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MAY 2010

**This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House.
May 13, 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.

Iredell County Amateur Radio Society
April 8 2010
Meeting Minutes

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met at Julia's Tally house for the regular monthly meeting. President Donald Summers, W4DON called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 10 Members and 5 guests present. Donald had everyone introduce themselves.

Don introduced Dan Morris, KZ3T, QSO Party Manager for Ten-Ten International. Dan told the group some of the interesting aspects of Ten-Ten International using a Power Point program.

After a short break, the meeting reconvened at approximately 7:30 PM.

Minutes- A motion was made to approve the March 11, 2010 minutes as published, was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- John Lamson gave two written reports.

Don noted that the Treasurers reports would now be run from the first day of the month to the last day of the month, not from meeting date to meeting date, as it has been in the past. This will make it much easier to keep records correct.

Old Business- Don W4DON, reported he needed three people to sign the Audit Reports for the past two years. *Secretary note. The reports were checked and signed by 3 non officers before the meeting adjourned.*

New Business-No report

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee-No report.

Society Publications-Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC, reported he has changed the way he put a person's Email address on the website, in hopes of keeping spam down.

Publicity Committee- Howard Hecht W1HO reported that the Statesville R and L had run a three sentence paragraph about the meeting.

Field Day- Field day is June 26th and 27th at McClure park. Howard W1HO wants to run a bicycle powered alternator to run a rig for Field Day.

Emergency Preparedness Committee-Dennis White N4WHK reported that there will be a table top exercise held either March 20th or 27th with the Health department.

Walk-a-thon will be Saturday April 24th starting at Mitchell Community College at 8:30 hours.

Call-Down-Drill - Dennis White N4WHK reported that there was a table top exercise held 27th with the Health department. 20 ARES members either checked in by radio or were contacted by phone.

ICARS Directory- No report.

Historian – Finley started working to put all ICARS records on CD's 2009 is now complete.

Technical Report- No report.

Awards Committee – Howard W1HO reported that he dusted off the plaques at least once a month.

Program Committee- No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 20:17hrs

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC

Secretary

**IREDELL COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
VOICE NET FORMAT**

This is station **W4SNC** your net control station calling the ICARS (2 meter FM) (10 meter SSB) net at _____ hours local time. My name is _____ and my call is _____.

This net meets weekly at this time for the purpose of handling traffic, passing club information, training and general rag chew.

This net is provided by ICARS as a service to the amateur radio community. All radio amateurs are invited to check in and participate in this net.

If you are a newcomer to the net please check in with your call sign, name and location.

This is a directed net and stations are requested to check in according to the first letter of your call suffix.

Any station with formal traffic call **W4SNC** (Wait for checkins—then acknowledge checkins)

Any station with club announcements or training call **W4SNC** (wait for checkins then acknowledge)

Stations alpha through mike to enter the net call **W4SNC** (Acknowledge each station by call sign)

Stations November through Zulu to enter the net call **W4SNC** (Acknowledge each station)

Additional stations alpha through Zulu to enter the net call **W4SNC** (At this point go back and route formal traffic, if any and then pass club announcements, then call for training.)

This is net control station **W4SNC** calling for any other stations to enter the net? (Acknowledge any new stations)

This is (your call and name_____).

At this point go back to the top of the check-in list and give each station a turn for comments.

About half way through the list, ask for additional stations to enter the net.

After all stations have had a turn....

This is the final call for check-ins to the ICARS_____ net.

This is **W4SNC** now closing the (2 meter FM) (10 meter SSB) net at _____ hours

Local time. This net will meet next week at _____ hours local time. We would Also like to invite you to join our other nets at (mention other nets and times).

This is **W4SNC** net control station thanking everyone for checking in and now

Turning the frequency over to normal amateur use. 73's (your call and name)_____ clear.

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IREDELL COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INFORMATION FOR NET CONTROL STATIONS

1. The job of the net control station is to maintain net discipline. The NCS does this by relaxing, having writing materials, recording all stations checking in, listing formal or informal traffic and routing such traffic quickly and efficiently.
2. The NCS should make every effort to open each regularly scheduled net within 3 minutes of the appointed time. While this is not always possible, we should strive for this and if the scheduled NCS is not on frequency, ANY alternate NCS should begin the net.
3. The NCS should call for check-ins, route traffic, call stations in turn for comments, etc.
4. After initial check-ins, the NCS should call for additional stations periodically during the net in case someone is late.
5. The NCS should not draw the net out longer than necessary, by continuing to call for late stations, additional traffic, etc. Saying, "final call for check-ins or traffic," should do it. The reason for this is that a number of stations may want to check in and participate in the whole net, but may not want to hang around longer than necessary due to other responsibilities.
6. Since we don't have large numbers checking into our nets, it is not necessary to divide the alphabet into more than two parts, if at all. The NCS may take check-ins in any order or may call for stations A through M, and then N through Z at his/her option.
7. The NCS normally should not need to recap the announcements and information passed on by net stations, but occasionally if there are several late check-ins, it might be wise to do so. Try not to be excessively repetitive.
8. Since one purpose of ICARS nets is training and the gaining of experience, try not to correct stations who "violate" net procedure. If a helpful suggestion is needed immediately, be gentle.
9. A scheduled NCS that cannot make his/her assigned net should seek his/her own replacement. Failing that, contact the Net Manager.
10. The NCS should never take personal offense at a shortage of check-ins, or a lot of "in and out" stations. Sometimes we're just always busy at the same time, or forget its net time.
11. Each NCS should stick pretty close to the format established, but common sense is more important than format. Occasionally, there will be a good reason for changing things.
12. Each NCS and net participant should always be ready to offer constructive suggestions for to improve net operations.

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FM and HF Nets

2010

May

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
		1	WB4WRY	1	W4DON
5	KC4MJC	8	N4ACF	8	WB4WRY
12	W1HO	15	W4DON	15	W4DON
19	KC4MJC	22	KU4GW	22	N4ACF
26	KE4TEP	29	N4ACF	29	

Thanks for volunteering to be a NCS

Call your Net on time.

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

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

Someone call the Net if the NCS don't show up by **2 minutes** past the hour.

If there's not a NCS designated there MAY NOT be a Net on that date?

Don't forget to file your Net Report to 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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