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

MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024

The October 1st meeting of the *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)* was cancelled, as Jackson Park was closed due to damage from Hurricane Helene.

Upcoming Events

The **BRARC November Meeting** will be Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00pm. It is to include the election of officers for 2025. James Reed [KK4JFO] has offered to remain as Vice President or possibly be President. Paul Nice [KQ4ALD] has offered to remain as Treasurer. Please contact a member of the Steering Committee to offer to be added to the slate as a nominee for President, Vice-President or Secretary. (The Steering Committee comprises the officers shown at the end of the newsletter plus Members-At-Large Martin Harris [W4FOT] and Marty Wood [N4AMW].) Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the November meeting. Full members are eligible to vote, and we'll need a quorum of 18 or more Full members at the meeting or online.

The **BRARC Christmas Dinner** will be Tuesday, **December 3rd** at **6:00pm** at the Golden Corral on US-64 in Hendersonville. We will have a section reserved. This takes the place of a December meeting.

The **Hendersonville Christmas Parade** will kick off Saturday, December 7th.at 6:00pm. The BRARC will again assist in staging the parade. We need all the volunteers we can get, including wives if they do not mind. You do not have to be a ham. We do have some sit down jobs also. Of course you need to bring your own chair. Please let Danny Rector know if you can help. His email is rectordl@bellsouth.net

Henderson County ARES/AUXCOMM meets the 4th Monday each month at 6:30pm at the State Medical Assistance Team (SMAT) warehouse at 518 S Allen Rd, Flat Rock.



ITEMS FOR SALE OR WANTED

Two items for sale:

- 1) ICOM IC-910-H VHF/UHF multiband all mode transceiver, \$750.
- 2) ICOM IC-746 HF/VHF multiband all mode transceiver \$500.

Contact George, KZ4BN, 828-230-4113, or gbond218@gmail.com.

NEW 10M NET STARTING

(Carl Stover shared the following. He says that when he finds the missing upper half of his 10m vertical among his antenna wreckage, he hopes to join the net, too.)

At the last Haywood County Amateur Radio Club meeting, the members agreed to start a net on 10 meters. A number of us had been talking about getting on 10m for quite a while. So we will try communicating on 28.400 MHz Mondays at 8pm. Why did we choose this frequency? Everyone that has a license has the 10m band available to them. It may not be the best band to choose but everyone can use any mode to communicate. Ron Beaver WB4OQL, HCARC

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

| Date | Description |
|-------------|---|
| Sat, Oct 19 | Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy. |
| Sat, Oct 19 | License Exams – 9am by reservation, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy. |
| Thu, Oct 24 | BRARC Steering Committee Meeting – 7pm via Zoom. |
| Mon, Oct 28 | Henderson County ARES/AUXCOMM – 6:30pm. Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition warehouse at 518 S Allen Rd, Flat Rock. |
| Tue, Nov 4 | BRARC Meeting - In person in Jackson Park. Also streamed via Zoom. |
| Sat, Nov 16 | Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy. |
| Sat, Nov 16 | License Exams – 9am by reservation, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy. |
| Mon, Nov 25 | Henderson County ARES/AUXCOMM – 6:30pm. Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition warehouse at 518 S Allen Rd, Flat Rock. |
| Thu, Nov 28 | BRARC Steering Committee Meeting – 7pm via Zoom. |
| Tue, Dec 3 | BRARC Annual Christmas Dinner – No regular meeting - 6pm, Golden Corral |

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 |
| 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 |
| HCARC 10m Net | 28.400 MHz | Monday 8:00pm |
| 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) | Wednesday 8:30pm |



Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club

BLUE RIDGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 2024 OFFICERS

| Title | Name | Call Sign | Phone | Email |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|--|
| PRESIDENT | Bill Gunn | KB2GUN | 704-934-1950 | kb2gunb@yahoo.com |
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