



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



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

MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER, 2023

The December 5th meeting of the *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)* was our annual Christmas Dinner, held in person at the Golden Corral and streamed online via Zoom.

TREASURER’S REPORT

November 1 – November 30, 2023

Balance as of 10/31/23		\$ 5,822.71
Plus: Deposits: Dues 2023	\$ 10.00	
Dues 2024	140.00	
Sale of Signalink	<u>50.00</u>	
	Total Income	\$ <u>200.00</u>
	Sub-Total	\$ 6,022.71
Less: Expenses: (No expenses for November 2023)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
	Total Expenses	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	BALANCE AS OF 11/30/23	\$ 6,022.71

BUSINESS

(No business was handled, as this was the Christmas dinner.)

ARRL PUBLISHES FIELD-DAY SCORES

(From Michael Parente, AI4GR)

On page 72 of the December issue of QST you can find the 2023 Field Day score we achieved, listed in ranking order. We are in Category 3A (3 transmitters using non-commercial power). Our 1,155 contacts, when augmented with 1,250 bonus points, gave us a total of 4,610 points. This score put W4YK in

FIRST PLACE

among the 6 NC and 4 SC clubs in this category.

Notice the impact of our bonus points on the total score. They, like the 2x multiplier for CW contacts, significantly increased our score.

Not to forget... our 40 participants met new friends, ate great food, and had fun.



NOTES FROM CARL [KW4EO]

#1 The Bearwallow Mountain 900 MHz ANALOG repeater is now back on-line. It was off-line during the summer months to conserve electricity (Air conditioning). {Martin-W4FOT}

927.600 MHz Offset -25 MHz Tone 91.5 This is an open repeater, i.e. all licensed amateurs are welcome to use it.

#2 Technician class licensees have phone (ssb) privileges on a section of the 10 meter band. This band has been active recently and to encourage ‘trying’ HF, a weekly 10 meter get together rag-chew is being planned! Stay Tuned for details! {Waynesville club members}

#3 Did you try SSTV and were disappointed? The Sunday 7 pm SSTV net is small but picture quality is now excellent due to improvements in the 146.640 repeater and increased use of Signalink (or equivalent) connection between computer and radio rather than cell phone connection. All images are also linked to the web so you can see the quality of images being received by the net control. Come join in the fun! {Zach-KM4BLG}

#4 The WNC (UHF) DMR C-Bridge has been out of service for 3 weeks due to internet issues. DON'T PANIC! Maintaining a DMR bridge is complicated and requires lots of cooperation. Best guess right now is it will be back for Christmas. {NUMEROUS FOLKS}

DUES FOR 2024

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club annual dues are up for renewal. They remain \$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-half the regular rate. Dues for full-time students in an accredited school will be one-half the regular rate. Send checks made payable to *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* (or *BRARC*) to the BRARC Treasurer:

Paul Nice – KQ4ALD, PO Box 234, Hendersonville, NC 28793-0234.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Description
Sat, December 16	Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Sat, December 16	License Exams – 9am by reservation, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
No December ARES Meeting	Henderson County ARES/AUXCOMM – 6:30pm. Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition warehouse at 518 S Allen Rd, Flat Rock.
Thu, December 28	BRARC Steering Committee Meeting – 7pm via Zoom.
Tue, January 2	BRARC Meeting - In person in Jackson Park. Also streamed via Zoom.
Sat, January 20	Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Sat, January 20	License Exams – 9am by reservation, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Mon, January 22	Henderson County ARES/AUXCOMM – 6:30pm. Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition warehouse at 518 S Allen Rd, Flat Rock.
Thu, January 25	BRARC Steering Committee Meeting – 7pm via Zoom. (5 th Thursday because the 4 th Thursday is Thanksgiving)
Tue, February 2	BRARC Meeting - In person in Jackson Park. Also streamed via Zoom.



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CLUB CALENDAR

The BRARC Club Calendar is on the BRARC website at <http://radioclub.org/> "Club Calendar".

AREA HAM RADIO NETS

FM NETS - 2 METERS		
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 7:00pm
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
FM NETS - 6 METERS		
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHz / T100 H'ville	Friday 9:00pm

HF NETS		
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

DIGITAL MOBILE RADIO NETS		
WNC Local DMR Net	WNC Local Talk Group (UHF)	Monday 7:30pm
High Country DMR Net	PRN Local Talk Group	Tuesday 8:00pm
WNC Net	WNC System Fusion YS24157	Wednesday 9:00pm
WNC DMR Net	WNC Talk Group (VHF/UHF)	Thursday 8:30pm



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