



# ***IREDELL WIRELESS***

Newsletter

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***JULY 2009***

**This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House. July 9, 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**  
**June 11, 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 7:05pm. There were seventeen (17) attending – thirteen (13) members and four (4) visitors. Rick asked everyone to introduce him or herself.

**Minutes-** A motion was made by Don, W4DON to redact the following note from the May Meeting Minutes since it was previously reported, "Don has sent out 18 letters to recent club members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2009". Motion carried. A motion to approve the May 14, 2009 minutes was then made and seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – John Lamson, WB4WRY, presented and submitted a report dated June 11, 2009.

**Technical** – Don, W4DON, reported that he has made 40 and 75 meter dipoles to be used during Field Day. Coax and rope is needed for these antennas.

**Website** – Rick, KE4TEP, reported in Tim's absence that the website appears to be working properly.

**ARES** – Dennis, N4WHK, reported

1. The Area 11 ARES meeting was held at Shoney's in Statesville on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Future Area 11 ARES meeting will also be held in Statesville since it's centrally located to the Area. The next meeting date has not yet been scheduled.
3. There is an Earthquake drill to be held June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The extent that Iredell ARES will participate has not been determined.

**Field Day** –Dennis, N4WHK, reported:

1. Rick volunteered to purchase food to cook during Field Day.
2. Rick and Dennis both volunteered to cook.
3. John, WB4WRY, suggested we purchase 4 packs of hot dogs and 36 burger patties along with buns, chili, chips, slaw, condiments, charcoal, etc...
4. All laptops need to be running version 2.8 of N3FJP's Field Day logging software.
5. Tim, KC4MJC, will bring flash drives and floppy disks for log backups on all of the laptops.
6. Laptops – Dennis to bring 1 or 2, Rick to bring 2, Tim to bring 1, Don to bring 1.
7. Howard, W1HO, will bring a laptop for the GOTA station.
8. Rick, KE4TEP, will pick up the tent from John and will bring tables from his church if needed.
9. Greg, KJ4ENR, will bring 1 or 2 six foot tables.
10. Dennis, N4WHK, will setup an ARES display.
11. Don, W4DON, is working to get a copy of the Park use permit signed and to the appropriate people/agencies.
12. WSIC radio is running an amateur radio promo.
13. Congressional Representative Virginia Foxx and Statesville Mayor Costi Kutteh have been invited to Field Day.
14. Don will attempt to contact County Council members to invite them to Field Day.
15. Dennis will attempt to contact Red Cross and ask them to bring one of their Emergency Response Vehicles to Field Day.
16. McClure Park will be open at 8:00am and setup will begin at 2:00pm on Friday, June 26.
17. We will likely setup to run in Class 5A.
18. The GOTA station will be setup at the front near the information table.

19. Reference the supplies list included in last months Iredell Wireless for likely needed items.
20. Dennis would still like names, operating times and bands from people who want to reserve those bands and times to operate.
21. Howard has received no new news from the scouts concerning their attendance.
22. Rick and Dennis will both bring Pop-ups (shelters).
23. Brings tarps and trash bags to protect equipment in case of blowing rain.
24. Don will act as our Safety Officer during setup and tear down.
25. Rick, Howard and Greg to bring generators.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:55pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Cason, KJ4ENR  
Secretary

## Boy Scouts visit ICARS Field Day

On Saturday, June 27, the ICARS Field Day operation was visited by 14 Boy Scouts and 5 adult leaders, including the Scoutmaster, from Troop 171 in Mooresville.

The Scouts ate their lunch at our Field Day site, and then W4DON, N4WHK, W1HO and others worked with the Scouts, who broke into three groups for learning about Ham Radio, and to make 2 meter simplex contacts. These activities counted for credit toward the Radio Merit Badge. Also, by taking part in the Field Day emergency exercise, credit was earned toward the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge. A GOTA (Get on the Air) station was available for them to operate Field Day, but the time allotted didn't allow much operating time.

The Scoutmaster has written that the Scouts "had a blast" and she has already committed for Field Day next year. We have offered to set up for JOTA (the Scouting Jamboree on the Air) the third weekend of October, and the Troop is going to vote as to whether to include JOTA on their schedule. We'll know sometime in July, maybe by the July meeting.

If they do vote for a JOTA event, it most likely will be held at a Scout Camp in the Mooresville area. Volunteers will be needed to present a positive image of Ham Radio, and to interest the Scouts in becoming Hams, if possible. But most of all to assure the Scouts have another "blast".

### Howard W1HO



**Field Day 2009**  
**A short Summery**

As of this printing I do not have the scores totaled yet, but here is what I know so far.

ICARS made approximately 780 total QSO's, give or take one or two!

Compare that to:

2008 609 total QSO's  
2007 717 Total QSO's  
2006 519 total QSO's  
2005 322 Total QSO's

ICARS had 3 DX contacts.  
DL5AWI in Germany on CW  
S58N in Slovenia  
TI5A in Costa Rica on 20ph

ICARS had 13 operators to make at least one contact, and Howard W1HO had one Scout to make a contact on 20 meter phone!

One station worked W1AW in Connecticut

One station worked N3FJP. G. Scott Davis, the creator of our Field Day logging program.

ICARS worked all but four states.  
Hawaii  
Maine  
North Dakota  
Wyoming

ICARS worked all of 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 land.

Despite the heat and humidity, ICARS had twice the normal amount of people who made over the air contacts and had a better total QSO amount than in the last 5 years, (I have no records further back than that). The Scouts were also an added bonus for us as well. Everyone did an excellent job in less than perfect conditions. This just proves that when the heat is on, ICARS is also!

I will try to have the scores for you by the next meeting. Tim KC4MJC

# I C A R S

## FM and HF Nets

### 2009

## July\*

*Net Manager: W4DON*

2m FM Net 2100 L 146.685 77.0 Hz		10m CW Net 2000 L 28.150		10m SSB Net 2100 L 28.468 USB	
Date	NCS	Date	NCS	Date	NCS
1	SISSY - KJ4LIM	4	1776 HOLIDAY 2009	4	1776 HOLIDAY 2009
8	BARRY - K4BSG	11	JOHN - WB4WRY	11	WALT - AG4AU
15	RICK - KE4TEP	18	DON - W4DON	18	JOHN - WB4WRY
22	GREG - KJ4ENR	25	DENNIS - N4WHK	25	RICK - KE4TEP
29	HOWARD - W1HO				

*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***

***I need more volunteers to call these Nets***

Call your Net on time

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

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