



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



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

Message from the President, Stan Frady (N1BBS)

As we close out the year, I want to say thank you to everyone for making our club what it is. With your support, the club has served our community in many different events and our membership has grown.

I hope you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stan, N1BBS
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Minutes from December 6, 2016

There was no formal meeting. There was a Christmas Party instead.

MERRY CHRISTMAS everyone!



Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 11/31/16	\$ 1,578.61
Plus: Dep: Tour d'Apple Contribution (ARES)	\$ 200.00
Meeting 50/50	\$ 8.00
1x Dues	\$ 20.00
Total Income	\$ 228.00
Sub-Total	\$ 1,806.61
Less: Exp: (none)	\$ 0.00
Total Expense	\$ 0.00
BALANCE AS OF 11/30/16	\$ 1,806.61

Business

- No new business

FORMAL PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

Announcements

Message From David Day (N1DAY): The *GO TO MEETING Net* is back in December with an opportunity for participants to win an antenna for VHF and UHF activities. All you need to do is sign into the W4YK GO TO MEETING Net between 5 and 6 pm on Tuesday Dec 6 on frequency 146.640 AND attend the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club's Christmas party at Twin Dragon's, Brevard for a chance to win an antenna known as the HENTENNA. This antenna is constructed of 3/4" copper pipe exhibits a bi-directional radiation pattern with excellent signal propagation qualities. A raffle will be held during the Christmas party to select the winner.

Thanks
(N1DAY)

Christmas Parades – The Hendersonville Christmas Parade and the Fletcher Christmas Parade were another success. Thanks for all who helped!

Calendar of Events

Here are some notable dates:

Date	Description
January 3rd, 2017	BRARC Christmas Meeting. . This will be held at the Twin Dragons in Brevard, NC starting at 6:00 PM.

ARRL Disenfranchised Southeast Members

Article Source: Page 3 of the December issue of CQ Magazine. For more detailed information refer to the article on page 8 of this same issue entitled “Zero Bias.”

“The ARRL Board of directors cancelled an election for Director in the Southeastern Division as ballots were about to be mailed, disqualifying the incumbent from seeking re-election and declaring his challenger elected [without ANY ELECTION]. Incumbent Douglas Rehman (K4AC), was seeking a 2nd term and was and was being challenged by predecessor Greg Sarratt (W4OZK), whom Rehman had defeated previously. The ARRL’s October 6th announcement offered no explanation, simply stating that Sarratt had been declared elected.

CQ Magazine learned that the *League's Elections and Ethics Committee* disqualified Rehman and that the full board endorsed that action [ignoring the SE membership].”

For Sale

NEW! 3 Panel, 45 watt Solar Panel Kit. Contains 3 solar panels, mounting frame and hardware, all wiring, regulator, manual. Everything but the outer box it came in. \$150....Duke W4DK@arrl.net
891-4359

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
**Go To Meeting Net	146.640 MHz	1 st Tuesday each month @ 6:30 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
2 Meter Simplex Net	146.640 then 146.580 Simplex	Thursday 9:00 PM
6 Meter Simplex Net	52.5700 MHZ FM	Thursday 9:00 PM
10 Meter Simplex Net	28.420 MHZ	Thursday 9:00 PM
440 Simplex Net	446.000 MHZ	Thursday 9:00 PM
**DMR Net	WNC TalkGroup	Thursday 8:30 PM
**DMR Net	TAC310 TalkGroup	Sunday 8:00 PM

** Signifies a new Net.

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.

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