



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



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

Message from the President Elect, Danny (NA4X)

I appreciate the club's show of confidence by electing me President. I look forward to this coming year. We are going to start the New Year with a new location. We have some very good opportunities ahead of us to help our community through communications and education. Be sure to come out to the Christmas Party this year at *Twin Dragons* on December 3rd. Start the year this Christmas by getting involved.

Danny Rector, NA4X



Treasurer's Report

The *Treasurer* reported a balance of \$ 1,150.82. Members are reminded that dues for the New Year are still \$20.00 and payable no later than the January meeting. Send checks to Steve Smith (KC5F) or call 828-697-6388 for more details.

Minutes from November 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, chaired by Vice President Jonathan Williams (KF4NVX).

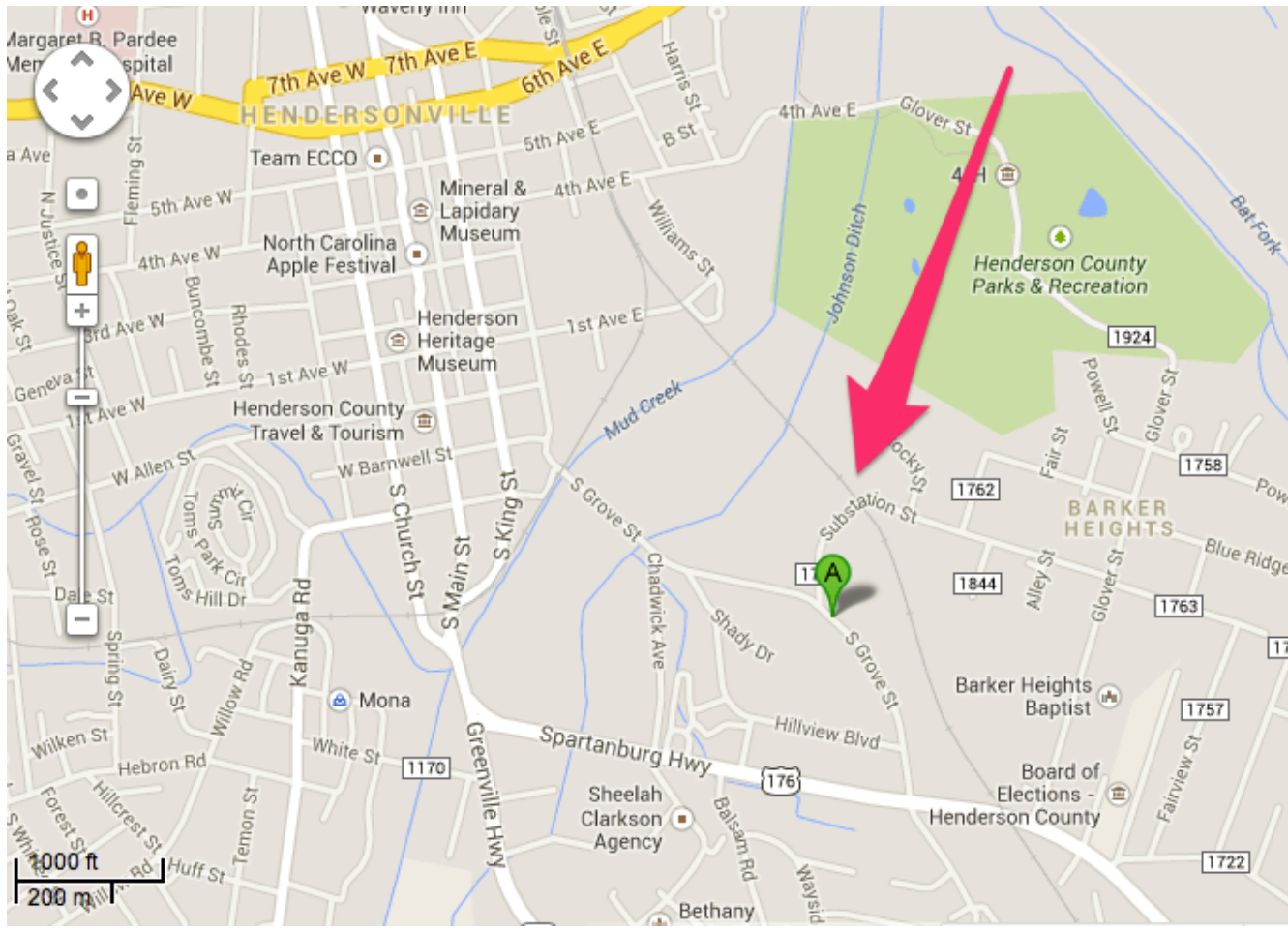
In Attendance: There were a total of 15 people who signed the attendance sheet. This included two visitors Harry Lee Rice, and Bill Gade.

Public Events:

The December meeting of BRARC will be held at the *Twin Dragon Restaurant* in Brevard, NC. Starting time: 6:00 PM. Couples invited.

New Meeting Place: The BRARC has a change of venue. Starting in the month of January, we will be meeting at the Henderson County Athletics & Activity Center located at the following:

(A) See map
708 South Grove Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792.



Henderson County Athletics & Activity Center (A)

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM in room A101. See you all there!

Contest News

No new contest news was reported.

General News

The membership voted for new officers for the next two years. The results are as follows:

- **President** – Danny Rector (NA4X)
- **Vice President** – Bill Gade (New Tech)
- **Treasurer** - Steve Smith (KC5F)
- **Secretary** – Doug Davis (KJ4WWN)
- **Member at Large** – Stan Frady (N1BBS)

Officers will officially take office in the January 2014 meeting.

In addition, a survey was handed out by Danny Rector to query the membership about their preferences and the direction in which they want to club to go. If you want to participate, you can access the web site and get a copy of the survey at “*radioclub.org*.” Turn-in completed surveys to either Danny Rector (NA4X) or Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

Hamfests

No new hamfests were reported.

Formal Presentation

Stanley (N1BBS) gave a presentation on ***Mesh Networks***. He was accompanied by Jonathan (KF4NVX) who demonstrated how to “*Flash*” the routers using his computer loaded with the proper software. The presentation was not only informative and timely, but was extremely enjoyable.

Drawing Winner

Martin (W4FOT) won the 50/50 split drawing.

Meeting formally adjourned at 8:40 PM. Several stayed to watch the “*flash*” process being performed again on some routers.

VE Exams

A *WCARS/VEC Testing Session* was held on November 9 at the Mountain Home Fire Department. Dick, (W4RSS); Dan, (K2DRM); Gary, (KW4GM); Bob, (W4HUE); Eric, (W4ENC) and Norman, (N4NH) were all in attendance to help register, Proctor and score tests.

We had six (6) applicants take exams. All six passed at least one exam Element. Therefore we have 4 new *Technical Licensees* and 2 upgraded *General Licensees*.

Congratulations to all of them.

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates to be aware of:

Date	Description
Nov 23, 2013	Workday to pack remaining equipment and supplies. Meet at the shack.
Nov 9, 2013	VE Testing resulted in 4 new Technical licenses and 2 new General Licenses.
Dec 3, 2013	Christmas Dinner at the <i>Twin Dragons Restaurant</i> in Brevard, NC. Start time: 6:00 PM.
Dec 7, 2013	Hendersonville Christmas Parade. Meet at the 5 corners by the Girl Scout building at 8:00 AM.
Dec 14, 2013	Fletcher Christmas Parade. Meet for breakfast at the Town Hall or at 9:00 AM at Old Airport Road near Citizen's Bank. Parade starts at 10:30 AM.

Items for Sale

There were no items listed for sale.

Club Information

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)

One of the key benefits of joining or having a ham radio club in your community is to link-up with like-minded people who share similar interests. Radio operators come from all walks of life. Some are students, teachers, pilots, technicians, police officers, doctors, executives, retired military, engineers, you name it.

The *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* is all of these things. Another key benefit it that they give-back in many ways back to their community. Amateur radio operators at BRARC donate time and equipment to participate with the Department of Emergency Management, the Red Cross, and FEMA. Radio operators practice using their equipment without power from the grid. So during REAL emergencies they can and do, supply the necessary communication to first responders so they can provide help to those who need it. Hurricane Sandy was a perfect example.

On a lighter note, the BRARC also provides volunteer community support in a variety of community activities including, parades including the 4th of July, and Christmas parades, walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, horse riding events at the Biltmore Estates, and the Fletcher Flyier.

In addition to all that, the *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* also provides daily and weekly forums via what they call "*Nets*." You don't need a ham license to listen to a net - just a radio. These forums include informal sessions or "*rag chews*" that discuss local events or just about any topic including some technical ones as well.

Blue Ridge Echo Submissions

If you have timely information that you would like to publish in the Echo, all submissions must be received by the first 6-7 days of each month in order to meet publication deadlines. Please send your copy to Doug (KJ4WWN) at themtns@yahoo.com.

Popular Ham Radio Nets

Name	Frequency/Tone	Day/Days AM/PM (EST)
BRARC Net	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Sunday 8:00 PM
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / 91.5	Wednesday 8:30 PM
Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday 9:00 PM
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily 9:00 PM
Good Morning Net	146.760 MHz	M-W-F 9:00 AM
WCARS Information Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Monday 9:00 PM
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Wednesday 9:00 PM
Transylvania ARC Net	147.135 MHz	Thursday 8:00 PM
WCARS Simplex Net	147.525 MHz	Tuesday 8:30 PM
Mount Pisgah 220 Net	224.260 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday 8:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 220 Rag Chew Net	224.540 MHz	Thursday 8:00 PM
Mount Mitchell 440 Net	442.225 MHz/107.2	Monday 8:00 PM
Hit and Bounce Net (CW)	7.042 MHz	Daily 8:30 AM

K4UUQ Morning Net	7.225.5 MHz (SSB)	Mon-Sat 7:00 AM
Carolinas Slow Net	3.571 MHz (CW 5-8 wpm)	Daily 8:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Early)	3.573 MHz (CW 20-22 wpm)	Daily 7:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Late)	3.573 MHz (CW 15-18 wpm)	Daily 10:00 PM
QCWA Chapter 76	3.740 MHz (SSB)	Saturday 8:45 AM
NC Evening Net	3.923 MHz (SSB)	Daily 6:30 PM
Tarheel ARES Net	3.923 MHz (SSB)	Daily 7:30 PM
NC Morning Net	3.927 MHz (SSB)	Daily 7:45 AM
SATERN Net	14.265 MHz	Daily 10:00 AM
BRARC Rag Chew	28.350 MHz	Sunday after the 146.640 Net
Mount Mitchell 6M Net	53.630 MHz/100.0	Friday 8:00 PM