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

Club Business

Treasurer's Report

June 1 – June 30, 2021

Balance as of 05/31/21	\$5,338.94
Plus: Dep: 5x 2021 dues	\$90.00
Donations from equipment giveaway at <i>Field Day</i>	\$186.00
Total Income	\$276.00
Sub-Total	\$5,614.94
Less: Exp: BRARC Flyer printing for <i>Field Day</i>	\$70.46
Icom IC-7300, SM-30 Microphone, Dust Cover	\$1,246.59
Field Day Barbecue and snacks	\$180.96
Total Expense	\$1,498.01
 BALANCE AS OF 06/30/21	 \$4,116.93

Meeting Minutes

The July meeting began at 7:01 PM. The minutes from the last meeting were approved by the membership.

In Attendance

6 people attended as listed in the ZOOM "*Participants List*" and there were 17 people who signed the attendance list passed around at the in-person meeting. That made a total of 23 in attendance. There were three guests, as follows: Kirstyn Hubbard, Mike Helms, Terry Weaver (KJ4TMW).



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Announcements

Field Day Report

Danny (NA4X) reported that his year's *Field Day* broke all previous club records. In the past two years we averaged about 2,000 +/- points. This year, we earned 4,128 points and that does not include points earned from those working at home representing the club! We broke all records for CW, phone, and digital contacts. Thanks to all who participated!

For those who worked from home, contact Danny (rectordl@bellsouth.net) to learn how to record your results so the club will receive your credits for your contacts. All results must be posted by the end of this month!

As for things we missed; We did not send any radio transmitted email messages and lost points there. We also only had one youth present and lost points because we could have had more participants.

Tee Shirts

Danny (NA4X) purchased several tee shirts with the club call sign based on verbal orders from club members. A motion was passed to purchase all unsold shirts from Danny and let the club absorb these costs.

Officer Turn-Overs

Charles (KN4KWA), expressed his desire to step-down and take over the responsibility of the club radio shack instead. Officer's terms end in December. He solicited the membership for applications to take over at the end of his term.

Likewise James (KK4JFO) also indicated that we need some "new blood" in the leadership roles.

And finally, Carl (KW4EO) mentioned that he has upgraded the shack and maintained it for the past four years and that now it was time for someone else to assume these responsibilities.

The bottom line is that the membership needs to seriously think about assuming club leadership in key positions in the near future.

Monthly Speakers

We currently do not have anyone to give a presentations for August, October, or November. We have a variety of talented Hams who are doing various aspects of Ham radio. If you have any topic of interest why don't you share it with your fellow Hams? We could use your help.

Fox Hunt

A motion was made and passed to purchase a transmitter for *Fox Hunting*. Charles (KN4KWA) could use some volunteers for the next hunt on August 2, 2021 at *Jackson Park*. Contact him at: cwebb@hville.net



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Additional Note on Fox Hunts

The leader of a *Mills River Girl Scout Troop* saw the online newspaper article about the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club's (BRARC), June 21 st , *Fox Hunt* program at *Jackson Park* for the **Parks & Recreation Department** summer program for kids. She asked whether we could do the same for her troop of 14 2nd to 7th grade girls. At the July club meeting, the idea got an enthusiastic response. Please tentatively hold Saturday, October 2, 2021 open for this event, if you'd like to help. We would do it at **Fletcher Park** this time, as *Jackson Park* will be in use for *Farm-City Day*. Steve (KC5F)

Equipment Sold

The club sold two radios, a power supply, a sweep generator, and a dummy load on *Field Day*. The radios were purchased by Susanne Swan (K9FMZ) and Martin Harris (W4FOT). To date, the Treasurer reports that we have only received one payment for the equipment sold.

Slow Scan Net

Zack (KM4BLG) asked who will moderate the *Slow Scan Net* on Sundays now that David Day (N1DAY) has resigned from the club. He said he would be happy to volunteer as the new Net Controller. Thanks Zack for your contributions to Ham radio.

Lake Logan Multisport Festival

Zack (KM4BLG) also announced that they need volunteers to cover an event at the *Lake Logan Multisport Festival* on Saturday and Sunday, August 7th and 8th. It is located at the *Lake Logan Episcopal Center* in Lake Logan, NC. Zack needs help for stationary and mobile stations. For more details and to volunteer contact Zack at: KM4BLG@Gmail.com.

Informal Breakfast Meeting

Local breakfast gatherings:

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

BRARC Meetings

The *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)* meetings will resume to be in-person. However, anyone is welcome to join our monthly meetings virtually as desired. 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

NEW: 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: **736 8576 6355**.



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- 5) Enter the Passcode: "brarc" and click "Join." 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

There was no formal presentation at this meeting.

Meeting Ended

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Calendar of Events for 2021

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
July 17, 2021	Informal Breakfast - Ingles - near the Fresh Market - Address; 625 Spartanburg Hwy, Hendersonville, NC 28792. Time: 9:00 AM
July 24, 2021	WCARS Hamfest – Place: <i>Smokey Mountain Event Center</i> , 758 Crabtree Road, Waynesville, NC. Open 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Tickets cost \$8.00.
August 2, 2021	Fox Hunt – Place: <i>Jackson Park</i> . Details in this issue.
August 3, 2021	BRARC Meeting - <i>Meetings</i> have resumed at the house in Jackson Park. In addition, you can still attend virtually via Zoom. New instructions on logins are in this issue.
August 7 & 8, 2021	Lake Logan Multisport Festival - Located at the <i>Lake Logan Episcopal Center</i> in Lake Logan, NC. Details in this issue.
September 6, 2021	Tour de Apple – Details TBD...
October 2, 2021	Fox Hunt - Fletcher Park. Details TBD.

For Sale

There are no items listed 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/T100	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

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
DMR PRN Net	PRN Local Talk Group	Tuesday 8:00 PM



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