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The Prez Sez — The Prez has been quiet this month, nothing received.

Our Next Meeting: February 5, 2013

7:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES OF January 8th 2013 —

Meeting called to order on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at: 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, chaired by Jonathan Williams (KF4NVX).

Attendance: 14 people signed the attendance sheet.
Visitors: There were two visitors.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that we have a balance of $2,367.68. However, this balance should increase because membership dues were collected during this meeting.

Public Events

Biltmore Ride is scheduled for the first weekend in May, 2013. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Dick Smith (W4RSS) for more details.

Fletcher Flyer

The Flyer is scheduled for sometime in June. (TBD) Again, we need volunteers. Remember that the BRARC serves the public interest.

Dupont Marathon

The Dupont ½ day marathon meeting is underway. The time and date is tentative at this point. It will happen in April. Mark your calendars. They will need several volunteers. They employ voice and packet to run this event. For details contact either Duke (W4DK) or Dick (W4RSS).

Contest News

Danny (NA4X) announced that the *QSO CW* contest. It starts on January 19-20, from 2:00PM to 1:00PM. Contact Danny if you would like to participate.

The North Carolina QSO has added 2 meter and 6 meter to the contest scheduled for February 24, 2013.

General News/Business

It was suggested that at the next Christmas party we choose a different venue. Several participants had poor service, cold food, and we did NOT have a private room. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

Jonathan reminded us that there will be a general maintenance work meeting to be scheduled this spring. Please consider donating some of you time towards this effort.

Formal Presentation

The presentation was given by James AB2WS on APRS. It was enjoyed by all.
Meeting Adjourned at: 8:20 PM
Refreshments were provided by Ronny (K2SST). He won the 50/50 split!

DuPont ½ Marathon – Updated information: The event will be held on April 20th, 2013. As always, we will need as many operators as we can get. Please mark your calendars. If you would like to get on the list, contact Duke W4DK at w4dk@arrl.net.

FROM THE TREASURER – 30% of last year's Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club members have now paid their dues for 2013. If you're one of the 70% yet to renew, please pay the treasurer at the club meeting or mail a check made out to BRARC to:

Steve Smith – KC5F
607 E. Blue Ridge Rd.
East Flat Rock, NC 28726

Thank you.

Mark Your Calendar —

9 February	– WCARS Testing Session at Mtn. Home VFD, 9:00am
11-15 February	– School Club Roundup
16-17 February	– International DX Contest, CW
2-3 March	– International DX Contest, Phone
20 April	– DuPont ½ Marathon

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

ITEMS FOR SALE

AMERITRON AL-811 Amplifier – all HF bands including WARC and most MARS bands. Uses three low cost 811s Easy to buy. Desktop 16" deep x 13 ¼" W x 8" high, 30 pounds. .$400.00
BECKMAN 300 MULTIMETER W/ Instruction book and new 9-volt battery…$18.00
5-WAY ANTENNA COUPLER: five circuits built on 10"x17'x3" chassis. A provided QST article has the schematic drawings and photos and how-to-use. This has been used up to a kilowatt…$25.00
PALOMAR R-X NOISE BRIDGE: Operator's Manual and Instruction sheet. Both the PALOMAR and the OMEGA are still offered on E-Bay. These hardy devices are still very handy…$20.00
OMEGA-T SYSTEMS TE7-01 NOISE BRIDGE: An E-mail excerpt provided tells how to use…$8.00S
MFJ 721 CW/SSB FILTER: Power supply included. Instruction sheet and schematic provided. This easy-to-use device is a remarkable performer for SSB and CW…$15.00
TWO B&W COAX SWITCHES: Model 550 in box, never used..$15.00 -Model 375 no box…$8.00
KEVLAR LINE: 400 feet. Never used…$5.00
HY-GAIN BOOM-TO-MAST CLAMP: In box, never used…$5.00
FOOT SWITCHES: Two, each different…$3.00 each
LIGHTENING ARRESTORS: One still in package for balanced line..$5.00S -one for coax, used…$2.00
TUBES: Six OB2, one each 6EA8, 12AV6, 12BA6…All for $1.00
TEN-TEC ACRO-BAT ANTENNA CONNECTOR & HANGER: This is the best center support that allows standard wire or ladder line to be used for the antenna and either RG-58 type coax or ladder line at the feed point. The ACRO-BAT is constructed of UV resistant, high stability polycarbonate plastic designed to endure outdoor use, same as the power meters. All hardware is stainless steel. This was my extra ACRO-BAT while I used one for the last five years. $12.00
INSULATORS - Lots to see here. 3 for $5.00 – you pick and choose

- Nine unused stand-offs that will handle wire, ladder line or coax.
- Three through-glass as well as siding – inside to outside.
- End insulators -- seven small, one large.
- Two heavy-duty porcelain center insulators.
- Never used center insulator with 4:1 balun.
- Strain insulators – three large, three small.

CONNECTORS PL-259…Adapters, right-angles, straight UG-298, and plenty more. Some new…$1.00 each "N" connectors, one bulk head…$1.00 each

Ed Cushing, W4GW (828) 697-5111, gec7388@bellsouth.net
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IC-T81A Quad Band handheld FM transceiver (6, 2, 440, 1270 MHz.) with (2) BP-200 battery packs, (2) LC-1148 Leatherette cases, (1) Diamond SRH-999 quad band antenna (50cm/21in), Instruction Manual, Nifty Quick Reference Guide, CS-T81 Cloning software, (4) belt clips, CP-12L Cigarette Lighter Adapter, (2) BP-197 triple-AA battery cases, W&W Master Charger Ia drop-in desk charger with AC supply, BC-110A "Wall Wart" charger, and KPC3+ Interface cable. Asking $200 - will throw in an Alinco DJ-596T dual band (2m/440) handheld with accessories, but which needs a new battery.

Garmin Ique 3600 PDA with built-in GPS, with desktop cradle/charger and vehicular cradle/12VDC cigarette lighter charger/connector, plus original box and documentation, etc. $200 or BO.

Icom SP-20 deluxe speaker (includes 2 HPFs and 2 LPFs) - MSRP $230, asking $120.

Brandy, N1HO (828) 693-5770 or (954) 818-6790 n1ho@arrl.net

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Package Deal
80 ft tower, fold-over base and side mount, Mosley Tri-band 20, 15 and 10 meters, 11 element 2 meter beam and Ham-M rotator. $250 for the whole package only.
If interested, please contact Mike, K8YDV directly at miccar8@frontier.com
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ICOM IC-7000 HF/VHF/UHF Transceiver. Excellent condition.
Not modified. Asking $1000...make an offer

BIRD Model 43 Thruline wattmeter w/3 low power VHF
slugs. Asking $200 ...make an offer.

Duke W4DK 828-891-4359 w4dk@arrl.net
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Yaesu YS 60 Watt & SWR meter mint condition $75.00
Astron RS 35M 35 amp power supply with meter mint condition $110.00

George W4GCK 828-698-2718
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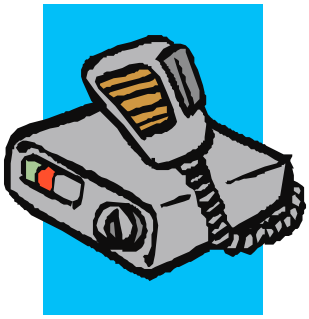
PACTOR III mode Modem, made by SCS, Model PTC-IIex, with Pactor III licensed software loaded. Asking $550 OBO. Call Bob Felt 828-696-4103, email w4ryf@arrl.net

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

– DUES FOR 2013 ARE NOW DUE –



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Thanks and 73

—— K2DRM is clear.

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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: Steve Smith, 607 E Blue Ridge Rd, East Flat Rock, NC 28726

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

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Financial Report: December 2012
Steve Smith, KC5F

Balance as of 12/31/12	**2367.58**
Plus: Deposits	**292.00**
Less: Expenses	**9.41**
Balance as of 1/31/13	**2650.17**

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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: Every 3 months, our volunteer examiners provide an opportunity to get your amateur license or to upgrade your status.

NEXT SESSION: February 9, 2013

Contact Sid, W4IOE, for details.

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

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A message from the editor....... Articles and submissions for the Echo should be sent by the 15th of each month.
If you have something to add to our newsletter, send it to: Dan, K2DRM.
Call me at: 828-243-1347 or E-mail me at:
danmaxwell@dan-maxwell.com

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Nets and On-The-Air Activities

Net	Freq / PL	Day	Time
BRARC Net	**146.640 MHz/ 91.5**	**Sunday**	**8:00 PM**
Henderson County ARES Net	**146.640 MHz / 91.5**	**Wednesday**	**8:30 PM**
High Country Swap & Rag Chew	442.225 MHz/107.2	Monday	9:00 PM
Haywood County ARC 2m Net	147.390 Mhz/94.8	Monday	8:00 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
NC ARES Area 15 Roll Call Net	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Thursday	8:00 PM
Tarheel Emergency Net	3.923 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

If this information has changed, please contact Dan at danmaxwell@dan-maxwell.com.

Club Meeting Tuesday
February 5, 7:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center

Subsequent club meeting
March 5, 7:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center

Henderson County ARES Training
Fourth Monday of Month
in the County Building
100 King Street, Hendersonville, 7pm

SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB

— Find us on the web at < http://www.radioclub.org > —