



## The Prez Sez

At last the day has come when I can come to a meeting and sit down like every one else, there are a lot of things you can say! when your !rains is!over ,!but none of it will cover all the feelings you have for the possession you are leaving, so all I can say is thank for letting me be your president and thank for all the help you have giving me.

**Ronnie Parham**, K2SST



Our Next Meeting: January 7, 2003!!

### PRESIDENT DICK SMITH, K4KQJ, WILL GIVE US HIS PLANS FOR 2003!

# Don't forget to renew your dues!! \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

## 'Twas The Day After Christmas

Twas the day after Christmas, and all through the house, The driver was smiling, so lively and grand; Every creature was hurting-- even the mouse.

The toys were all broken, their batteries dead; Santa passed out, with some ice on his head.

Wrapping and ribbons just covered the floor, while Upstairs the family continued to snore.

And I in my T-shirt, new Reeboks and jeans, Went into the kitchen and started to clean.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the sink to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the curtains, and threw up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a little white truck, with an oversized mirror. The patch on his jacket said "U.S. POSTMAN."

With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox Then quickly he stuffed them into our mailbox.

Bill after bill, after bill, they still came. Whistling and shouting he called them by name:

"Now Dillard's, now Broadway's, now Penny's and Sears Here's Levitz's and Target's and Mervyn's -- all here!!

To the tip or your limit, every store, every mall, Now chargeaway-chargeaway-chargeaway all!"

He whooped and he whistled as he finished his work. He filled up the box, and then turned with a jerk.

He sprang to his truck and he drove down the road, Driving much faster with just half a load.

Then I heard him exclaim with great holiday cheer, "ENJOY WHAT YOU GOT ... YOU'LL BE PAYING ALL YEAR!"

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#### **Financial Statement not available.** Balance on 9/30/02 \$799.58

#### **Club Information**

**Dues:** Annual dues shall be set by the membership, and can be changed by a majority vote of a quorum. The dues will cover the period from January through December. Dues for additional related members in the same household as a Full or Associate member shall be one-half the applicable rate. Dues for full-time students of an accredited school will be one-half the regular rate as long as the student status is maintained. New members joining between July and December will pay one-half the applicable rate for membership through the end of the year. This years' dues are \$15.00 per person; \$7.50 per additional family member.

Meetings: We meet at the Stoney Mountain Activity Center on the first Tuesday of each month.

Classes: We occasionally have classes so YOU can learn how to get your very own amateur radio Technician class license!

**Elmers:** We have many "elmers"! An elmer is a knowledgeable amateur radio operator who is willing to help new hams and "students" with questions or procedures and help them to understand more about the hobby.

**Volunteer Examinations:** Once per quarter, our volunteer examiners will provide an opportunity for YOU to get your amateur license or upgrade your present status.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this organization shall be to further exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to promote and conduct Club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

#### MEMBERSHIP NOTES:

- Please change Dave Anderson, KW4DA, call to "K4SV", and his e-mail address to k4sv@arrl.net
- He's among us once again! Change Arnie Proner's [W2OMU] address to: 275 Blackmon Road, Pendleton, SC 29670, and delete the phone number from your roster (until we get the REAL one!). Good to have you back in the 'neighborhood', Arnie!
- Change Robert Lance's callsign from KF4EQE to K4WOK, and his e-mail address to kf4lance@bellsouth.net.



If you have sold an item, or things have been changed, please let the editor know.

Items will be run for 2 months unless you renew offer.

# *For Sale:* complete 2m antenna including a Woodbridge yagi, 20' mast (collapses to 10'), rotator, rotator control, coax lead and all hardware. Works great! **\$100 OBO.** 891-8755 or 606-2347. Jim K4NYE

Icom 730 HF tranceiver Re-worked in England) \$200.00 (or best offer) 4 Elem. Cushcraft Tri-Bander Antenna (Includes 12 - 17 Mtrs as Rotatable Dipole) 10-15-20 Mtrs. - \$150 (--*OBO*) Bob Alexander - N3TY (828-628-2192) 28 Pine Ridge Court - Fletcher 28732

Ameritron AL-80B KW amplifier - New, never turned on, but out of factory warranty - \$900 Ameritron ARB702-I amp interface to Icom transceivers - new - \$30 MJF 986 Differential T antenna Tuner- new - \$200 SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR ALL - \$1,050.

Dave Parlier, W2CGG, Tel: 828-693-4665 or dcparlier.nj@att.net

Alinco DX-70 TH: HF/6M 100W mobile radio. Excellent condition. MARS modified. Comes with microphone, mounting bracket, and manual. Alinco EDX-2: External auto antenna tuner. Excellent condition. Tunes long wire or mobile antennas. Controlled from the radio. Alinco EDS-4 and EDS-5: 5' remote mount kit and 5' microphone extension cord. Buy all this new for around \$1200.00. I'll take \$750.00 for everything. [continued on page 3]

- Icom T8A: triband 6/2/440 HT. Excellent condition. Used little. MARS/CAP modified. Comes with wall charger, BC-119 desktop rapid charger, 2 NiMH batteries (BC-200), HM-75A programmable hand mic, antenna, SMA to SO-239 adapter, belt clip and soft case. No manual unless I can find it (!). **\$400.00** for everything.
- Drake TR-22: Crystal controlled 6 channel 2M portable radio. Good for packet. Comes with microphone and leather carrying case. **\$25.00.**
- Cushcraft A3S: 3 element triband HF yagi. All stainless construction, in good condition with all its hardware. Was up a couple years, has been in storage. **\$275.00.**
- Valor Hamsticks: 5 total, one each for 75, 40, 20, 15, and 10. Sold separately at \$15.00 each or take them all for \$60.00.
- Diamond NR770HNMOB: 2/440 dual band mobile antenna. Comes with Larsen magnet mount base and about 10' of coax. **\$65.00.**
- Larsen NMO50B: 6M mobile antenna. No mount. \$25.00.
- MFJ-945E: 300W "mobile tuner". Used little in good condition. **\$55.00.** 
  - NOTE: Prices may be negotiable depending on item/offer. No trades. Cash or money order only.

Harry, AA2AB, e-mail: dullh@bellsouth.net

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A message from the Echo editor...... Articles and submissions for the Echo should be sent in, phoned in, or 'otherwise' by Monday, <u>a week before the Tuesday meeting</u>. This year's deadline dates should be as follows:

1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28, 5/26, 6/23, 7/28, 8/25, 9/29, 10/27, 11/24, 12/29

If you have something to add to YOUR newsletter, send it to: Carol Mellard, 95 Greenwood Acres, Horseshoe, NC 28742

Call me at: (828) 891-9670 E-mail me at: <k4yyr@arrl.net>

#### HENDERSON COUNTY ARES NOTES

The ARES training meeting for January will be on Thursday, the NINTH at the County Commissioners Meeting Room.... 100 N. King St ... 7 PM.

Don't forget the net on Wednesday evenings ... 8 PM.

#### BLUE RIDGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING - December 3, 2002

The meeting of December 3rd was held at the Mills River Restaurant, as this was our annual Christmas dinner. There were 26 people present. This number included members, XYL's, YL's, and guests. It appeared that everyone had a great time. We missed those who couldn't be with us.

Ronnie, K2SST, served as master of ceremonies. After everyone was seated, and we were waiting for the food that we had ordered, Ronnie handed out certificates. Each member received a team-work certificate. Harris Sanders was awarded a certificate for his faithfulness to attend all club functions, even when he didn't feel well. Marty, KD4ZRG, received recognition for stepping into the void of the treasurer on Bill Clark's passing. Lill Clark, KG4GFP, received a certificate honoring the memory of Bill Clark, KG4GFO (SK), for the difference he made to our club. Martin Harris, W4FOT, received a special award. You have probably heard him mutter that he won't be doing this job again; but, we are all thankful he always pitches in when needed. Thanks, Martin!!

The club officers were introduced for the year of 2003. Al Smith, N1BBN, is vice president; Lil Clark, KG4GFP, is treasurer; Sid Hendricks, KG4NBN, is secretary; and, Dick Smith, K4KQJ, is president. Unfortunately, Dick was sick and could not be present.

We had good conversation as we enjoyed our dinner. As we were finishing up, Ronnie pass the grab bag, which was filled with small gifts. Everyone received something, and folks seemed to like their surprise. Perhaps we can do this again next year! Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

As an aside to the minutes, I would like everyone who can to check-in to Sunday night net our club holds at 8:00 p.m. There were 21 check-ins on the 8th of December. Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina were represented by check-in. How about making my day. Let's have 30 or more in the coming weeks!! WE CAN DO IT!!!

Respectfully submitted, Sid Hendricks, KG4NBN

You can tune a radio

but you can't tuna fish!

Blue Rídge Amateur Radío Club - W4YK c/o Carol Mellard, K4YYR 95 Greenwood Acres Dr. Horse Shoe, NC 28742



Club Meeting on January 7!

Renew your dues at the January meeting!



### **Nets and On-The-Air Activities**

	Net	Freq / PL	Day	<u>Time</u>
٩.	BRARC Net	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Sunday	8:00 PM
$\wedge$	BRARC Rag Chew	28350 kHz	Sunday f	ollowing 146.640 net
$\Lambda I$	Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz	Sunday	9:00 PM
	Mount Pisgah 220 Net	224.260 MHz	Sunday	9:00 PM
	Good Morning Net	146.760 MHz	M-W-F	9:00 AM
An Is	WCARS Info. Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Monday	8:30 PM
Anni Mark	Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday	9:00 PM
	WCARS Simplex Net	147.525 MHz	Tuesday	8:30 PM
	Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / 91.5	Wednesday	/ 8:00 PM
	Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Wednesday	9:00 PM
	Transylvania ARC Net	147.135 MHz	Thursday	8:00 PM
	QCWA Chapter 76	3930 kHz (SSB)	Saturday	10:00 AM
	6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday	9:00 PM
	K4UUQ Morning Net	7228.5 kHz (SSB) Mon-Sa	at 7:00 AM	Sunday 8:00 AM
	NC Morning Net	3927 kHz (SSB)	Daily	7:45 AM
	SATERN Net	14265 kHz	Daily	10:00 AM
	Carolinas Slow Net	3715 kHz (CW 5-8 wpm)	Daily	6:00
	NC Evening Net	3923 kHz (SSB)	Daily	6:30 PM
	Carolinas Net (Early)	3573 kHz (CW 20-22 wpm)	Daily	7:00 PM
	Tarheel ARES Net	3923 kHz (SSB)	Daily	7:30 PM
0	Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily	9:00 PM
	Carolinas Net (Late)	3573 kHz (CW 15-18 wpm)	Daily	10:00 PM