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Secretary: Jim Hoke, W4ONS~~Treasurer: John Lamson, WB4WRY
Members-at-Large: Don Summers, W4DON~~Tim Misenheimer, KC4MJC

Wireless Editor, Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC

MARCH 2008

This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House. Thursday March 13 2008. Come early (6:30PM) and eat or ragchew. The Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM. All ICARS members and Families are encouraged to attend!

Iredell County Amateur Radio Society Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2008

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met February 14, 2008 at Julia's Tally House for the regular monthly meeting. President Rick McClure **KE4TEP** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked everyone to introduce themselves..

There were thirteen (13) attending – nine (9) members and four (4) visitors. Two of the visitors were voted members during the meeting. This brought the total to eleven (11) members and two (2) visitors.

Minutes – A motion that the minutes as published be approved was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer John Lamson WB4WRY presented and submitted a written report.

Previous Balance.....	\$247.60
Checks written Don Summers for Field Day site permit...	\$45.00
Deposits.....	\$254.00
Ending Balance.....	\$456.60

A motion that the report be accepted was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Wireless – Tim KC4MJC stated he needs articles and items that are to be placed in news letter. Please help! He is still attempting to change the club's URL. They have requested that he place all our requested changes on one e-mail. He has done so, but to date he has received no response. The icars@w4snc.org works only part of the time.

Emergency Preparedness – Dennis N4WHK reported there will be a "Desktop Exercise" known as Winter Storm 08. Everything will be simulated. It will not be necessary for anyone to actually go to a simulated problem site. The Iredell EOC will be manned by the E.C. if and when requested by the E.M.

Field Day – Dennis requested that all who plan to participate should get your name on the list in order that you may be included in the plans. Please contact Dennis if you plan to participate. Just send Dennis an e-mail. Rick will stand watch over the equipment over night as before.

Walk America – ICARS has not yet been contacted in regards to participation in Walk America. This event will take place Saturday, April 5. Rick said he will make contact with them.

New Members -- R. Kevin Combs, KJ4BKJ and Robert Lynn Shoulders submitted applications for Regular membership of ICARS. A motion was made and seconded that Kevin and Bob be accepted as Regular members of ICARS. The motion unanimously carried. Welcome Kevin and Bob.

Old Business –

Banner for use at Walk America, Field Day, etc. -- At the January meeting, it was decided that a vote will be taken at the February meeting to determine how to proceed. Don W4DON presented several alternative designs and a motion was made and seconded that the banner is to be purchased. The banner shall be vinyl, with grommets, 2 ft X 8 ft, yellow background with black and red letters. The cost shall be approximately \$100 plus tax. Motion carried.

Technical Committee – The desense problem continues with the repeater. At the January meeting, as a result of Don W4DON's presentation of available antennas, and in order to narrow his search, the members set a maximum cost of \$300. This figure did not include transmission line and installation. The plan is to first replace the antenna and if this does not correct the problem, the transmission line is to be replaced. This evening, a motion was made and seconded that, within 60 days, the Technical Committee is to purchase an antenna that they recommend at a cost not to exceed \$300. Motion carried. Don will have quotes for the transmission line at the next meeting. Jeff Watts will coordinate the tower climbing with work that is planned for WSIC.

Honorary Member – At the November 8, 2007 meeting, the Club elected Mr. John W. Bullard, Recreation and Parks Director for the city of Statesville to become Honorary Member February 14, 2008. Rick reported that Mr. Bullard has not been available to accept the certificate, but he plans to make the presentation in the morning, hopefully with newspaper photographers present.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 13, 2008 at Julia's Tally House at 7:00 PM. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Secretary, Jim Hoke, CPBE, W4ONS



ICARS BANNER IN W4DON BACK YARD!

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE PAID DUES FOR 2008

AG4AU **X** Walt Schwarzl
KC4DBZ **W** Jeff Watts
KC4MJC **X** Tim Misenheimer
KD4IIQ **X** Jim Kennedy
KE4ERH **X** Lee McClure
KE4TEP **X** Rick McClure
KG4DKN **X** Buddy Eaton
KI4CGY **X** Steve Speaks
KJ4BKJ **X** R. Kevin Combs
N4ACF **X** Ralph Sparrow
N4IB **X** Tim Slay
N4WHK **X** Dennis White
N8RDP **X** Harlan Cooley
N9JLJ **X** John J. Larew. Jr.
W4DON **L** Don Summers
W4ONS **X** Jim Hoke
WA8JZW **X** Clarence Webb
WB4WRY **X** John Lamson
N/A **X** Robert Lynn Shoulders

X In this column denotes ICARS dues have been paid for 2008.

L In this column denotes ICARS Life Member. Dues waived.

W In this column denotes dues waived.

19 Number of members paid to date for 2008.

I C A R S
FM and HF Nets
2008
March
Net Manager: W4DON

2m FM Net 2100 L 146.685		10m CW Net 2000 L 28.150		10m SSB Net 2100 L 28.468	
Date	NCS	Date	NCS	Date	NCS
		1	WB4WRY	1	KE4TEP
5	KC4MJC	8	W4DON	8	KR4RO
12	W4DON	15	WB4WRY	15	AG4AU
19	KE4TEP	22	WB4WRY	22	W4DON
26	KC4MJC	29	WB4WRY	29	WB4WRY

If you're unable to call your Net find a replacement NCS
 NCS please give a 5 minute notice before net time. Call your Net on time

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Dennis White, N4WHK, Field Day Chairman, has asked that anyone who plans to participate in the 2008 FIELD DAY EXERCISES, to contact him ASAP. The DATES ARE FRIDAY JUNE 27th, SATURDAY JUNE 28th AND SUNDAY JUNE 29th. Whatever day or day's you plan to be there, let Dennis know. Also tell him what equipment, if any, you plan to bring.



Don W4DON, has purchased a new antenna, for the repeater site, to replace the existing antenna. The new antenna is a Hustler Collinear Model G6-144B. He has assembled the antenna and has tested it. For more information about the progress of the repeater upgrade project, come to the next meeting.



Remember that your dues have increased for this year to \$24.00. Please make your payment ASAP. Send your check to:

ICARS

P.O. BOX 142

STATESVILLE NC 28687

Or give your payment to Treasurer John Lamson, WB4WRY at the meeting.

Donations to ICARS are always welcome and TAX DEDUCTABLE! Send donations to the above address or give to John, WB4WRY. THANKS!



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ARES Training Net each Monday at 2100 L