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August 2010

This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House. August 12, 2010. 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 Wireless submission cut off date is
the first Thursday of each month.

ICARS Minutes Meeting of 8 July 2010

Submitted by substitute Recording Secretary Howard Hecht W1HO

Meeting called to order at 1900 local by Vice-President Jim Hoke, W4ONS

Minutes of last meeting, as published in the Wireless, were approved

Treasurer's report by Treasurer John Lamson, WB4WRY

WB4WRY will correct the Treasurer report to reflect that.

All present signed a card for Don W4DON, who is in the hospital.

WB4WRY will mail the card, and arrange for flowers to be sent to Don.

There was no New Business

There was no discussion of Old Business

The Publicity Committee report by W1HO was held to be given as part of the July Program, which was a critique of our Field Day 2010 operation.

Emergency Preparedness Chairman N4WHK reported that a digital "to-go-box" will be constructed, giving the Club's emergency preparedness response a "grab-and-go" digital capability along with the existing voice unit.

The August program will be a presentation of how to tie some knots useful for quick set-up for Field Day or actual emergency operations. All members are encouraged to attend. This will be hands-on, with cordage provided so all can practice the knots.

The meeting was adjourned at 1913 Local by Vice President W4ONS, after a motion and second were unanimously approved.

The Club then critiqued the Field Day 2010 event.

Our publicity this year was better than in the recent past, as the Statesville R&L published the event in the "things to do" section, and sent a reporter and photographer to cover our operation. There was some discussion of inaccuracies in the article, pertaining to things technical, and W1HO pointed out that at least we got coverage this year. An attempt will be made to assure that future interactions with the media help them to correctly report the technical items they're not familiar with.

All elected Federal and State representatives were invited to visit the operation. We received responses from all but Representative Foxx. Unfortunately, perhaps because of the short notice, none were able to attend. State Senator Jim Forrester, and Congressman Patrick McHenry responded in writing, and the letters will be turned over to the Secretary.

We had also invited some County and Statesville city elected officials, but none attended nor responded.

W1HO indicated we might try to give more advance notice to attempt to fit into what are probably busy calendars.

N4WHK noted that this year there was no visit by local police.

There was a discussion on tower climbing safety as it pertains to the temporary Field Day towers.

Getting more operator/logger participation needs to be addressed. This year, some currently non-members did come out to help.

Kudos were expressed to WB4WRY for his stellar performance as chef for Saturday night's dinner.

A suggestion to consider another person to help John with dinner, and to prepare breakfast Sunday morning was brought up. Might having a breakfast as well as dinner help to entice more operator/logger participation?

There was a discussion of the GOTA station now being made available for two years, and seeing almost no use (none at all this year). W1HO said he's happy to set up GOTA as long as the Club wants it, but suggested better use of our assets might be to only set it up if we have a definite commitment of a group (such as Scouts, students, etc.) attending. Casual visitors could be put at one of the "5A" operating positions for an introduction to ham radio and Field Day.

The End Fed Zepp, with an automatic tuner, which originally was intended to allow the GOTA station to have some band flexibility, proved to be very useful as an antenna for one of the operating positions. It allowed that position to move around the bands as needed, operating either CW or Phone. The antenna got some unsolicited reports of good signals.

Grant, KB3EMT, proposed that we contact local schools to try to let interested students know about Field Day. He also suggested that we make it known to other users of the park (such as ball teams that are playing on Field Day weekend) that our operation is open to visitors and they are encouraged to stop by. It was noted that the sign we had by the entrance driveway could be enhanced with information inviting visitors, as every car coming into the park drives by it.

A discussion was had of a proposal by W4DON that the Club consider a third tower and rotator for 10 meter use next year. The apparent consensus was that for such a limited use, we consider instead putting the 10 meter beam on a separate mast, and use an "armstrong" rotator.

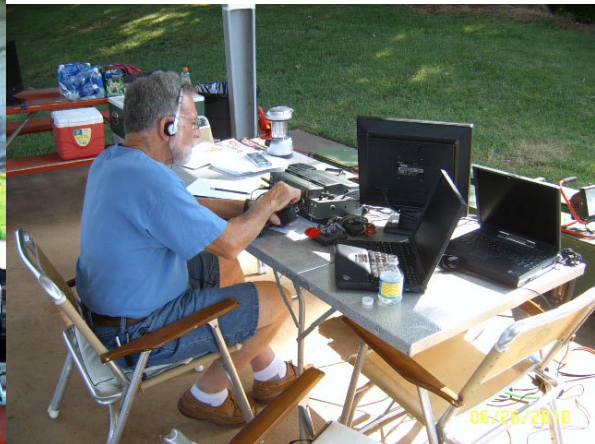
W4DON repaired the 10/15 rotator which had stopped working at Field Day, so a replacement for that rotator is not necessary.

N4WHK said there is a possibility of obtaining a RV from Mooresville Rescue which could be outfitted as a mobile operating center and used for publicity for ICARS. This would be a project which would require lots of Club "sweat equity" as well as some expense.

Thank you Howard, W1HO for taking this report for me. It was greatly appreciated!
Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC

ICARS Field Day 2010 Scores

Band	CW	Phone	
80	0	39	
40	233	169	
20	11	424	
15	0	151	
10	0	53	
6	0	11	
Total QSO'S	244	847	
Total QSO Points	244 x 2 = 488	847	1335
Power Muntiplier X 2			2670
Bonus Points			1440
Total Score			4110



The Amateur's Code

ONE

The Amateur is Considerate... He never knowingly uses the air in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

TWO

The Amateur is Loyal... He offers his loyalty, encouragement and support to his fellow radio amateurs, his local club and to the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio is represented.

THREE

The Amateur is Progressive... He keeps his station abreast of science. It is well-built and efficient. His operating practice is above reproach.

FOUR

The Amateur is Friendly.. Slow and patient sending when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others; these are marks of the amateur spirit.

FIVE

The Amateur is Balanced.. Radio is his hobby. He never allows it to interfere with any of the duties he owes to his home, his job, his school, or his community.

SIX

The Amateur is Patriotic... His knowledge and his station are always ready for the service of his country and his community.

— PAUL M. SEGAL
(1927)

I C A R S FM and HF Nets 2 0 1 0

August

Revision 2 July 24, 2010

Net Manager: W4DON

2m FM NET 2100 L 146.685		10m CW Net 2000 L 28.150		10m SSB Net 2100 L 28.468 USB	
Date	NCS	Date	NCS	Date	NCS
4	KC4MJC	7	N4ACF	7	WB4WRY
11	N4ACF	14	WB4WRY	14	KC4MJC
18	KE4TEP	21	W4DON	21	W4DON
25	KJ4ENR	28	N4WHK	28	N4ACF

Thanks for volunteering to be a NCS

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 to N4WHK

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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