



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



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

MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2, 2024

The December 2nd 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, 2024

Balance as of 10/31/24		\$ 6,338.42
Plus: Deposits: Dues 2024 and 2025	\$ 200.00	
Raffle proceeds	<u>36.00</u>	
	Total Income	\$ <u>236.00</u>
	Sub-Total	\$ 6,574.42
Less: Expenses: ARR Club Liability Insurance	\$ 200.00	
	Total Expenses	\$ <u>200.00</u>
	BALANCE AS OF 11/30/24	\$ 6,374.42

ARRL FIELD-DAY SCORES

On page 66 of the December issue of QST you can find the 2024 Field Day score we achieved, listed in ranking order. We are in Category 2A (2 transmitters using non-commercial power). Our 770 contacts, worth 2,420 points with multipliers, plus 1,585 bonus points gave us a total of 4,005 points. This score put W4YK in *Third Place* among the NC and SC clubs in this category.

DUES FOR 2025

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 are one-half the regular rate. Dues for full-time students in an accredited school are 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.



ITEMS FOR SALE OR WANTED

FREE - Aluminum poles. Different diameters and lengths that fit together. Could be useful as masts for portable antenna or to support a shelter tarp. For details email Michael, AI4GR, AI4GR@arrl.net

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Description
Sat, Dec 21	Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Sat, Dec 21	License Exams – 9am by reservation, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Thu, Dec 26	BRARC Steering Committee Meeting – 7pm via Zoom.
<i>(No ARES Meeting in December)</i>	Henderson County ARES/AUXCOMM – 6:30pm. Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition warehouse at 518 S Allen Rd, Flat Rock.
Tue, Jan 7	BRARC Meeting - In person in Jackson Park. Also streamed via Zoom.
Sat, Jan 18	Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Sat, Jan 18	License Exams – 9am by reservation, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Thu, Jan 23	BRARC Steering Committee Meeting – 7pm via Zoom.
Mon, Jan 27	Henderson County ARES/AUXCOMM – 6:30pm. Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition warehouse at 518 S Allen Rd, Flat Rock.
Tue, Feb 4	BRARC Meeting - In person in Jackson Park. Also streamed via Zoom.

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 / T91.5 Asheville	M-W-F 9:00am
Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz Mt Mitchell	Sunday 9:00pm
WCARS Information Net	146.910 MHz / T91.5 Asheville	Monday 8:00pm
WCARS Simplex Net	147.525 MHz	Tuesday 8:30pm
Swap Net	147.105 MHz / T91.5 Asheville	Tuesday 9:00pm
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz / T91.5 Asheville	Wednesday 8:00pm
American Legion Net	145.190 MHz Mt Mitchell	Thursday 12:00pm
6600 Net	145.190 MHz Mt Mitchell	Saturday 9:00pm
Slow Scan TV Net	146.790 MHz (no tone)	Saturday 9:15pm



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FM NETS - 6 METERS		
6 Meter Rag Chew 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

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