

THE LIVE WIRE

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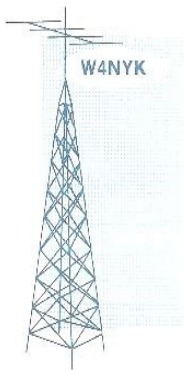
CLUB & BOARD

MEETING SCHEDULE

(BOD at 6:15 ,Club at 7:30)

2011

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



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

YOU MIGHT BE A HAM if:

YOUR WIFE SAID "WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO BREAKFAST" AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID HAM FEST!

CLUB ELECTION TIME IS HERE ; NOVEMBER MEETING

Johnny (WD4DYH), Vic (K4ZEE) and Tom Fry (KI4ONJ) 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 the November meeting, PLEASE BE HERE, YOUR VOTE COUNTS... Thanks for your Support.



We're Voting for Club Officers at the November Meeting

The New Constitution is now Ratified

Votes were taken during the Month of August, September and up till the 8th of October.

A majority vote of yes would be 51, we received 52 yes votes and 6 no.

The New Constitution will be on the Web Page by the 14th of November and it will be attached to the November Live Wire.

Thanks to all who responded with a vote.

WE need you to turn out in big numbers to the November Club meeting, this time you will be voting for Officers of the Club. Please show your SUPPORT and be here. The future of the Club is in your hands.

Thanks
BRARS

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

3rd 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
[Map Here](#)

Spartanburg SC

2nd 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 BLUE RIDGE 2 METER NET
MONTHLY TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2011**

TOTAL CONTACTS 1989

SESSIONS 30

TRAFFIC 82

**KB0KBJ,(STEVE) 0
K4SCX,(ROBERT) 128
KI4DOS,(GARY) 375
KG4FQG,(PHIL) 55**

**AJ4RK,(RUSTY) 111
W4DJW,(DAVE) 210
KJ4NAI,(JONATHAN) 0
KJ4BSJ,(CHARLIE) 189**

**KF4ZCC,(MIKE) 203
K4SUG,(RAY) 566
KJ4RQZ,(NATHAN) 53
WD4CYM,(KAREN) 99**

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

SC Single Sideband Net: 7 pm nightly - 3.915 LSB

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



Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society



ARES...Think About it ! ...If not to help Others at least for YOURSELF

Resilience

Resilience is the ability of an organization to prepare, respond, recover, go back to normal and do it all over again.

How can I Get Involved?

Individuals can get more information on what it means to be an EmComm volunteer, find information on their local ARES group, discover what other organizations might need volunteers and find out who within the ARRL HQ they should contact to become a volunteer.

Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)

Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization, is eligible for membership in the ARES. The only qualification, other than possession of an Amateur Radio license, is a sincere desire to serve.

LINK Below can help you find what you need to Know !

Info for an Individual

This info is direct from ARRL website.

Hamfest within 100 miles

11/05/2011 | Georgia Section Convention
(Stone Mountain Hamfest & Computer Expo)
Location: Lawrenceville, GA
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Alford Memorial Radio Club
Website: <http://stonemountainhamfest.com>

01/14/2012 | TechFest
Location: Lawrenceville, GA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://gars.org>

01/14/2012 | Greenwood Hamfest
Location: Greenwood, SC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Greenwood Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.w4gwd.org/>

BRARS Club Meeting Minutes October 3, 2011

Wyatt (KJ4CTD) called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM
Roll Call took place around the room to recognize members, and guests,
2 guests were recognized.

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.
Paid AT&T bill.

(Club accounts are available for review by club members at any time).

Committee Reports:

NET Report:

Total Check ins : 1989 traffic 82, Sessions 30

Repeater Report:

The 61 Machine is having some problems, The problem could be at the top of the
tower, possibly a bad connector, or it could be Sun Spots.

The 82 machine has a tentative date of October 22nd to take down the old
feed line, at the old Channel 16 building and tower.

Field Day:

N/A

Ham fest:

Tony Ballenger (N4BDR) was appointed Chairman

FWA:

N/A

Old Business:

Getting Votes for the Conditions revision, has become a task in itself.

Joy (K3JOY) has brought to the Floor of the meeting, that we should not be
considering a non vote to be a yes vote. The Board has agreed to another way
to get a vote out of a large club with a small attendance.

Rick (KD4DRA) will be emailing the club members with a deadline of October
the 8th, to get your vote in, the email will be simple, it will have a delivery receipt
and read receipt, so we will know you got or read. All you will need to do is hit the
reply button and type "YES or NO". Doing this satisfies Joy.

New Business:

Rick will send another email for a final time to complete the voting for the revised
Constitution.

Nominations from the Committee:

Josh (KG4PFJ) for President

??? for VP

Rick (KD4DRA) Secretary

Robert (K4SCX) Treasure

Boards: Wyatt (KJ4CTD), Bob (N3PT), Chris Shaver (KJ4GJG) Tom

Small (KB1EFA)

From the Floor:

Johnny (WD4DYH) VP, and JOY (K3JOY) President

New application:

Gene A Cuthrell (K4VKN) was accepted and approved.

The members voted that they be accepted as a BRARS member.

Drawings:

Johnny (WD4DYH) was drawn for the Club Prize of \$20.00

No 50/50 drawing cause of Time constraints

Program: (A surprise)

Johnny (WD4DYH) gave the program tonight about the ARES exercise on October the 1st and 2nd. The purpose of this exercise was to see how well we can operate with the State EOC, we gained access to the EOC under the Guys of ARES, For those that may not know the EOC is, its located downtown under the City Hall. The EOC has ask for our help in the future, to construct antennas for the fixed location downtown. The Red Cross also let us into the ready room at the Red Cross Building.

This is the first time in several years that we were ask to participate.

We would like to Thank Phil (KG4FQG) for operating as net control from his home, *(Job Well Done)* and we were represented from Laurens by Tom Small (KB1EFA).

Phil would like to thank all who were patient on the 61 machine, while the operation was active.

RRT (Radio Response Team) Is something you might want to check into if you are not able to get out in the field, this would be a sit down job.

ARES net on 146.820 every Thursday night at 8pm.

ARES Meeting the Second Tuesday of every Month 7pm at the Red Cross, in the same room as our Meeting.

Meeting adjourned **8:34PM**

Happy QSOs till we meet again

Rick / kd4dra

Secretary