



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



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

## MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY, 2022

The July 5<sup>th</sup> 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 May meeting were approved by the membership.

### ATTENDANCE

13 Members attended (6 in person and 7 online via Zoom), with 2 guests.

### TREASURER’S REPORT

June 1 – June 30, 2022

Balance as of 05/31/22		<b>\$ 6,344.73</b>
<b>Plus:</b> Dep: 2x 2022 dues @ \$20	\$ 40.00	
1x 2023 dues @ \$20	20.00	
Sale of 2 club t-shirts @ \$15	30.00	
Donation	<u>20.00</u>	
	Total Income	<b>\$ 110.00</b>
	Sub-Total	<b>\$ 6,454.73</b>
<b>Less:</b> Exp: WNC Flyer maps	\$ 13.74	
Field day supplies (fishing line, generator fuel, solar controller, fogger)	71.42	
Field day meal, snacks and beverages	<u>428.56</u>	
	Total Expense	<b>\$ 513.72</b>
	<b>BALANCE AS OF 06/30/22</b>	<b>\$ 5,941.01</b>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Upcoming Events

The *WCARS Hamfest* will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Smokey Mountain Event Center in Waynesville, (formerly the Haywood County Fairgrounds), 758 Crabtree Rd, Waynesville, NC. More info at <https://wcars-club.org/wcarshamfest.htm>

Danny Rector (NA4X) will head up the Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Tour d’Apple cycling event support. He will have more info next month, but you can contact him now to offer your help with this fun event.



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## BUSINESS

### *Field Day*

The W4YK participation in the 2022 ARRL Field Day on June 25-26 was lots of fun, as usual. While we were missing some regular members who were out of town, we managed to have an entry in the 3A class with a respectable number of contacts over the 24-hour operating period. We also enjoyed tasty barbecue from Harry’s on Saturday night. Thanks, all!

### *PARI Field Trip*

Ronnie Parham (K2SST) would like to set up a BRARC tour of PARI – the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute west of Brevard. <https://www.pari.edu/> Members of the club went there during an open house in 2014, but this would be a private tour of all areas now viewable, including some new exhibits. November is the next time dates are available. We need a minimum of 10 for a tour. We may be able to ask the club to help with the cost.

## PRESENTATION

Tonight’s program was a combination in-person and virtual field trip to radio station WTZQ. BRARC President Bill Gunn (KB2GUN) and Shack Manager Charles Webb (KN4KWA) set it up, and although it was not confirmed until the weekend before the meeting, it came off very well. They, plus Zach Thompson (KM4BLG) met at WTZQ, where Charles shared the tour via Zoom with those in the regular meeting room and others watching from their homes.

The tour included an in-depth explanation of the studio operation, including the programming and logging equipment, followed by a tour of the (small!) transmitting room and then going outside to see the antenna setup. For such a small station, it took over an hour to see everything, yet never got boring.

Many thanks to WTQZ General Manager Mark Warwick for coming out during the evening to share the workings of his station!

## MEETING ENDED

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30pm.

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

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Description
Sat, July 16	Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Sat, July 23	WCARS Hamfest – 8am-2pm, Haywood County Fairgrounds, Waynesville
Mon, July 25	Henderson County Ares/AUXCOMM – 6:30pm. Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition warehouse at 518 S Allen Rd, Flat Rock.
Thu, July 28	BRARC Steering Committee Meeting – 7pm
Tue, Aug 2	BRARC Meeting - In person in Jackson Park. In addition, you can still attend virtually. <b>Latest instructions to login are on the BRARC website.</b>
Mon, Sept 5	Tour d’Apple – 7am-4pm, Starts and ends at Blue Ridge Community College



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## CLUB CALENDAR

The BRARC Club Calendar is on the BRARC website at <http://radioclub.org/> then clicking on "Club Calendar". If you'd like anything added or corrected, contact Steve Smith (KC5F).

## FOR SALE

Complete solar setup including 720AH of batteries, solar controller, 2 full-size panels with frames, battery box and 100A disconnect. \$500 or best offer. This setup was used as a radio control flying club charging station. Everything was working when disconnected. You pick up and transport.

Contact Bill Brownlow at [billbrownlow4@gmail.com](mailto:billbrownlow4@gmail.com)

Bill Brownlow K4BJW

## FOR SALE

Connect Systems CS-750 DMR/Analog UHF handheld, programmed for NC-SC. Extra battery. 9/10 condition and works great. New \$240; yours for \$140.

Connect Systems CS-800 DMR/Analog UHF 50 watt mobile, programmed for NC-SC. Detachable control head. 9/10 condition and works great. New \$300; yours for \$175. Or buy both for only \$275.

Thank you!

John Scruggs / N4JRC

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## AREA HAM RADIO NETS

<b>FM NETS - 2 METERS</b>		
BRARC Net (W4YK)	146.640 MHz / T91.5 H'ville	Sunday 8:00pm
Slow Scan TV Net	146.640 MHz / T91.5 H'ville	Sunday 9:00pm
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / T91.5 H'ville	Wednesday 9:00pm
Anderson Radio Club Net	146.790 MHz Pickens SC	Daily 8:30pm
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz Caesars Head SC	Daily 9:00pm
Good Morning Net	146.910 MHz Asheville	M-W-F 9:00am
WCARS Information Net	146.910 MHz/ T91.5 Asheville	Monday 9:00pm
WCARS Simplex Net	147.525 MHz	Tuesday 8:30pm
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz / T91.5 Asheville	Wednesday 9:00pm
Transylvania ARC Net	147.135 MHz Brevard	Thursday 8:00pm
6600 Net	145.190 MHz Mt Mitchell	Saturday 9:00pm
Slow Scan TV Net	146.790 MHz (no tone)	Saturday 9:15pm
Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz Mt Mitchell	Sunday 9:00pm



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<b>FM NETS - 6 METERS</b>		
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHz / T100 H'ville	Friday 9:00pm
<b>FM NETS - 220 MHZ</b>		
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz Mt Mitchell	Monday 8:00pm
Mount Pisgah 220 Thurs Net	224.260 MHz Mt Pisgah	Thursday 8:00pm

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

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

## BLUE RIDGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OFFICERS

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