



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



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

## MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting was held online via Zoom, and began at 7:00pm. The minutes from the September meeting were approved by the membership.

### ATTENDANCE

18 members plus 4 guests (presenter Clint Bradford K6LCS and his wife Karen, Kelly Combes KO4TNO and Bob Delwiche KD4OKT) attended via Zoom. An additional 3 people were online but could not be recognized by their display names (Alvin, Dave and John W).

### TREASURER’S REPORT

September 1 – September 30, 2021

Balance as of 08/31/21		\$ 5,552.39
<b>Plus:</b> Dep: (none)	\$ 0.00	
	Total Income	\$ 0.00
	Sub-Total	\$ 5,552.39
<b>Less:</b> Exp: (none)	\$ 0.00	
	Total Expense	\$ 0.00
	<b>BALANCE AS OF 09/30/21</b>	<b>\$ 5,552.39</b>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Christmas Parade – Dec 4

The club will provide communications for the Hendersonville Christmas parade on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Details to come.

#### Franklin Radio Club Fall Fox Hunt – Oct 30

The Franklin Radio Club will hold their Fall Fox Hunt on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30-11:30am. Details are at the end of this newsletter.

#### Antenna Help

BRARC President Charles Webb, KN4KWA mentioned that several current and prospective club members have asked about getting help designing and/or putting up antennas. Perhaps we could set up a committee of those able to help. Charles is looking into ways we might help, and asks those interested to let him know.



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## Report on Sid Hendricks, W4IOE

Sid Hendricks, W4IOE, has been in the hospital, and has been down about 3 weeks. He is now in rehab and can get out of bed and into a wheelchair. He is progressing slowly, but doesn't yet know when he will be able to go home.

## Club Officers for 2022

The club will elect officers for 2022 at the November meeting. Per the By-Laws, the Steering Committee is to prepare a slate of nominees in mid-October. Please let us know if you would like to be included, or if you know of anyone who might serve the club in this way. The current President has served two years and expressed the desire to be the new Shack Manager instead of President.

## Latest Information on Club Meetings – On the Website

Because of uncertainty about using the normal club meeting location, we held this meeting online. We do not have a permanent Zoom link, so the current link is emailed to all club members. We also update the website ( <http://radioclub.org/> ) as soon as we have any changes, so if you're not a member or can't find the email, check the website before each meeting!

## PRESENTATION

### "Work FM Voice Satellites This Week!" presented by K6LCS

Clint Bradford, K6LCS, assisted by his wife Karen, presented an informative and enjoyable program on working Amateur FM Voice Satellites. He covered history and current status of amateur satellites as well as plenty of "how-to" details on equipment and operation. He also included plenty of fun local content, including a quiz on BRARC history! You'll find lots of good information at his website: <https://www.work-sat.com/> Clint says anyone with questions from the meeting or not should feel free to email him via the contact page on his website.

## MEETING ENDED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Steve Smith (KC5F), acting Secretary.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Description
Sat, October 16	Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Sat, October 30	Franklin Radio Club Fall Fox Hunt – 10:30-11:30am. See article for details.
Tue, November 2	BRARC Meeting - In person in Jackson Park. In addition, you can still attend virtually via Zoom. <b>Latest instructions on logins are on the BRARC website. (There is a possibility we will be meeting 100% virtually – stay tuned!)</b>
Sat, November 20	Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.

## FOR SALE

There are no items listed this month.



## FRANKLIN RADIO CLUB FALL FOX HUNT

All hams and guests are cordially invited to our Fall Fox Hunt, Saturday, October 30, 10:30-11:30am. Rain or Shine. Send-off point is at East Franklin Baptist Church: 2059 Lakeside Dr, Franklin, NC. Bring your homemade 2m directional antenna and set your mobile or handheld transceiver to 146.400 simplex then share the fun. Kaylee KO4QXV (12 years old ) will be the Fox. Here's her story:

Hi! My name is Kaylee, KO4QXV, and I'm 12 years old (soon to be 13) and a member of the Franklin Amateur Radio Club "FARC." I have been the Fox after passing my ham license end of May 2021, then made my directional antenna and found the Fox at the August 2021 Hunt... In our club, if you find the Fox you are the one to setup the next Fox Hunt theme. With help from the Fox Hunter group, my theme is to use this Fall Fox Hunt event to introduce other non-hams to our ham community with fun. I would like to have some teens on the air to talk with. It is not required for the hams to bring a non-ham, I just want you to have the opportunity to invite others to this event to help them look at being a ham and maybe invest in them to become a new ham.

I have been given funding to offer two prize levels. First a remembrance prize for those non-hams who find the Fox with the help of the ham with their instruction. The second is for the non-ham to encourage them to become a ham. If your non-ham gets their ham license with a study buddy like their parent or friend or even you, I'm authorized to buy them a starter ham HT (Handy Talkie handheld radio). If their non-ham study buddy gets their license as well, they too will get a radio. More new hams to talk with!

On October 30th at 10:30 am we will depart from the parking lot of East Franklin Baptist Church, 2059 Lakeside Dr, Franklin, NC. We will have a check-in sheet and handout information. We are planning on this to be an hour long event for finding the Fox and will have refreshments afterward at the Fox's Den, so stay as long as you want so your non-ham guest can ask me and others about being a ham. This will be a time to share stories of how you found the Fox and how you did it - thus showing off your funky directional homemade antennas. You should see my antenna...

Please let me know how many are planning to come, for refreshment planning, and if you have non-ham folks coming, so I can plan for a great time at the Fox Den. My hope is we get the area clubs to use this event for getting more non-hams in my age group and above. And hopefully, area clubs will promote this event with their local media for them to get folks interested in being a ham in their clubs. Lastly, let's just have fun and meet new friends so we can talk to each other having something we can relate to.

Look forward to seeing you on October 30<sup>th</sup>

73, Kaylee [KO4QXV@gmail.com](mailto:KO4QXV@gmail.com)

## AREA HAM RADIO NETS

<b>2 METER FM NETS</b>		
BRARC Net (W4YK)	146.640 MHz / T91.5	Sunday 8:00pm
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / T91.5	Wednesday 8:00pm
Slow Scan TV Net	146.640 MHz / T91.5	Sunday 9:00pm
6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday 9:00pm
Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz	Sunday 9:00pm
KI4ZEK Net	145.190 MHz	Thursday 8:30pm
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily 9:00pm
Good Morning Net	146.760 MHz	M-W-F 9:00am



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Anderson Radio Club Net	146.790 MHz	Daily 8:30pm
Slow Scan TV Net	146.790 MHz (no tone)	Saturday 9:15pm
WCARS Information Net	146.910 MHz/ T91.5	Monday 9:00pm
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz / T91.5	Wednesday 9:00pm
Transylvania ARC Net	147.135 MHz	Thursday 8:00pm
WCARS Simplex Net	147.525 MHz	Tuesday 8:30pm
<b>6 METER FM NETS</b>		
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHz / T100	Friday 9:00pm
<b>220 MHz FM NETS</b>		
Mount Pisgah 220 Thur Net	224.260 MHz	Thursday 8:00pm
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday 8:00pm

<b>HF NETS</b>		
The American Preparedness Radio Network (TAPRN)	3.818 MHz or 7.24 MHz	Sunday 9:00pm
80 Meter Simplex Net	3.843 MHz	Thursday 9:30pm
NC Evening Net	3.923 MHz	Daily 6:30pm
Tarheel ARES Net	3.923 MHz	Daily 7:30pm
NC Morning Net	3.927 MHz	Daily 7:45am
K4UUQ Morning Net	7.228 MHz	M-Sa 7:00am/Sun 8:00
SATERN Net	14.265 MHz	Daily 10:00am
Get Up and Go Net	28.350/28.360 MHz	Sunday 9:00pm

<b>DIGITAL MOBILE RADIO NETS</b>		
DMR Net	WNC Net Talk Group	Thursday 8:30pm
DMR Net	WNC Local Talk Group	Monday 7:30pm
WNC Net	WNC System Fusion Refl YS24157	Wednesday 9:00pm
DMR PRN Net	PRN Local Talk Group	Tuesday 8:00pm

## BLUE RIDGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OFFICERS

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