

THE LIVE WIRE

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November 2011



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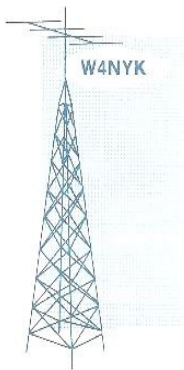
Bob Taylor, N3PT
Phil Robinson, KG4FQG
Vic Gallo, WA2PJZ
Johnny Allison, WD4DYH

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
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 "IS MY SEAM STRAIGHT?" AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID, " IS MY BEAM STRAIGHT?"

**Voting for Club Officers is over
Meet Your New Officers for 2012**

President - Josh Owings (KG4PFJ)
Vice President - Johnny Allison (WD4DYH)
Secretary – Rick Bagwell (KD4DRA)
Treasurer – Robert Martin (K4SCX)

Board Officers

2 Year - Bob Taylor (N3PT)
2 Year – Tom Small (KB1EFA)

1 Year – Chris Shaver (KJ4GJG)
1 Year – Wyatt Miler (KJ4CTD)

Christmas Party at the December Meeting, It's Pot Luck. Bring your Favorite

It Makes me Very Sad to announce that we have a Silent Key

Tom Small-KB1EFA passed away on Sunday 11/13/11, At the Young age of 57.

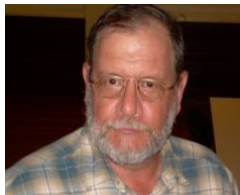
Tom was an asset to the Club, he was always there when he was needed, in any club activity. He helped with our ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on October 1-2, 2011 from the Laurens Area. He also helped out at the Freedom Weekend Aloft event. Tom was also part of the SCHEART SC state Emergency Hospital communication system as well as a skywarn weather spotter.

Freedom Weekend Aloft was where I got to know Tom, I ribbed him about how low of a talker he was, but that just made me listen harder when he had something to say.

A memorial service will be held at 5 PM November 27, 2011, at First Baptist Church, Gray Court, with the Rev. Sammy Godfrey officiating. Internment will be held in Westford Hill Cemetery, Ashford, CT.

It was Tom's request that memorials be made in his memory to your local volunteer fire department.

Tom, as he helped out, at Freedom Weekend Aloft 2011



God Bless you Tom from myself... and the entire Club.... we'll miss you.... KB1EFA is QRT

The 146.610 Repeater is in need of Repair

More problems with the repeater have been found on Sunday 11/13/11, The feed line is going to have to be replaced along with the Antenna on the primary line, and at a later date, the second and third lines along with antennas will have to be replaced.

Keep in mind that these lines and antennas are at least 25 years old, and they were not built to last this long, we have been lucky.

So we as a Club need to dig deep, I know its not the time to ask for an extra donation for the repeater budget. So lets work together to get this up and running the way we want it to operate, We have the Guys ready to do the work.

Pass the word on to your friends that might not be members, but they like using the repeater, they can make a donation also, we can do this.

If you would like to make a donation make out a separate check,... and in the remarks section, write repeater budget.

If you add it to your regular Dues check,... also note in the remarks section your intentions.

We would like to thank the Greer ARC for their generous donation! Keep them coming..

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
[Map Here](#)

December Meeting, Pot Luck for the Christmas Party

THE BLUE RIDGE 2 METER NET MONTHLY TOTALS FOR OCTOBER 2011

TOTAL CONTACTS 2157

SESSIONS 31

TRAFFIC 57

KB0KBJ,(STEVE) 0
K4SCX,(ROBERT) 138
KI4DOS,(GARY) 336
KG4FQG,(PHIL) 143

AJ4RK,(RUSTY) 305
W4DJW,(DAVE) 230
KJ4NAI,(JONATHAN) 0
KJ4BSJ,(CHARLIE) 278

KF4ZCC,(MIKE) 201
K4SUG,(RAY) 414
KJ4RQZ,(NATHAN) 47
WD4CYM,(KAREN) 65

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

STATEWIDE ARES Net is on the SCHEART repeaters on Sundays at 8:00 PM. 145.37/123.0 Paris Mtn

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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Board Members

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Johnny Allison - jallison0529@mindspring.com - 864-884-1314

On The Web

www.brars.org



Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society



Field Day 2011 Results

BRARS Ranked #4

We operated under call sign W4KA

Our Score 4,062

Our Category 3A

Our QSOs 972

The Power Multiplier 2

Our Section SC

Participants 47

**Since The ARES Net on Thursday Nights has been dropped, you can check in to the
STATEWIDE ARES Net on the SCHEART repeaters on Sundays at 8:00 PM.**

AND

The actual SCHEART ESF-8 Net (for hospitals and RRT members) is on Thursdays and rotates morning/evening at 9:00 - this week 11/24 is at 9:00 PM, next week 12/1 is at 9:00 AM - anyone welcome to check in... Schedule is on scheart.us website.

SCHEART Repeater in our area...

145.37/123.0 on Paris Mtn

441.675/91.5 on Paris Mtn

443.125/123.0 on Caesar's Head

441.625/91.5 in Greenwood

This info is direct from ARRL website.

Hamfest within 100 miles

01/14/2012 | Greenwood Hamfest

Location: Greenwood, SC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Greenwood Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.w4gwd.org/>

01/14/2012 | TechFest

Location: Lawrenceville, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://gars.org>

04/20/2012 | Southeastern VHF Society Conference

Location: Charlotte, NC

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Southeastern VHF Society & Carolina DX Association

Website: <http://www.svhfs.org>

BRARS Club Meeting Minutes November 7, 2011

Wyatt (KJ4CTD) called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM
Roll Call took place around the room to recognize members, and guests,
3 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. He would be paying Liability Ins. \$320.00 and need to Pay for the Safety Grip \$326.11.

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

Committee Reports:

NET Report:

Total Check ins 2157, traffic 57, Sessions 31

Repeater Report:

1) Johnny reported that they climbed the Tower on Sunday the 6th and found some problems with the feed line connectors, they cleaned the connectors and reconnected them, and the 61 repeater did show some improvement, but the job was far from being complete, it needs a lot more work. And we will not have to use an outside contractor to climb the tower, now that we have some equipment. Club members did this work on Sunday. Hats off to the Guys involved.

2) Tony (N4BDR) suggested that we start a special fund for the up keep of the repeaters.

Field Day:

N/A

Ham fest:

Tony Ballenger (N4BDR) was appointed Chairman

FWA:

N/A

Old Business:

The New Constitution was passed with a 52% majority

New Business:

Robert (K4SCX) ask for volunteers to work the Paris Mountain Downhill Race he passed a sign up sheet around the room hoping to get about 6 to 8 Hams. to monitor the trail for safety.

Skywarn advanced class on Dec. 6 at 7 to 9 contact bryan.mcavoy@noaa.gov

Pre Election Stuff:

Nominations so far:

Josh for Pres- Johnny for VP – Rick for Sec – Robert for Treas.
Bob for 2 yr – Tom Small for 2yr – Chris for 1yr – Wyatt for 1yr-

From the floor nomination tonight:

Ron Dobbins for 1yr (KE4VE)

New application:

Fletcher Barker (K4YNG) was accepted and approved.

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

Drawings:

Steven Parish(AJ4QA)was drawn for the Club Prize of \$10.00 he was not present.
No 50/50 drawing cause of Time constraints

Program:

The Election Results:

Josh Owings (KG4PFJ) President
Johnny Allison (WD4DYH) V. President
Rick Bagwell (KD4DRA) Secretary
Robert Martin (K4SCX) Treasurer
Bob Taylor (N3PT) 2 yr Board
Tom Small (KB1EFA) 2 yr Board
Wyatt Miler (KJ4CTD) 1 yr Board
Ron Dobbins (KE4VE) 1 yr Board

ARES INFO:

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

Meeting adjourned **8:45PM**

Happy QSOs till we meet again

Rick / kd4dra

Secretary