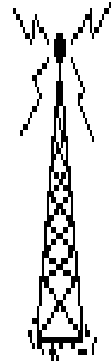


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W4YK -*

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**The Prez Sez** — I want to thank Gene Mathis for overseeing the MS Walk. The members that helped him out during this event did a great job. I also want to thank all of those that helped me out with the Biltmore Endurance Ride and thank Dick for lining everything up for the ride. It went very smooth thanks to our club members. At our next meeting we will be discussing Field Day. Field Day is just a little more than a month away on June 26 and 27. It is my favorite event of the year! We're getting a little bit of a late start this year, so be ready to take on some assignments at our meeting.

I would really like for everyone to think of ways we can get more hams involved in our club. There are 367 hams located in Henderson County. I would love to see us get at least one third of them involved in our club, so be thinking of ways we can do this. See you at our next meeting June 1<sup>st</sup>.



73,  
Danny Rector

*Our Next Meeting: June 1, 2010*

*7:00 pm – Field Day Preparations*

**Ed Booth, KT4US, SK** – Ed recently died after a series of illnesses. He was a long-time active member of our club, always present at community events and a ready hand at antenna parties and Field Day. As former Captain in the NYC Fire Department, harrowing experiences were the norm for him. He will be missed.

Memorial services will be held 10am on 14 June at the Lady of Angels chapel of Immaculate Conception Church, Hendersonville.

**MEETING MINUTES OF May 4TH, 2010** — The meeting of May 4th, came to order at 7:00 pm, with the club president, Danny Rector, AJ4HZ, presiding. The attendance was 10 members, and one visitor. The visitor was Frankie Ryttenburg, wife of Harry, N4ZVX.

The minutes of last meeting were approved as printed in the Echo. The treasurer's report was given by Lil Clark, KG4GFP, club treasurer. At the time of meeting, we had \$1,536.80 in the treasury. The report was approved by those present.

The presentation program was given by Duke Knief, W4DK. Duke led us in viewing a DVD that gave us a good review of the DXpedition to Liberia in 2007. This DXpedition was led by Dutch operators. Some of you may remember working 5L2MS.

Liberia is about the size of Tennessee, with a population of 3.5 million. It is a poor nation on the west coast of Africa. The DXpedition was set up on the grounds of ELWA, a Christian radio station. Organizational help was provided by Mercy Ships. Mercy Ships is an organization that has hospital ships that help the people of Africa. ([www.Mercyships.org](http://www.Mercyships.org)).

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sid Hendricks, W4IOE

**Support for Horse Ride** – On Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, our club provided communication support for the annual Biltmore Horse Endurance Ride. We setup our Net Control station at the main staging area for the horses. Along the endurance routes, which were 50 and 100 miles within the Biltmore Estate, two aid stations were in contact with the control station using a simplex frequency. Danny, AJ4HZ, organized our effort. Fifteen Amateurs participated:

Craig, KE4DFV	Duke, W4DK	Martin, W4FOT
Danny, AJ4HZ	John, N9JZX	Chris, K4KZB
George, KG4LQX	Frank, WN4NC	Bob, KD4OKT
Ronnie, K2SST	Gene, KG4SXE	Willi, KA4WPM
George, KB4YBB	Maurice, KB4YWN	Harry, N4ZVX



Craig and Bob at Net Control



## ARES Notes

**The Wednesday ARES training net starts at 8:30PM.**

*From Don, K4PDW*– Thursdays at 8pm there will be a net on the **145.270 repeater** for all Area 15 ARES stations. It is a directed roll-call net for counties west of Rutherford County. We will take check-ins from each county in area 15 starting with the ECs, then those ARES stations in that county, and after roll call net-control will take non-ARES stations anywhere.



**Three New Hams and a General** – Sid, W4IOE, conducted an Amateur Radio license examination on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. As a result, the amateur radio community has 3 new Technicians and an upgrade to General class. Assisting Sid were the Volunteer Examiners: Dan, K2DRM; Eric, W4ENC; Kathleen, AJ4FV; and Michael, AI4GR.

## Mark Your Calendar —

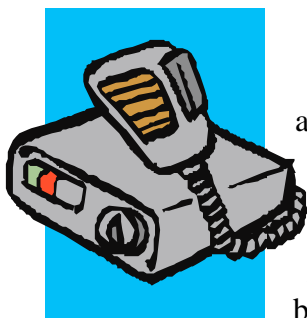
26 – 27 June – Field Day  
 4 July – Hendersonville Parade  
 24 July – WCARS Hamfest  
 18 September – Picnic

Please notify the editor if dates change, or as new events arise.

## ( **NEW ARRIVALS!** ) ITEMS FOR SALE

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| 1) Kenwood TS-440S HF Transceiver + PS-50 Pwr Supply + MC-80 Microphone | \$350 |
| 2) MFJ-784 DSP Filter   | \$110 |
| 3) MFJ-247 HF Antenna Analyzer  | \$90  |
| 4) Kenwood TM-241A 2m FM Transceiver                                    | \$30  |
| 5) Autek-QF1 Active Filter  | \$30  |
| 6) NPC 108RA Pwr Supply, 13.6V, 12A                                     | \$20  |
| 7) HeathKit HW-2036 2m FM Transceiver                                   | \$25  |
| 8) HeathKit HM-11 Reflected Pwr Meter & SWR Bridge                      | \$20  |
- Contact Michael, [ai4gr@arrl.net](mailto:ai4gr@arrl.net)

If you have items for sale, or need something, notify the editor.



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National Public Radio recently ran a story about amateur radio. It put us in a good light, and stressed the attraction it seems to be gaining amongst the youngest generations.

The ARRL has signed a *Memorandum of Understanding* with the American Red Cross. ARRL volunteers may arrange, at their own initiative and expense, to have the criminal background check performed by a state or local law enforcement agency. The Red Cross also has agreed that ARRL volunteers shall not be asked or required to consent to credit checks, mode of living investigations, or investigative consumer reports in order to provide a communications function.

Those of you who avidly followed the stories of raconteur Jean Shepard on WOR radio will enjoy the UTUBE story of how he got his Ham license. It's in 2 parts, and is classic Shep.

— AI4GR is clear.

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**Financial Report: May 2010 - Lil Clark**

Balance as of 4/20/10	\$ 1657.60
<b>Plus:</b> Deposits	0.00
<b>Less:</b> Expenses	<u>120.80</u>
<b>Balance as of 5/21/10</b>	<b>\$ 1536.80</b>

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

**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 provide an opportunity to get your amateur license or to upgrade your present status.  
**NEXT SESSION: August 14, 2010**

Contact Sid, W4IOE, for details.

**Classes:** We occasionally have classes so you can learn how to get your own amateur radio Technician class license.

**Club Information**

**Address:** Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club  
PO Box 831, Horse Shoe NC 28742  
**Website:** <http://www.radioclub.org/>

**Dues:** Our dues cover the period from January through December. Dues for additional related members in the same household as a Full or Associate member are one-half the applicable rate. Dues for full-time students of an accredited school are one-half the regular rate as long as student status is maintained. New members joining between July and December pay one-half the applicable rate for membership through the end of the year. This year's dues are \$20.00 per person; \$10.00 per additional family member.

**Please send your renewals to:** Lil Clark, 15 Autumn Glen Ct., Brevard, NC 28712

**Meetings:** We meet at the Stoney Mountain Activity Center at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

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*A message from the editor..... Articles and submissions for the Echo should be sent by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

If you have something to add to our newsletter, send it to: Michael, AI4GR.

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## Nets and On-The-Air Activities

Net	Freq / PL	Day	Time
<i>BRARC Net</i>	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Sunday	8:00 PM
<i>Henderson County ARES Net</i>	146.640 MHz / 91.5	Wednesday	8:30 PM
440 Rag Chew	442.225 MHz/107.2	Monday	9:00 PM
Red Cross Communicators	146.640 MHz/91.5	Sunday	9:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 6m Net	53.630 MHz/100	Friday	9:00 PM
QCWA Chapter 76	3.625 MHz (SSB)	Saturday	8:45 AM
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Wednesday	9:00 PM
Good Morning Net	146.760 MHz	M-W-F	9:00 AM
WCARS Info. Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Monday	9:00 PM
6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday	9:00 PM
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily	9:00 PM
Mount Pisgah 220 Net	224.260 MHz	Sunday	9:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday	8:00 PM
Rutherford County ARES Net	147.240 MHz/ 94.8	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Tarheel Emergency Net	1.943 MHz (SSB)	Daily	7:30 PM
NC Morning Net	3.926 MHz (SSB)	Daily	7:45 AM
SATERN Net	14.265 MHz	Daily	10:00 AM
NC Evening Net	3.923 MHz (SSB)	Daily	6:30 PM
Carolinas Slow Net	3.571 MHz (CW 5-8 wpm)	Daily	8:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Late)	3.573 MHz (CW 15-18 wpm)	Daily	10:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Early)	3.573 MHz (CW 20-22 wpm)	Daily	7:00 PM

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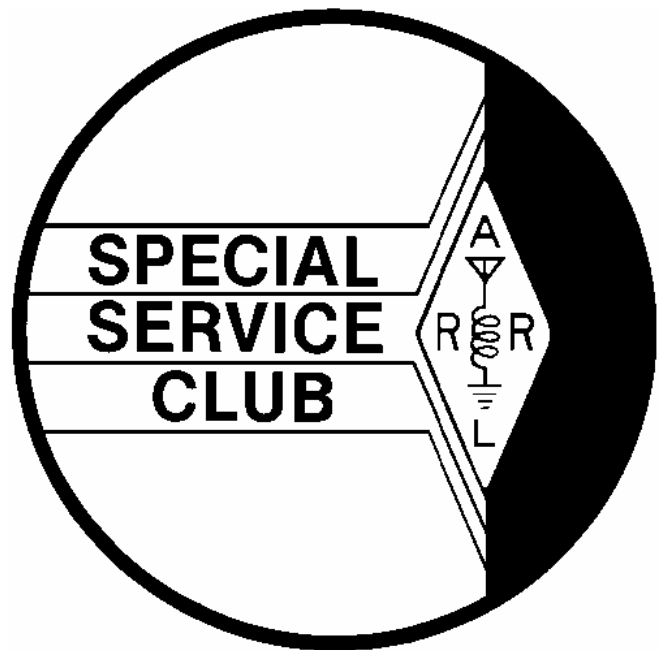
Club Meeting Tuesday  
June 1st, 7:00 pm  
Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Subsequent club meeting  
July 6th, 7:00 pm  
Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Henderson County ARES  
Training Session  
Fourth Monday of month  
Etowah Lions Club, 7pm



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