



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



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

The PREZ Says

We had a great turnout for the Flyer Bike race. The club was well represented. Thank you to all who participated and especially to Danny (NA4X) for coordinating all of this.

Coming up—*Fox Hunt training*- 6-16-21 7:00 PM at the Shack - and again on 6-19-21 at 10:00 AM (after the informal Breakfast at Ingles). We are still looking for folks to help out. Please email cwebb@hville.net for information.



Fox Hunt

Field Day!!—June 25th-27th— Opportunities to participate, learn, share knowledge, and fellowship. I look forward to seeing folks in person or hearing them on the air, if staying home.

Charles Webb (KN4KWA)



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Club Business Treasurer's Report

May 1 – May 31, 2021	
Balance as of 04/30/21	\$ 5,298.94
Plus: Dep: 2x 2021 dues	\$ 40.00
Total Income	\$ 40.00
Sub-Total	\$ 5,338.94
Less: Exp: (none)	\$ 0.00
Total Expense	\$0.00
BALANCE AS OF 05/31/21	\$ 5,338.94

Meeting Minutes

The June meeting began at 6:59 PM. The minutes from the last meeting were approved by the membership.

In Attendance

23 members attended as indicated by Zoom attendees present.

Announcements

WNC Flyer (Fletcher Flyer)

Once again the WNC Flyer was a huge success. We want to thank all the volunteers who participated.





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New Club Radio

The ICOM 7300 radio has been delivered. Efforts will be made to have training for club members on how to use its various features. Details are coming...

Equipment Donated

Carl (KW4EO) announced that some radio equipment has been donated to the club. It will be sorted-out & then we can decide what to do with it.

Evening At the Shack

The topics being considered for presentation are Nano VNA Updates, & kit building. Details will follow when these offerings will be made public.

Field Day

This Year's ***Field Day*** is going to be held at ***Jackson Park*** starting at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 26th. James (KK4JFO) still needs volunteers for this year's event. Setup begins Friday June 25th from 5:00 PM until dark and continues the next day (Saturday) in the morning. We need help installing antennas, tents, tables, and computers. If you would like to participate, please contact James at the following: 828-698-3609 jshreed@bellsouth.net

Volunteers Still Needed

We need folks to help with: ***Day Camp Activities*** in August. The activity is a Radio Fox Hunt (find the transmitter).

Henderson County Parks & BRARC- Outreach to community. Schedule is as follows:

Day & Date: Monday August, 2nd 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Place: Shelter 1 at Jackson Park



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Meet & Greet

We're still having informal local breakfast gatherings for anyone interested. So far they are well attended & quite successful. The next one is Saturday, June 19th at 9:00 AM.

- *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.

Special Event

David Day (N1DAY) proposed honoring Sid Hendricks (W4IOE) with a party/picnic. Sid's contributions to Ham radio are unprecedented. He has hosted numerous Ham Nets for a number of years. He has become a Mountain Legend. The motion was seconded & approved by the membership.

Tentative schedule will be for late summer/early fall at Sid's home in Fletcher. When details are complete, they will be announced in the Echo.

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 the **ARRL Memorial Radio Shack** in Newton, Connecticut. A virtual tour was provided by Joe Garcia (W1AW). They have occupied this historical site for many years and they have some very impressive Ham radio equipment:



W1AW Radio Equipment

The tour was informative & provided some interesting historical facts about the building, it's contents, and the surrounding acreage of this site.

Meeting Ended

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).



Calendar of Events for 2021

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
July 6, 2021	BRARC Meeting - All meetings are virtual via Zoom. Instructions on login are in this issue.
June 19, 2021	Meet & Greet - Ingles/Starbucks - near the Fresh Market - Address; 625 Spartanburg Hwy, Hendersonville, NC 28792. Time: 9:00 AM
June 26, 2021 to June 27, 2021	Field Day - Jackson Park. Details in this issue.
July 24, 2021	WNC Hamfest - <i>Smokey Mountain Event Center</i> (Haywood County Fairgrounds)
August 2, 2021	Day Camp Fox Hunt
Testing	Fridays at 10:00 AM in Ingles on Brevard Road. Contact Randy (KI4VLW) at: RTSP71@AOL.com

For Sale

Contact John Scruggs (N4JRC) via email: jpscruggs@gmail.com or Cell: (901) 488-5022.

- 2m/440 **Diamond Base Antenna**: Model X300NA. 10 ft. length. Gain 6.5 dB on 2m; 9 dB on 440 MHz. Can be suspended from a tree limb using my included homemade adapter. New Cost \$150; Yours for \$90.
- **MFJ 1708B-SDRS T/R switch** - use one antenna for transceiver + SDR. New \$110; yours for \$75.
- **Duplexer, Diamond MX-62M**. Use a dual band mobile antenna for HF & VHF/UHF on Yaesu FT-857series, Icom 706 or other transceiver with HF / VHF-UHF antenna inputs. New \$80; Yours for \$50.
- **Diamond D-505** all-band (500 kHz to 1.5 GHz) receiving base / mobile / SWL / SDR / scanner antenna, with 20 dB gain pre-amp + Larsen PO-MM Mag-Mount for mobile operation. \$40
- **80m** mobile elements, white spiral wound. 2 for \$30.



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
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



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Digital Mobil Radio Nets

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

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club Officers

Title	Name	Call Sign	Phone	Email
President	Charles Webb	KN4KWA	828-698-1035	cwebb@hville.net
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