



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



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

## MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 7, 2024

The May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)* was held in person but not streamed online via Zoom, as those who usually run the Zoom meeting were not available. Also, no meeting minutes were taken for this meeting.

### TREASURER’S REPORT

April 1 – April 30, 2024

Balance as of 03/31/24		<b>\$ 6,375.16</b>
<b>Plus:</b> Deposits: Dues 2024	\$ 80.00	
Sale of Icom IC-718	50.00	
50/50 Raffle proceeds	17.00	
Donation	<u>80.00</u>	
	Total Income	<b>\$ 227.00</b>
	Sub-Total	<b>\$ 6,602.16</b>
<b>Less:</b> Expenses: Notebooks for new licensees	\$ 10.68	
	Total Expenses	<b>\$ 10.68</b>
	<b>BALANCE AS OF 04/30/24</b>	<b>\$ 6,591.48</b>

### BUSINESS

#### *Upcoming Events*

The **WNC Flyer** is Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a 100-mile bike ride covering the Brevard and Mills River areas. “WNC Flyer Volunteers needed to provide communications from rest stops and from SAG vehicles. This takes place starting in Brevard and takes pretty much most of the day. A mobile VHF radio is needed for most locations. This is a very fun bike ride to watch. If you are new, I will put you with someone who has worked the ride previously so please join in. We need about 20 volunteers. You can email Danny at [rectordl@bellsouth.net](mailto:rectordl@bellsouth.net) or at the next meeting I will have a sign up sheet. If you sign up before May 15<sup>th</sup>, I can get you a tee shirt. Thank you for your support, Danny NA4X.”

**Field Day** this year is June 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. This year we will be back at the “normal” location in Jackson Park, outside of our meeting place and shack.



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The BRARC will coordinate the Hendersonville Merchants and Business Association's **Fourth of July Parade** on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. We stage the entries, get them on the parade route in order and on time. Susann Swann [K9FMZ] is coordinating communications and has seven volunteers but needs more. It's lots of fun, and you only need a handheld 2m radio.

## *Meeting Minutes*

(There are no minutes for this meeting as the Secretary was out of town at a funeral.)

## **PRESENTATION**

The Wireman representative was unable to attend, so Danny Rector [NA4X] presented a program on Vara FM.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

By Susann Swan (K9FMV)

Congratulations to Jan Bramlett, K4UBD, on earning her Amateur Extra Class license!

## **NEW MEMBERS' CORNER**

By Susann Swan (K9FMV)

There are 7 new amateur radio operators from the April testing session at Ingles:



Welcome Don Ward, KQ4RQY!

"I'm a native of Hendersonville and my family's ancestry in the area goes back 7 generations. Col. Ebenezer Ward was on General Washington's staff and was compensated for participating in the Revolutionary War of Independence with a land grant thus moving his family from the Pickens, SC area to the Henderson County area.

"I did start with GMRS last October. I've had the pleasure to meet some really amazing friends via radio and hope to expand my circle via Ham. I really enjoy playing on GMRS and chatting about. The occasional "meet and greet" breakfast at various Cracker Barrels in order to avail some participants of the Fletcher 700 Net, (Saturday evenings at 8pm on the Bearwallow GMRS repeater) to enjoy a communal breakfast near their residence."

Welcome Bill Linhares, KQ4RMT!

He writes: "I am old (I remember BEFORE black & white television !) Used to listen to SWR in the early 1960's. I want to try some grown up stuff now."

Welcome Randall Nuss, KQ4RMM!

Welcome Ruby Nuss, KQ4RPW!

Welcome Steven Moore, KQ4RMU!

Welcome Bradley Bartlett, KQ4RM!

Welcome Robert Allen! (Call sign pending)



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## ITEMS FOR SALE

FREE! Hy-Gain 12AVQ vertical, 20-15-10 w/coax, near new; Astron RS-20A linear power supply, 12V/20A, works perfectly; one box shack clean out--connectors, parts, you name it. ALL FREE. Going to the dump if no takers. AI N6QN 828-513-1380

## DUES FOR 2024

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club annual dues are past due for renewal. **Members who have not yet paid for 2024 have been dropped from the current roster and *Echo* email list.** Dues 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, May 18	Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Sat, May 18	License Exams – 9am by reservation, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Thu, May 23	BRARC Steering Committee Meeting – 7pm via Zoom.
Mon, May 27	Henderson County ARES/AUXCOMM – 6:30pm. Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition warehouse at 518 S Allen Rd, Flat Rock.
Sun, June 2	WNC Flyer – BRARC providing communications support.
Tue, June 4	BRARC Meeting - In person in Jackson Park. Also streamed via Zoom.
Sat, June 15	Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Sat, June 15	License Exams – 9am by reservation, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Sat/Sun June 22-23	FIELD DAY
Mon, June 24	Henderson County ARES/AUXCOMM – 6:30pm. Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition warehouse at 518 S Allen Rd, Flat Rock.
Thu, June 27	BRARC Steering Committee Meeting – 7pm via Zoom.
Tue, July 2	BRARC Meeting - In person in Jackson Park. Also streamed via Zoom.

## 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



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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
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
<b>FM NETS - 6 METERS</b>		
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHz / T100 H'ville	Friday 9:00pm

<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>		
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)	Wednesday 8:30pm

## BLUE RIDGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OFFICERS

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