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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### 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, Every creature was hurting-- even the mouse.	The driver was smiling, so lively and grand; The patch on his jacket said "U.S. POSTMAN."
The toys were all broken, their batteries dead; Santa passed out, with some ice on his head.	With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox Then quickly he stuffed them into our mailbox.
Wrapping and ribbons just covered the floor, while Upstairs the family continued to snore.	Bill after bill, after bill, they still came. Whistling and shouting he called them by name:
And I in my T-shirt, new Reeboks and jeans, Went into the kitchen and started to clean.	"Now Dillard's, now Broadway's, now Penny's and Sears Here's Levitz's and Target's and Mervyn's -- all here!!
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the sink to see what was the matter.	To the tip or your limit, every store, every mall, Now chargeaway-chargeaway-chargeaway all!"
Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the curtains, and threw up the sash.	He whooped and he whistled as he finished his work. He filled up the box, and then turned with a jerk.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a little white truck, with an oversized mirror.	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!"



- 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.

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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, a week before the Tuesday meeting. 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

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### **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!*


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Club Meeting on  
 January 7!



Renew your dues  
 at the January meeting!



### Nets and On-The-Air Activities

	<u>Net</u>	<u>Freq / PL</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
	<b>BRARC Net</b>	<b>146.640 MHz/ 91.5</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
	<b>BRARC Rag Chew</b>	<b>28350 kHz</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>following 146.640 net</b>
	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
	WCARS Info. Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Monday	8:30 PM
	Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday	9:00 PM
	WCARS Simplex Net	147.525 MHz	Tuesday	8:30 PM
	<i>Henderson County ARES Net</i>	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-Sat 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
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily	9:00 PM	
Carolinas Net (Late)	3573 kHz (CW 15-18 wpm)	Daily	10:00 PM	