



# W4SNC Iredell Wireless

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*The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society will meet at  
PRIME SIRLOIN HWY 90, SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 2003.  
Come and eat at 6:00pm. The meeting starts at 7:00pm.  
Bring the family. Everyone welcome!*

<b>NET</b>	<b>2 Meter FM</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>SSB Net</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>146.685 At 9:00 PM</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>28.468 at 9:00 PM</b>
12/17/2003	W4ONS	12/20/3002	AG4AU
12/24/2003		12/27/2003	W4UFO
12/31/2003	KC4MJC	1/3/2004	N1GC
1/7/2004	WD4LXC	1/10/2004	W4RTW

## ICARS November Meeting Minutes

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met on November 13 2003 at Julia's Tally House for the November meeting. There were 19 club members and 3 visitors present. ICARS President, Larry Earle, WD4LXC called the meeting to order a few minutes after 7:00 PM. Larry first asked everyone to introduce themselves. Next he asked if everyone got their copy of the Iredell Wireless newsletter. After everyone answered, he asked for approval of the minutes of the October meeting, as printed in the newsletter. The motion was made to approve, then seconded and approved. Next Larry asked for the treasurers report. John Lamson WB4WRY, reported that there was an error on last month's report. He corrected the report for this month. ICARS had a beginning balance of \$503.52, no checks were written, one deposit for dues totaling \$30.00. Leaving an ending balance of \$533.52. The motion to accept the report was made, seconded and approved.

The next order of business was the introduction of the slate of nominees for club officers for 2004. John Lamson WB4WRY, nomination committee chairman introduced the following nominees:

President	Larry Earle WD4LXC
Vice-President	Margie Persons KE4YWO
Secretary	Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC
Treasurer	John Lamson WB4WRY
Member at Large	Lee McClure KE4ERH—2004 Mike Bryan WA6KWW---2005

John then asked for any nominations from the floor. None was heard. There was a question regarding the tenure of officers and some discussion of that tenure. After the discussion a vote was called for. The motion was made, seconded and in a vote of 17 to 1, with one abstaining, the nominees were elected to office.

Larry Earle asked for any new business. Nobby Mills W4UFO asked for the floor. He said he was truly enjoying his first regular meeting in eight years. He stated that he mailed some club members information regarding potential interference from the ICARS 147.045 uncoordinated repeater in Troutman NC. Nobby states he feels like his amateur license is in possible jeopardy because the repeater is uncoordinated, He said "this would have include each of you to, since ICARS is the licensee and a member of ICARS is the trustee". He states seeing numerous articles in amateur radio magazines and ARRL e-mail newsletters where someone has lost their amateur license because of interference from an uncoordinated repeater. Next he said that ICARS has been a member of SERA since 1976 when the 146.685 repeater was coordinated. ICARS has had the 147.045 repeater pair since 1992. Nobby has numerous e-mails from Frank Lynch W4FAL, regarding this repeater. Frank says he has had at least a dozen e-mails from Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC, 147.047 trustee, since 1999 regarding the repeater. Frank and Danny Hampton K4ITL have been trying to coordinate this repeater for many years, even trying to find a new frequency pair. They both feel that ICARS is "beating a dead horse". Both emphasize the FCC enforcement bureau headed by Riley Hollingsworth SERA is the FCC authorized frequency coordination maker. North Carolina has 492, 2 meter repeaters, three of which are uncoordinated, and ours is one of them. Nobby W4UFO says "therefore I would hereby make a motion that ICARS no longer support this repeater the 147.045 uncoordinated frequency pair. ICARS is a full member of SERA since 1976, has a responsibility to follow the SERA coordination guidelines and not violate them, part of this motion being to release this repeater pair to SERA on ICARS letterhead and be done with it and try to find something else".

The motion was seconded. Then a long discussion regarding Nobby's motion and the performance of the 146.685 repeater followed. Then Nobby read his motion again. The vote was called for and the motion was accepted by a vote of 18-1. Secretary will send a letter, on ICARS letterhead, to SERA relinquishing the frequency pair, 147.045/645 back to SERA.

Nobby W4UFO next reminded the President Larry Earle WD4LXC of his duties as president.

After much informal discussion on various topics, the topic of Trustee of the 146.685 was next brought to the floor.

W4DON Don Summers was then recognized. Don told the club that Tim KC4MJC was the trustee of the Club call sign W4SNC. He asked "does that make him Trustee of the club HF station, does that make him trustee of the repeater the club has"? Someone answered, "if they use the call sign". Don then said "that would be using the call sign, the .685 is using the call sign". Tim KC4MJC said he wasn't aware of this. He thought that he was only a contact person in case any correspondence had to come to the club. Tim KC4MJC was then informed that he was the trustee of the club repeater as well as club equipment. Tim noted that he did not have the knowledge to be trustee of the repeater but he would try to get the books so a technical committee could work on it.

Next Tim introduced David Horne KG4JRF. He submitted an application for membership. David was unanimously voted into the club Glad you Finely joined us David!

Sherrill Parks W4SDT was asked to read qualifications for Ham of The Year. Then we voted for Ham of the Year.

The December meeting will be held on Saturday December 13 2003 at the Prime Sirloin on HWY 90.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC

## **Radio Through the Years**

Thanks to Jim Hoke W4ONS for providing Radio through the years to us.

December 5, 1926 – RCA Victor Incorporated in Maryland  
December 6, 1946 – Continental Electronics founded  
December 9, 1968 – Douglas Engelbard demonstrates the computer mouse  
December 12, 1901 – Marconi receives first trans-Atlantic wire signal  
December 20, 1991 – USA Digital Radio created  
December 22, 2000 – Sirius Satellite Radio completes satellite system  
December 24, 1898 – First ship-to-shore message sent  
December 24, 1906 – Fessenden transmits first distant voice/music broadcast  
December 27, 1947 – Bell Labs invents transistor