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

THE PREZ SAYS

Next Saturday, March 19th, is the informal breakfast at the Ingles on Spartanburg Highway at 9:00am. I would like for everyone to come out to join us come and share some of your experiences and ideas. I'm open for new ideas.

David Day (N1DAY) will provide the presentation on Crystal Radios at our April 5th meeting.
Bill Gunn (KB2GUN)

MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH, 2022

The March 1st meeting of the *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)* was held in person and streamed online via Zoom, and began shortly after 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the February meeting were approved by the membership.

ATTENDANCE

22 Full and Associate Members attended (15 in person and 7 online via Zoom), plus 4 guests (1 in person and 3 online).

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 1 – February 28, 2022

Balance as of 01/31/22		\$ 6,152.43
Plus: Dep: 9x 2022 dues @ \$20	\$ 180.00	
	Total Income	\$ 180.00
	Sub-Total	\$ 6,332.43
Less: Exp: Postage	\$ 11.60	
	Total Expense	\$ 11.60
	BALANCE AS OF 02/28/22	\$ 6,320.83

ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Carolina QSO Party Results

Danny Rector (NA4X) reported that club members made 569 QSOs in the North Carolina QSO Party on Sunday, February 27th as W4YK from the club shack. Contacts were made on SSB and CW on the 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m and 10m bands.



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Upcoming Hamfests

The Charlotte Hamfest will be March 11-12 in Concord, NC. <http://www.charlottehamfest.org/>

The Sevier County Hamfest will be March 19 in Sevierville, TN. <http://seviercountyears.com/>

The Raleigh Hamfest will be April 16. <https://www.rarsfest.org/>

The Greenville TN Hamfest will be April 16. <https://greenvillehamfest.com/>

The WCARS Hamfest will be July 23 in Waynesville. <http://wcars-club.org/>

Mt Mitchell Marathon

Danny Rector (NA4X) shared that he and other members of the club had helped with communications on Saturday, Feb 26th for the Black Mountain Marathon and Mount Mitchell Challenge. He encouraged others to help out with other fun activities like this one.

BUSINESS

Field Day

ARRL Field Day will be June 25th-26th and probably some setup on Friday, June 24th. Stay tuned for more details, but mark your calendars now to help at this always-fun event.

PRESENTATION

Our speaker was Marv Hoffman, WA4NC, the ARRL North Carolina Section Manager, joining us via Zoom. He talked about trends in Amateur Radio licensing and ARRL membership nationwide and in North Carolina. He then took questions from those present in person and online.

MEETING ENDED

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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

TESTING NEWS FROM KN4KWA

Debbie Hicks (AD2H) has organized some “in-county” testing. The next test session in Mountain Home (Fire Dept) will be May 14th at 10:00am. Please spread the word.

Testing by appointment can still be arranged on Friday mornings at the Ingles near the Asheville Outlet Stores at 863 Brevard Rd (Hwy 191) by contacting Randy Harris (KI4VLW) at rtsp71@aol.com

Club Members Susann Swan (K9FMZ) and Charles Webb (KN4KWA) have recently been approved to serve with WCARS-VEC and received some training and participated in a testing session on March 4th.

DUES FOR 2022

As of March 11, 2022, 48 people have paid their club dues for 2022. If you are unable to attend a club meeting or breakfast, you may send a check, payable to: B.R.A.R.C. and mail it to the Treasurer, Susann Swan, P.O. Box 1951, Hendersonville, NC 28793

(Dues are \$20.00 per year for Full (licensed) and Associate (unlicensed) members. Dues for additional related members in the same household as a Full or Associate member shall be one-



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half the applicable rate. Dues for full-time students in an accredited school will be one-half the regular rate.)

2022 BRARC ROSTER

I'm including the 2022 BRARC Roster with the emailed version of this newsletter. (We do not post the roster on the website, for your security.) It includes members who have not yet paid dues for 2022. The next roster sent out will include only paid members, so if you've put it off, send your dues to Susann (address above) and you won't get dropped from the membership!

2022 MEMBER SURVEY

We'll send the 2022 Member Survey again with this month's email, and would like your responses in time for our next Steering Committee meeting so we can do program planning based on the interests of club members. We've only received responses from 14% of our members and would like input from as many as possible. Don't be intimidated if you're only interested in subjects and not offering to present a program or class. We want to know what folks want to learn about. Fill it in with Adobe Reader or just print it, fill it in and take a picture of it. Email it to the Secretary, Steve Smith, at kc5f@bellsouth.net or mail it or bring it to the next informal or formal meeting.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Description
Sat, March 19	Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Sat, March 19	Sevier County (TN) Hamfest – 7am-4pm. Sevier County Fairgrounds
Mon, March 21	ARES Monthly Meeting – 6:30pm, Activity Center, 708 S Grove St.
Tue, April 5	BRARC Meeting - In person in Jackson Park. In addition, you can still attend virtually. Latest instructions to login are on the BRARC website.

FOR SALE

There are no items listed this month.

AREA HAM RADIO NETS

2 METER FM NETS		
BRARC Net (W4YK)	146.640 MHz / T91.5	Sunday 8:00pm
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / T91.5	Wednesday 9:00pm
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



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Good Morning Net	146.760 MHz	M-W-F 9:00am
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
6 METER FM NETS		
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHz / T100	Friday 9:00pm
220 MHz FM NETS		
Mount Pisgah 220 Thur Net	224.260 MHz	Thursday 8:00pm
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday 8:00pm

HF NETS		
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

DIGITAL MOBILE RADIO NETS		
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

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