

# ***IREDELL WIRELESS***

Newsletter

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## ***SEPTEMBER 2009***

***This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House. September 10, 2009. Come early (6:30PM) and eat or rag chew. The Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM. All ICARS members and Families are encouraged to attend!***

**Iredell County Amateur Radio Society**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 13, 2009**

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met at Julia's Tally House for the regular monthly meeting. President Rick McClure, KE4TEP, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There were sixteen (16) attending – twelve (12) members and four (4) visitors.

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the July 9, 2009 minutes, as published, was made and seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – John Lamson, WB4WRY, presented and submitted a report dated August 13, 2009.

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

**Technical** – Don, W4DON, had nothing new to report.

**ARES** – Dennis, N4WHK, reported:

1. On Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a FEMA exercise with McGuire Nuclear station. This exercise should last from approximately 8:00am until 1:00pm.
2. There will be no pre-staging for this exercise.
3. Numerous other counties will be participating and we need messages to pass.
4. The Rowan County EC, Gary Lang, K4GHL, will observe at EOC with Dennis.
5. David Martin, Iredell County Emergency Management and Communications Director, had positive comments regarding ARES participation in the August 6<sup>th</sup> exercise.
6. When test messages are passed they should include "Test Routine" in the Precedence box per Don, W4DON.
7. We need to practice sending and receiving messages during the Monday Night ARES Nets.
8. The nationwide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
9. There will be a state ARES meeting on October 17 in Morganton.

**Field Day** – Tim, KC4MJC reported:

1. The results will possibly be posted in September.

**JOTA** – Howard, W1HO reported:

1. He has contact the Scoutmaster of Troop 171 as is awaiting a response.

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Pat Robinson, N2MRI, submitted an application for membership into ICARS. A motion was made to accept Pat into the club. The motion was seconded and carried. Welcome to the club, Pat.

At the October meeting a committee needs to be formed to nominate club officers for 2010.

A motion was made to hold the annual Christmas party at the Tally House on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Tim, KC4MJC is still working on getting the Field Day photos on the website.

Rusty, KE4GEK, donated multiple pieces of LMR-400 coax and two 900MHz omnidirectional antennas to the club. Thanks for the donation Rusty.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:30pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Cason, KJ4ENR  
Secretary

## ICARS to participate in JOTA at Camporee

Howard W1HO

The Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), where Scouts from all over the world get to talk to other Scouts over Ham Radio, is held the third weekend in October each year. This year it is from 0001 local 17 October, to 2359 local 18 October. For more info on JOTA see <http://www.scout.org/jota> and <http://www.arrl.org/scouts/jota/>.

ICARS has been invited to participate by setting up at the Gemstone District Fall Camporee, the theme of which is **Scouting Around the World**. The Camporee will be held at Allison Woods, off of Rte 21, from 1700 local 16 October to the morning of 18 October. The Gemstone District (<http://www.gemstonedistrict.com/>) comprises more than 75 Troops, Posts, Packs, Groups and Crews of Scouts of all ages in Iredell County. It is anticipated that about 300 Scouts, plus their leaders, will be at this Camporee, so this is a prime opportunity to introduce a lot of Scouts (and their parents, through the Scouts) and Scout leaders to what ham radio, ICARS and ARES have to offer.

The theme, **Scouting Around the World**, is a natural tie-in to JOTA and Ham Radio's involvement. We are putting together plans for several HF stations to be operational, and VHF to link us to other JOTA operations at Scout camps outside Iredell County. As well, we anticipate running packet, and perhaps PSK31. Also, we'll have an APRS beacon from the site.

Right now, we're in need of volunteers to help with the planning, and presentation, of this event. Working with Scouts can be very rewarding, as we see them learn about this great hobby/service of ours. If you were at Field Day, you saw some of the enthusiasm the Scouts exhibited. Helping to channel that enthusiasm into an interest in ham radio and EmComm would sure be a good feeling.

Please consider volunteering to be on a planning committee if you can. It won't take up much time, and most communication would be via email (maybe one "organizational" meeting). We could especially use hams with experience working with Scouts, or who have a desire to do so, and they don't necessarily need to be ICARS members.

On the weekend of JOTA, we'll need operators to man the several stations that will be necessary to offer the Scouts an opportunity to make some new on the air friends.

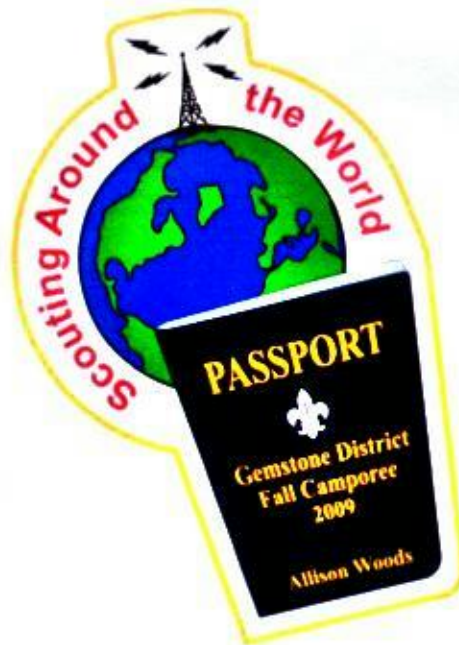
Maybe we can get enough interest to offer a Tech Course, and get some Scouts, parents and Leaders licensed. And then we'll need another set of volunteers to help with the classes. hi hi

If you want to be involved, please contact me at [w1ho@arrl.net](mailto:w1ho@arrl.net) or 704-528-1966 or on the ICARS repeater 146.685 minus offset 77 hz. tone.

73, Howard W1HO

# Gemstone District Fall Camporee 2009

*Scouting around the World*



**October 16, 17, 18**

**Allison Woods**

Here's an excellent opportunity for  
**ICARS and IC-ARES**

to get some exposure and help the  
Scouts learn about amateur radio during

**JOTA - Jamboree On The Air**

week around the world.

Contact W1HO, Howard,  
at 704-528-1966 or [w1ho@arrl.net](mailto:w1ho@arrl.net)  
or W4SNC/R on 146.685 - 600 Hz Tone 77 Hz

**From R&L Monday, August 31, 2009**

Twenty-five years ago:

**Record & Landmark,**

**Aug. 31-Sept. 6, 1984**

"Rep. J.P. Huskins, D-Iredell, has turned over to festival organizers a check in the amount of \$2,500 appropriated to the Native American Festival committee by the Department of Cultural Resources. Mrs. Pat Lundy, chairman, expressed appreciation to Rep. Huskins for his efforts in behalf of the festival, scheduled for Sept. 28-30 in Lakewood Park." (8/31/84)

"One kickoff return for a touchdown by Keith Torrence and another 54-yarder that setup a second touchdown were the key plays as the Mooresville Blue Devils gained a 12-6 victory over the West Rowan Falcons. Mooresville had only three first downs and 70 yards of offence but the two big kickoff returns were enough to produce the victory." (9/1/84)

\* "Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., stated this week: 'I am proud to announce the recipients of the Governor's Volunteer Award.' The recipients from Iredell are: Mrs. Johnny Johnson, Norman E. Wilson, Jr., Lorraine B. Jordan, Lisa Susanne Tarlton, Florence Andrews, Pat Winn, Stanley Thompson, Iredell County Amateur Radio Society and Intercraft Industries Corp." (9/3/84)

"Officials at the 49th Iredell County Agricultural Fair reported attendance of 2,021 people last night, compared to 1,689 last year. Clyde Smyre, fair manager reported the winners in the tobacco spitting contest. In the distance competition, Charlie Henline won first place with 14 feet two inches. For accuracy, Tommy Johnson won first place with 14 points." (9/4/84)

"Efforts by City Council to have residents vote on whether to ban the Sunday sale of beer and wine ran into a deadend Tuesday when county board of elections rejected council's request to hold a referendum. The decision is based on opinions from the State Attorney General's office stating that the special referendum sought by city council would be illegal." (9/5/84)

Photos: "Representatives of fire departments in Iredell and surrounding areas and the N.C. Department of Insurance gather outside the old Carolina Hotel today before Statesville firemen conducted the first test in North Carolina of a new fire retardant chemical. City Fire Chief Glenn O'Ferrell briefs firemen and observers on how test will be conducted." (8/6/84)

# I C A R S

## FM and HF Nets

### 2009

# SEPTEMBER

*Net Manager: W4DON*

Wednesday 2m FM Net 2100 L 146.685 77.0 Hz		Saturday 10m CW Net 2000 L 28.150		Saturday 10m SSB Net 2100 L 28.468 USB	
Date	NCS	Date	NCS	Date	NCS
2	WB4WRY <small>John</small>	<b><sup>1</sup>5</b>	<b><i>Hamfest</i> "☺"</b>	<b><sup>1</sup>5</b>	<b><i>Hamfest</i> "☺"</b>
9	KC4MJC <small>Tim</small>	12	WB4WRY <small>John</small>	12	WB4WRY <small>John</small>
16	KJ4LIM <small>Sissy</small>	<b><sup>2</sup>19</b>	W4DON <small>Don</small>	<b><sup>2</sup>19</b>	K4BSG <small>Barry</small>
23	KE4TEP <small>Rick</small>	26	N4WHK <small>Dennis</small>	26	W4DON <small>Don</small>
30	KC4MJC <small>Tim</small>				

*Thanks for volunteering to be a NCS*

*Effective June 2009: No volunteer on a date indicates that Net won't be called on that date.*

<sup>1</sup>*Shelby Hamfest – Labor Day Weekend - \$6 preregister, \$8 at gate*

<sup>2</sup>*ICARS Board Meeting 10am Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Place TBA.  
Christmas Party December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Julia's Talley House. Time TBA.*

If you're unable to call your Net find a replacement NCS.

**NCS please give a 5 minute notice before net time.**

Don't forget to file your Net Report with N4WHK & W4DON

ARES Training Net each Monday at 2100 L

ICARS was organized on September 9, 1976  
Nets have been running since 1977