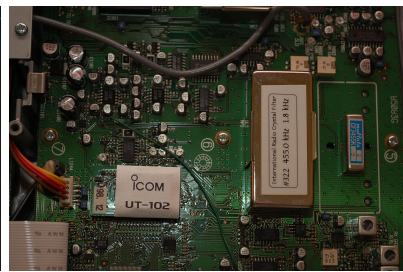
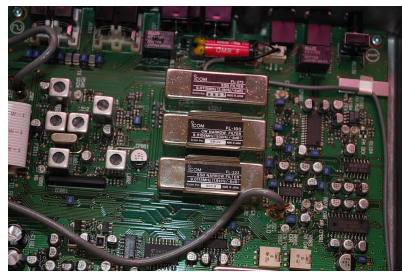
July 24, 2021

WNC Hamfest – Smokey Mountain Event Center
(Haywood County Fairgrounds)

For Sale

There are two items for sale this month:

ICOM 746 with optional filters & voice synthesizer - asking \$625. It's 160-10m + 6m +2m at 100 watts all bands (40w AM). It's in excellent condition and works great. No power supply included, but does have the ICOM hand microphone, fused power cord, user manuals and original ICOM box. It cost \$1800 new, including the filters.



Contact Dave Parlier (W2CGG), 230-9333, dcp_ltp@bellsouth.net

FOR SALE: Honda portable generator/inverter EU 2000i. 120VAC, 2000 watts. \$675
Duke; W4DK@arrl.net 606-7773

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.

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



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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 Local Talk Group	Monday 7:30 PM
*DMR Net	Hendersonville PRN Local	Tuesday 8:00 PM
DMR Net	Hendersonville WNC	Thursday 8:30 PM
WNC Net	WNC System Fusion Reflector YS24157	Wednesday 9:00 PM

NOTE: * The *Hendersonville PRN Local* (on Bearwallow 441.8875-MHz, repeater) includes Western North Carolina and Roanoke, Virginia. Come and join us.



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