

# THE LIVE WIRE



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THE BLUE RIDGE AMATEUR  
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&  
BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

# 2011

Jan. 3	Feb. 7
March 7	April 4
May 2	June 6
	Aug. 1
Sept. 5	Oct. 3
Nov. 7	Dec. 5

## HAMFEST 2011 WAS A BLAST!



## EVEN WHILE WAITING FOR FOOD!



## BRARS May Meeting

There was no program at the May meeting.

At the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting Josh, KG4PFJ will present a program about Field Day software for logging contacts.

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### **NOTE!**

**PER MEMBER VOTE, THERE WILL NOT BE A BRARS CLUB MEETING IN JULY.**

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### **Silent Keys**

The Ham community mourns the loss of two of our friends and sends our condolences to their families.

James "Jim" Jewett, N4RQM of Starr, SC  
Donavon "Don" Brewer, KU4DEX of Seneca, SC

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### **Ham License Testing Sessions** Administered by Volunteer Examiners (VE)'s

**For all tests you should arrive at least 15 minutes early  
and bring the following:**

- **Photo ID (such as Drivers License or State ID)**
- Original and photocopy of your current Radio License, if applicable
- (as well as any CSCE's you will present for verification for upgrades)
- Social Security Card or FCC-issued Registration Number

***Good Luck!***

#### **Greenville SC**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month  
Testing begins at 8:30 AM  
Red Cross Building  
940 Grove Rd. (near G'ville Memorial Hospital)  
Fee is \$10.00  
Contact: [Steve Shaffer, AF4RN](#)  
[Map Here](#)

#### **Spartanburg SC**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every even numbered month  
Testing begins at 7 PM  
Red Cross Building  
104 Garner Road (off Pine St. -US176)  
Fee is \$ 15.00  
Contact: Fritz, W4NTO @ 864-583-6716  
[Map Here](#)

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## THE BLUE RIDGE 2 METER NET MONTHLY TOTALS FOR MAY 2010

SESSIONS 30

TRAFFIC 51

TOTAL CONTACTS 2329

W4DJW 173  
WA4HRK 148  
KJ4MAI 78  
KG4FQG 390

AJ4RK 351  
KI4DOS 354  
WD4CYM 72

KF4ZCC 306  
K4SUG 328  
KJ4RQZ 129

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### CHECK IN AND CHAT ON THE LOCAL NETS

Greenville: 9 pm nightly - 146.610

Greenwood: 9 pm Thursday night - 147.165+t107.2

Greenwood Ladies: 8 pm Tuesday night - 147.165+t107.2

Anderson: 8:30 pm nightly - 146.790

Good Morning Net: Mon-Wed-Fri: 9 am - 146.760

ARES Training Net: 8 pm Thursday night - 146.820

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### From the Board of Directors

It is the policy of the Board of the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society that should any member of the Club have an issue with something the leadership of the Club is doing, the member is encouraged to bring their concerns to the attention of the Board at any Board meeting or to the membership of the Club at any regularly scheduled Club meeting. Further, the actions of the Board may be reviewed by any member of the Club at any time.

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## The Ladies Have a Ball at HAMFEST



Dear Readers,

Once again this month I am painfully late getting the Live Wire to you and I hope you all will grant me forgiveness. I have found myself with too many irons in the fire, too much on my plate, trying to juggle to many balls at once. Oh well, you get the point.

In order to grant me a rest and time to get things in order, Rick, KD4DRA, our club secretary has graciously agreed to publish the Live Wire in June. I know you will support him as you have me.

Joy, K3JOY

## **BRARS Club Meeting Minutes**

**May 2, 2011**

Wyatt (KJ4CTD) called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM  
Roll Call took place around the room to recognize members, and guests,  
1 guests was recognized and He (AK4HR) was a member at the end of the night.

### ***Officer Reports:***

**Secretary:** Rick (KD4DRA) read the minutes from last meeting. Motion to accept, and approved.

**Treasurer:** Robert (K4SCX) reported that the Bank account is in good shape.  
We need to pay for the hamfest prizes.  
***(Club accounts are available for review by club members at any time).***

### ***Committee Reports:***

#### **NET Report:**

Ray (K4SUG) reported the net totals for March were 2329 total contacts, 30 sessions, and 51 pieces of traffic.

#### **Repeater Report:**

Ray says that Johnny (WD4DYH) and Dave (W4DJW) went to check out the 61 repeater and that the system checked OK (SWR was good). The next thing to do is climb the tower and check the connections at the antenna. Also the 82 machine is still slated for its upgrade, sometime after the month of May, we need to get HAMFEST and FWA behind us first.

**Field Day:** Wyatt (KJ4CTD) showed some pictures of a site in TR across from the YMCA. The club voted that this would be a good place for this year's field day, the Donaldson location just didn't pan out. The date for Field Day is June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **Ham fest:**

JD (KF4RVH) had some Hamfest tickets for sale. Quite a few were sold.  
Tom (KI4ONJ) said that space was getting tight at the Hamfest Site.  
He also said this may be the most vendors we've had. This info is after the fact so you may have seen first hand.

#### **FWA:**

Freedom Weekend Aloft will be held in Simpsonville again this year. The dates are **May 27-30**. Cindy Nelson, Associate Director, can still use some volunteers for the Balloons call her at 864-399-9481 let her know you are with the BRARS Group. Also Robert passed around a volunteer sheet to get help with radio dispatching, if you can help contact him.

#### **Old Business:**

We still need someone to setup the meeting room and get coffee going, contact a board member, please.

#### **New Business:**

The Club voted that we will not have a meeting in July, since it will be on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**New application:**

Mike Wilson (AK4HR)

*The members voted that he be accepted as a BRARS member.*

**Drawings:**

Buddy (KA4END) was drawn for the Club Prize of \$30.00

Robert (K4SCX) won the **50/50 drawing** of \$12

**Program:**

No Program this Month.

The Program for June is, Field day software demonstration and logging for field day.

Presented by Josh (KG4PFJ)

Meeting adjourned **8:31PM**

*Happy QSOs till we meet again*

*Rick / kd4dra*

*Secretary*



