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



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

## Message from the President, Stan Frady (N1BBS)

### The Prez Says...

Greetings everyone, I hope you have made it through our snow/ice storm without issue. I know that I am looking forward to the warmer weather later this week.

We are going to operate out of the shack for the *NC QSO Party* which will be the last Sunday of the month (2/28). If you want to operate in the contest or want to learn more about HF operations, let Danny (NA4X) or I know.

We will have a guest speaker next month and I am told the pictures are a sight to see.

If you are wanting to contact me, my personal email is [skfrady@gmail.com](mailto:skfrady@gmail.com)

73,  
Stan Frady (N1BBS)

## Minutes from Feb 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Stan Frady (N1BBS) at 7:02 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**In Attendance:** There were 21 people who signed the attendance sheet.

**VISITORS:** We had three guests – Eric Parlow (KD9BUT), Tom Weaver (KA3CMP), and Michele Charmichael (KK4NRB).



## Treasurer's Report

BRARC Treasurer's Report  
January 1 - January 31, 2016

Balance as of 12/31/15	\$1,280.74
Plus: Dep: Dues 14x plus \$10 50/50	\$290.00
Total Income	\$290.00
Sub-Total	\$1,570.74
Less: Exp/Adj: (none)	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$0.00
<b>BALANCE AS OF 01/31/16</b>	<b>\$1,570.74</b>

### CLUB NEWS

2016 dues for the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club are \$20 and are now due. Either send a check payable to BRARC or bring a check or cash to the next meeting. Thanks!

Steve Smith, KC5F, BRARC Treasurer  
607 E Blue Ridge Rd  
East Flat Rock NC 28726-2205

### Club Survey

Stan (N1BBS) gave a break-down on the club survey responses. There are many great ideas to lead the club towards an interesting new year. Thanks for your participation.

### FORMAL PRESENTATION

The formal presentation was given by *Stan Frady (N1BSS)*. Stan gave a talk on Vacuum Tubes and how they are STILL important today. It was enjoyed by all.

### 50/50 DRAWING

Howard (W4PH) won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings to the club. Thanks Howard!

### Business

The *January* minutes and the *January Treasurer's Report* were approved by the membership.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Davis (KJ4WWN).

## **Announcements**

Danny (NA4X) was recognized by the club for his dedicated service to the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club as President for several years. He was given gift certificates for *Cracker Barrel* and *Outback Steak House*. **THANKS** Danny for all you do for amateur radio and for the club!

### **CW Operator's Club**

If you would like to learn CW then visit this website and sign-up for online classes. The April through May 2016 sessions are already filled. Next classes are scheduled for September to October 2016. **LINK** : <http://www.cwops.org/cwacademy.html>

### **New Test Questions**

For those who would like to upgrade to the *Extra License*, be apprised that there will be new test elements added making the testing more up-to-date. These changes will be forthcoming in July this year.

### **NC QSO Party**

North Carolina QSO Party is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2016. It starts at 10:00 AM and ends at 8:00 PM. If you would like to participate at the shack, contact Danny NA4X.

### **Henderson County ARES Nets & Meetings**

All amateur radio operators are welcome.

**NETS:** The Henderson County ARES/RACES Administrative and Training Net meets on the air every Wednesday night at 9:00 PM using the local 146.640 Mhz FM repeater located on Bearwallow Mountain in Northeast Henderson County.

**MEETINGS** : at 7:00PM, on the fourth Monday of each month in Classroom 101, Parks & Recreation, 708 S Grove St, Hendersonville.

Next meeting Monday, March 28, 2016.

**WEB PAGE:** More info at <http://nc4hc.us/wp/>

**Questions?** Contact Bob W4RYF [robertfelt@bellsouth.net](mailto:robertfelt@bellsouth.net).

## Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates upcoming:

Date	Description
<b>Tuesday, March 1, 2016</b>	<b>BRARC Meeting.</b> Held at <i>Jackson Park</i> . Time 7:00 PM. In the case of inclement weather on a meeting night, when <i>Blue Ridge College</i> is closed, we do not have a meeting. Please try to attend.
<b>Tuesday, February 9, 2016</b>	<b>WCARS Training Class.</b> AB Tech, Elm Building, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, room 301. Starts at 6:00 PM. Meets every Tuesday & Thursday for 6 weeks.
<b>Saturday, February 13, 2016</b>	<b>BRARC Test Session.</b> Mountain Home Fire Department. 9:00 AM. Bring a copy of your license, \$10, and photo ID.
<b>February 28, 2016</b>	The North Carolina QSO Party. It starts at 10 AM and ends at 8 PM.
<b>Monday, March 28, 2016</b>	Henderson County <b>ARES/RACES</b> meeting,

## For Sale

The following items are for sale this month:

**MT3 FB Mobile Antenna Tilt Mount** (2 x 2 hitch) by Tarheel. Asking \$155.00.



Contact Bob Felt (W4RYF) at [robertfelt@bellsouth.net](mailto:robertfelt@bellsouth.net).

### Antenna system

No reasonable offer refused. Worked 333 countries with this setup.

- Gem Quad boomless fiberglass 5 band, 2 element Quad
- Yaesu Rotator Model G-800S
- RCS-8V Remote Coax Switch
- Universal Towers, Free Standing Aluminum Tower 30 Feet high

Contact: George W4GCK 828-595-0650

## 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 9:00 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
Anderson Radio Club Net	146.790 MHz	Daily 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
Mount Spivey 220 Net	224.600/ T 98.4	Wednesday 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	3.636 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
SATURN Net	14.265 MHz	Daily 10:00 AM
6 Meter Rag Chew	53.130 MHz/ T 100	Friday 9:00 PM
Get Up and Go Net	28.350/28.360 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
SIMPLEX NET	146.640 then 146.580 Simplex	Thursday 9:00 PM

## Club Information

### ***Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)***

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 (BRARC)* 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.

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, 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](mailto:themtns@yahoo.com).

## Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club Officers

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