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THE PREZ SEZ

Let's see, now, the September meeting is coming up, so that must mean it's the end of August, right? Where did the time go? Hope you're all going to Shelby this weekend, maybe we'll run into one another. Now that fall is approaching the inevitable Club elections are really just around the corner. Does this have anything to do with you? I certainly hope that it does and that you will consider running for office. When the call comes, just say yes!

73,
Dick, K4KQJ

Our Next Meeting: September 7, 2004!!
Be there at the Stoney Mountain Activity Center at 7:30!
Ken Smith, KE4VMB, will present a program on Winlink2000

Welcome to new members:

Michael Parente, KI4FSQ; Don Wankel, KI4GGR; Martha (Donnie) Wankel, KI4GGS; Herbert Bateman, KI4FSP; and, Lee Mager, KN4GC. (Michael Parente's call is now AI4GR, as he passed the extra exam in August).

Upgrade & Congratulations:

Al Smith, yet **another** new call: **N4ZA!** Maybe Al will keep this one for a while.

The biggest step you can take is when you meet others halfway!

A BIG THANK YOU

to Larry Brady, NC4LB, and the Asheville QuickPrint Team for printing the Echo every month!

==>AMATEUR COMMUNITY INVITED TO CELEBRATE MAXIM BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Members of the amateur community are invited to help celebrate the 135th birthday anniversary of the League's co-founder and first president Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, who was born September 2, 1869. ARRL Life Members and the League's extended family of elected and appointed volunteers and officials are eligible to identify by appending /135 to their call signs. The complete eligibility list <http://www.arrl.org/qst/2004/09/field-positions-135.html> (or see Sep QST, p 40) also includes ARRL Headquarters staff members as well as past and present ARRL directors, presidents, vice presidents and honorary vice presidents.

The HPM/135 event begins at 0000 UTC on Thursday, September 2, and concludes at 2400 UTC on Sunday, September 12. Stations may be contacted for credit on any band or mode--including repeaters. HPM/135 stations transmit signal report, appointment (or position) and name. All others transmit signal report and name.

BLUE BIDGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2004

The August Meeting of the Blue Amateur Radio Club came to order promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Gene Mathis, KG4SXE, club vice president, presiding. There 30 people in attendance, including two visitors. Our visitors were Lee Mager, KN4GC; and, Freeman Rogers of BOLD LIFE MAGAZINE*. Gene welcomed all present.

The meeting began with the program being first. Lee Mager presented an explanation of what the Community Emergency Response Team concept is, and what it entails. This material was new to many of those present. The members of A.R.E.S. knew about C.E.R.T., as this had been a part of their training.

The Community Emergency Response Team concept was first introduced by the Los Angeles Fire Department. The program was so well received that others throughout the nation began implementing the program. The concept does not try to replace fire and rescue, or law enforcement in its scope.

All of us have seen disasters, whether there on the scene, or in the news casts on the television. Lee explained that the elements of a disaster include the element of being unexpected, as well as the fact that many times emergency personnel are overwhelmed. A good example is the chaos that occurred in New York on September 11. The third element of a disaster is the fact that lives, health, and the environment are endangered. During a disaster, citizens must rely on one another.

Whether disasters are caused by crime, natural causes, or terrorism, citizens need to be prepared to help one another. The C.E.R.T. program is geared to train those in a community the basics. These basics include life saving, decision making, rescuer safety, doing the most good for the greatest number of people, and to organize participants into teams.

Lee stressed that this is to be in your local neighborhood. C.E.R.T. members try to be of help until the professionals arrive on the scene. The course of training takes twenty hours, and is open to anyone. Those of you interested can find more on the website: hnccert.org.

In the business that followed, Duke Knief, W4DK, reported on the progress of the R.V. that is being revamped for use by the Henderson County A.R.E.S. At meeting time, the R.V. was in line to be painted. There is hope the vehicle might be ready by the Apple Festival Parade. Duke also invited those present to check into the A.R.E.S. net on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m.

Lil Clark, KG4GFP, reported the bottom line in the treasury was \$640.00, as of meeting time. Lil reported to the secretary at the end of the meeting that five individuals had joined the club. We are pleased to welcome Michael Parente, KI4FSQ; Don Wankel, KI4GGR; Martha (Donnie) Wankel, KI4GGS; Herbert Bateman, KI4FSP; and, Lee Mager, KN4GC. (Michael Parente's call is now AI4GR, as he passed the extra exam in August).

George Knudsen, W4GCK, issued a plea for help in the Apple Festival Parade. A sign up sheet was passed around.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Al Abercrombie, W2GJS.

*Freeman Rogers is doing an article on Amateur Radio. The article is to appear in BOLD LIFE MAGAZINE, which can be found in the Hendersonville area. This a free publication.

Respectfully submitted,
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Club Meeting Tuesday

September 7!



Apple Festival Parade

September 6, 12:30 pm lineup

Five Points in Hendersonville



Next club meeting

October 5!



Nets and On-The-Air Activities

<u>Net</u>	<u>Freq / PL</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
BRARC Net	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Sunday	8:00 PM
BRARC Rag Chew	28350 kHz	Sunday	following 146.640 net
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	8:30 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	3942 kHz (SSB)	Saturday	9:00 AM
6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday	9:00 PM
K4UUQ Morning Net	7225.5 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	3695 kHz (CW 5-8 wpm)	Daily	8:00 PM
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

if this information has changed, please contact Dick Smith at 687-9531 or k4kqj@arrl.net!