



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



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

Message from the President, Danny (NA4X)

The Prez Says...

I believe winter has arrived! As I am writing this, the wind is blowing and the temperatures are below freezing. Be sure to check up on each other and on your neighbors. Thank you Martin for a great presentation at our last meeting about how repeaters use tone. The subject of our upcoming meeting will be ARES. This is the emergency portion of ham radio and we sure would love to get more of you involved. In April's meeting we plan to talk about and do some hands on work with RTTY and PSK. At our next meeting we will give just a brief introduction of what you need to get involved in the digital world. We are also working a little bit at a time on our new loop antenna. When our wire comes in about three weeks from now we will plan to have a antenna party. Take care and stay warm.

Danny (NA4X)

Minutes from February 3, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Rector at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance: 17 people signed the attendance sheet.

Visitors: There were no visitors present.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$1,562.62.

Public Events

The BRARC support for the *Biltmore Ride* is cancelled this year. They will use cell phones instead of ham radios and the Club's services will not be needed.

The *Fletcher Flyer* will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Specific details such as the route maps and times are forthcoming.

Club News

Danny has appointed Michael Brante and David Day (N1DAY) as *Members-At-Large*.

Installation of the new loop antenna has begun for the radio shack in Jackson Park.

Formal Presentation

The formal presentation was given by Martin Harris (W4FOT) on repeaters and their various tones including DCS tones. This presentation was outstanding and we appreciate Martin sharing his wealth of experience with the Club members.

50/50 Drawing

The drawing was won by David Day (N1DAY).

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Davis (KJ4WWN) Secretary.



Treasurer's Report

BRARC Treasurer's Report

January 1 – January 31, 2015

Balance as of 12/31/14	\$1,146.49
Plus: Dep: Dues x 19	\$380.00
\$50 net sales from Shelby	\$50.00
Total Income	\$430.00
Sub-Total	\$1,576.49
Less: Exp: Parade support supplies	\$13.87
Total Expense	\$13.87
BALANCE AS OF 01/31/15	\$1,562.62

New Business

Announcements

The Road Show Club announced that they will have another drawing this year. The prizes include an Elecraft KX3 and an Elecraft K3100 transceiver. Ticket prices will be raised to \$20 per ticket and they will only print 350 tickets.

If you would like to work the *State Fair Ham Radio Exhibition* with the Road Show Club, please contact Howard (W4PH) or Phil (N4HF) for more details.

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates to be aware of:

Date	Description
Tuesday, March 3, 2015	BRARC Meeting. Held at Jackson Park. Time 7:00 PM. In the case of inclement weather on a meeting night, we follow the <i>Blue Ridge College</i> evening schedule. When <i>Blue Ridge College</i> is closed, we do not have a meeting.
Sunday, June 7, 2015	Fletcher Flyer. Contact Danny (NA4X) for details.

Announcements

Dues

The 2015 dues for the *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* are \$20 and are now payable. Please send a check made out to "BRARC" or bring a check or cash to the next meeting. Thanks!

- Steve Smith, KC5F, BRARC Treasurer
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East Flat Rock NC 28726-2205

Items for Sale or Wanted

No items were listed.

Popular Ham Radio Nets

Name	Frequency/Tone	Day/Days AM/PM (EST)
BRARC Net (W4YK)	146.640 MHz/ T 91.5	Sunday 8:00 PM
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / T 91.5	Wednesday 8:30 PM
Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily 9:00 PM
6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday 9:00 PM
Good Morning Net	146.760 MHz	M-W-F 9:00 AM
WCARS Information Net	146.910 MHz/ T 91.5	Monday 9:00 PM
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz/ T 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 Pisgah 220 Thursday Net	224.260 MHz	Thursday 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
Friday 6 Meter Rag Chew	53.130 MHz/ T 100	Friday 8:00 PM Repeater is down.

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 supply the necessary communication to first responders so they can provide help to those who need it. *Hurricane Sandy* was a perfect example. Ham radio operators helped FEMA direct needed supplies and medical attention.

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 Flier.

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.

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.

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