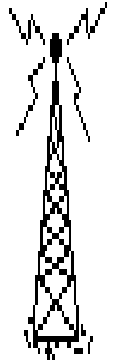


The Blue Ridge Echo .. Echo.. Echo..



Official Transmitter of the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club - W4YK -

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

Our Next Meeting: March 5, 2013

7:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES OF January 8th 2013 —

Meeting called to order on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at: 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, chaired by Jonathan Williams (KF4NVX).

Attendance: 18 people signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors: There were two visitors, Gary Woeltjen and Robert Beavy.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$2,650.17.

Public Events

There will be a Hamfest in Raleigh on March 30, 2013.

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 June 2, 2013. Again, we need volunteers. Remember that the BRARC serves the public interest.

Field Day

Our annual Field Day is scheduled for June 22-23, 2013. Volunteers?

Dupont Marathon

The Dupont ½ day marathon is scheduled for April 20, 2013. To volunteer or for details contact either Duke (W4DK) or Dick (W4RSS).

Contest News

Michael (AI4GR) reminded us that the HF contest is fun and we like to see anyone interested to participate. Dave Anderson went to Uganda on expedition for two weeks. Please try and give him a shout.

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

General News/Business

There was an executive meeting and the officers suggested that we authorize new antenna feed lines. At the meeting, there was a motion to that effect and the motion carried.

Members are reminded that they voted some time ago to donate \$100 to the land owner of our repeater. Our secretary will write a check for \$100 to give to the land owner.

John Quinn (N9JZX) is the new ARES coordinator and the winner of the 50/50.

Formal Presentation

There was no formal presentation. Instead we discussed meeting topics, the State Fair, Tech Training Class, and Shack Maintenance. A work day was scheduled for tower maintenance at Bear Wallow Mt on Saturday, February 9, 2013.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:15 PM

Refreshments were provided by Ronny (K2SST).

V.E. TEST SESSION OF FEBRUARY 9th, 2013

We had a total of six applicants who came to our test session on the 9th of February.

Congratulations to:

Robert Beaver, KK4OJC, New Technician

Mitzi Kemp, KK4OJD, New Technician

Gary Woeltjen, KK4OJE, New Technician

Kevin Dedman, KK4YFP, Upgraded to General

Kevin Mitchell, K1KFM, Upgraded to General

Thanks to all the V.E.'s present:

Duke Knief W4DK

Will Hicks WI1L

Debbie Hicks AD2H

Dan Maxwell K2DRM

Gary Mitchell KW4GM

Bob Andrews W4HUE

Sid Hendricks W4IOE

And we had Ethan Kemp, 5 years old, who took the technician test, and came fairly close to passing!! I am sure he will be a tech before long!

Next test date is May 11, 2013.

Sid Hendricks

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 —

2-3 March	– International DX Contest, Phone
10 March	– North American Sprint, RTTY
17 March	– North American Sprint, SSB
30-31 March	– CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB
20 April	– DuPont ½ Marathon
21 April	– ARRL Rookie Roundup – Phone

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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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

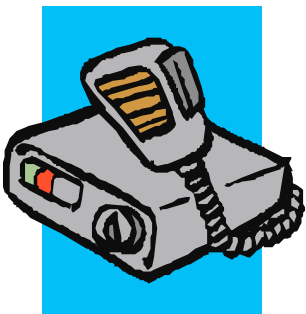
Astron RS 35M 35 amp power supply with meter mint condition \$110.00

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: February 2013
Steve Smith, KC5F**

Balance as of 1/31/13	2650.17
Plus: Deposits	166.00
Less: Expenses	377.23
Balance as of 2/28/13	2438.94

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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: May 11, 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.



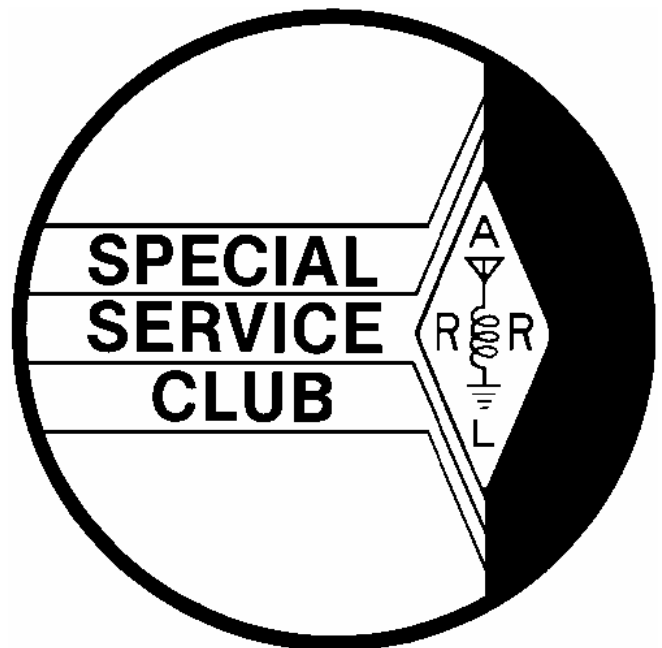
Club Meeting Tuesday
March 5, 7:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Subsequent club meeting
April 2, 7:00 pm
Stoney Mountain Activity Center



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



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