

# THE LIVE WIRE

The Monthly Publication of the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

## September 2011



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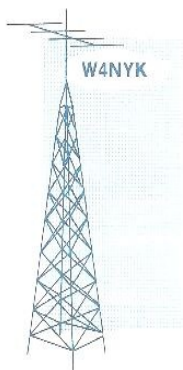
Bob Taylor, N3PT  
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Johnny Allison, WD4DYH

### CLUB & BOARD

**MEETING SCHEDULE**  
(BOD at 6:15 ,Club at 7:30)

## 2011

Jan. 3	Feb. 7
March 7	April 4
May 2	June 6
<b>NO MEETING</b>	Aug. 1
Sept. 5	Oct. 3
Nov. 7	Dec. 5



**Blue Ridge  
Amateur Radio Society**  
Greenville, South Carolina

You're a ham if you check a potential new car for rig and antenna mounting possibilities even before you take it for a test drive.

## **CLUB ELECTION TIME IS HERE AGAIN**

Johnny (WD4DYH), Vic (K4ZEE) and \_\_\_\_\_? (a volunteer) are the Nominating committee. If you have someone you would like to nominate, make sure they are willing to accept the position, if they are elected. You can contact the nominating committee by Email or you can nominate from the floor at a regular club meeting.



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## Program for September

NO PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

WE JUST WATCHED IT RAIN

AND WAITED FOR THE HEAVY RAIN THAT NEVER CAME

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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!***

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#### **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@bellsouth.net](mailto:Steve Shaffer @ af4rn@bellsouth.net)  
[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](tel:864-583-6716)  
[Map Here](#)

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#### **The October MEETING**

The Program for October has not been decided, we will try to announce it on the 61 Net

## THE BLUE RIDGE 2 METER NET MONTHLY TOTALS FOR AUGUST 2011

**TOTAL CONTACTS 2065**

**SESSIONS 31**

**TRAFFIC 47**

KB0KBJ,(STEVE) 0  
K4SCX,(ROBERT) 138  
KI4DOS,(GARY) 333  
KG4FQG,(PHIL) 261

AJ4RK,(RUSTY) 244  
W4DJW,(DAVE) 137  
KJ4NAI,(JONATHAN) 65

KF4ZCC,(MIKE) 333  
K4SUG,(RAY) 401  
KJ4RQZ,(NATHAN) 52  
WD4CYM,(KAREN) 101

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**CHECK IN.. TO HEAR WHATS HAPPENING, AND RAGCHEW 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.

#### **Contact the Officers**

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#### **On The Web**

[www.brars.org](http://www.brars.org)



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## ARRL News



### Get SET for the 2011 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test

Mark your calendars: The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is set for October 1-2, 2011. This nationwide exercise is the chance to test your emergency operating skills and the readiness of your communications equipment and accessories in an emergency-like deployment. ARRL Field Organization Leaders at the Section and local levels -- along with many other volunteers who are active in public service and emergency communications -- are developing emergency-like scenarios in consultation with a variety of agencies for whom radio amateurs are known to provide service during emergencies.

To find out how you can step up and be a part of the local or Section-level activities, contact your Section Manager. You can find contact information for all 71 ARRL Section Managers on page 16 of any issue of QST. Additional contact information may also be found on the ARRL website.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®), the National Traffic System (NTS), the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and members of the ARRL Field Organization will participate and practice emergency operation plans, nets and procedures.

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This info is direct from ARRL website.

### *Hamfest within 100 miles*

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION  
09/23/2011 | W4DXCC VII Convention  
Location: Pigeon Forge, TN  
Type: ARRL Convention  
Sponsor: SE DX and Contesting Organization (SEDCO)  
Website: <http://W4DXCC.com>

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION  
09/23/2011 | Ten-Tec Homecoming Hamfest  
Location: Sevierville, TN  
Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: Ten-Tec, Inc  
Website: <http://www.tentec.com>

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION  
10/01/2011 | Rock Hill Hamfest  
Location: Rock Hill, SC  
Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: York County Amateur Radio Society  
Website: <http://www.rockhillhamfest.com>

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION  
10/15/2011 | Lake Hartwell Hamfest  
Location: Anderson, SC  
Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: Anderson Radio Club  
Website: <http://andersonradioclub.com>

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## **BRARS Club Meeting Minutes September 5, 2011**

Wyatt (KJ4CTD) called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM  
Roll Call took place around the room to recognize members, and guests,  
1 guest was recognized.

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

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

**Treasurer:** Wyatt (KJ4CTD) read Roberts report, that the Bank account is in good shape. All bills are paid, and nothing due at this time.  
***(Club accounts are available for review by club members at any time).***

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

#### **NET Report:**

Ray reported that we had a total of 2065 check ins, 47 traffic and 31 sessions.

#### **Repeater Report:**

The 61 Machine is working as it should, and the 82 machine upgrade will be coming up soon, now that the cooler temps are here.

#### **Field Day:**

N/A

#### **Ham fest:**

We Need a Hamfest Chairman, for the 2012 hamfest.

#### **FWA:**

N/A

#### **Old Business:**

We still need someone to setup the meeting room and get coffee going, contact a board member, PLEASE. **Also we need someone for Ham Fest Chairman.**

#### **New Business:**

Updating the Constitution and Bylaws, a revised Constitution will be added to the Live Wire for inspection, and Members approval.

#### **New application:**

James R. Waldrop (KB4SRO) was accepted and approved.

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

**Drawings:**

**AI (KI4MLN)** was drawn for the Club Prize of \$10.00, but he wasn't present.  
**No 50/50 drawing** No interest from the attendance.

**Program:**

No Program tonight so we could discuss and vote for the Constitution Changes.

There was a good discussion on the changes that are suggested for the Constitution and By Laws. Everyone in attendance were in favor of the changes proposed for the Constitution, with just a clarification on removal of a Board member or an officer to be added to the By laws.

Voting was held at this meeting and all were in favor of the changes, but due to low attendance, voting will be held at the next meeting also, if you're not going to be at the meeting Please vote by Email to: [kd4dra@gmail.com](mailto:kd4dra@gmail.com) ( **A Non vote will be a YES vote**) **Thanks for your support...**

Meeting adjourned **8:12PM**

***Happy QSOs till we meet again***  
***Rick / kd4dra***  
***Secretary***

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**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU AS CLUB MEMBERS REVIEW THE August Live Wire, THE CHANGES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN ARTICLE 4 AND ARTICLE 10.**

**WE NEED 51% OF THE MEMBERSHIPS APPROVAL TO RATIFY.**

**PLEASE PLAN ON BEING AT THIS MEETING, SHOW YOUR SUPPORT.**

**AT THE RED CROSS BLDG  
GROVE RD  
GREENVILLE SC**

**MEETING WILL BE AT 7:30PM**

**You can vote by Email if you're not going to be at the Meeting [KD4DRA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KD4DRA@GMAIL.COM)**

**[A NON VOTE WILL BE COUNTED AS A YES VOTE](#)**

**Thanks For your Support, BRARS**