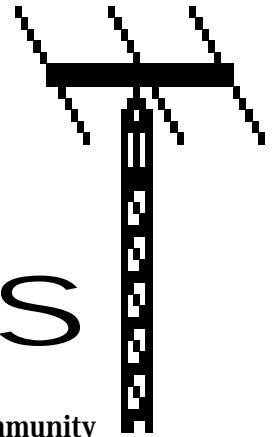




# W4 SNC Iredell Wireless



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## MEETING

February 13, 2003 at Julia's Tally House.

6:00pm. To 7:00pm. Eat and Ragchew 7:00pm Meeting starts

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met on January 9, 2003 at Julia's Tally House for the first meeting of the new year. There were nine members and two visitors present.

President Larry Earle, WD4LXC opened the meeting at 7:10pm. He asked for approval of the minutes of last month's minutes. They were seconded and approved. Tim Misenheimer, KC4MJC, new Secretary for 2003 told the club that the minutes in the last Iredell Wireless were provided by Peggy O'Malley, KF4AEV, acting secretary. Tim said he had the minutes from Robert Forsyth, KQ4O, outgoing Secretary at home but neglected to bring it with him. Tim said the minutes from Robert will be printed in the February Wireless. Larry then asked for the treasurer's report. John Lamson WB4WRY reported that ICARS had a balance of \$204.52 with no checks written and no deposits made. The report was properly seconded and accepted. Next order of business was called for and Tim got the floor. He asked our president if he had been in touch with Tom Allison regarding the money that ICARS always gives him in appreciation for the use of Allison's Woods for Field Day. Larry told us that he hadn't been able to find Tom lives. Mike Bryan, WA6KWW said he would take on that task. Tim, KC4MJC then told ICARS he would take over as the Editor of Iredell Wireless. After that John Lamson introduced Mike Hersey, Computer "Guru" for Fischbein Company. He spoke about computers and answered numerous questions from the group. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC

Minutes of the December Meeting

Robert Forsyth, KQ4O

Our President Larry Earle WD4LXC opened the meeting. There were 10 members and 4 guests present. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the last meeting. There was a motion and it was properly seconded, and the minutes were approved. The next order of business was the Treasurer's report, but the report was postponed due to the absence of the Treasurer. The next order of business was the installation of the new officers as follows, for President Larry Earle WD4LXC, for vice-president Jim Hamilton AC4AS, for Treasurer John Lamson WB4WRY, for Secretary Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC, and Lee McClure KE4ERH, and Ralph Sparrow N4ACF for Member at Large. The next order of business was the Ham of the Year Award. This year the Award was presented to Mike Bryan WA6KWW. Following the Presentation of the Award there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Robert Forsyth KQ4O, Secretary

P.S. It has been my Honor to serve as Secretary for the Club for the last three years and I thank you all for allowing me to do so. Robert Forsyth KQ4O

Many thanks for all who helped ARES during the Dec. 5th & 6th Ice Storm:

Listed below are names of participants and their locations:

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Sherrill Parks (W4SDT), Jimmy Levan (N4SZF), Jim Hamilton (AC4AS) and Mike Bryan (WA6KWW)

East Iredell Middle School

Sherrill Parks (W4SDT), Don Summers (W4DON) and Tim Whitson (N4AVQ)

Oakdale Baptist Church

Sherrill Parks (W4SDT), Don Summers (W4DON) and Larry Earle (WD4LXC)

West Iredell High School

Jason Levan (KG4PDC) and David Horne (KG4JRF). Also helping was Jimmy Levan's son Joshua (KG4PFF) and his wife Diana

Brawley School (Mooresville)

Jack Phifer (W4RTW), Larry Earle (WD4LXC) and Jimmy Levan (N4SZF)

Home Net Controls

Mike Bryan (WA6KWW) and Russell Beck (KF4AEX)

Sherrill Parks (W4SDT)

Assistant EC

***Thanks to Sherrill, W4SDT for the information above.***

*Note from the Editor:*

Many of you are receiving the IREDELL WIRELESS for the first time. I hope you enjoy the Wireless. If you do, I also hope you would consider coming to an ICARS club meeting. The time and place are listed on the first page of the Iredell Wireless. For more info contact [kc4mjc@icarsonline.org](mailto:kc4mjc@icarsonline.org)

## HAMFESTS

### **Elkin, NC 3 Feb 2003**

**Briarpatch & Foot Hills ARCs**

**Contact: Robert Waller, AC4SS 42 Hidden Pines Lane Hillsville, VA 24343**

**Phone: 276-728-3432 Email: rgwaller@psknet.com**

### **Charlotte, NC 8-9 Mar 2003 \* Roanoke Division Convention**

**Mecklenburg ARS <http://www.w4bfb.org/hamfest>**

**Contact: Tom Hunt, KA3VVJ 16007 Wynfield Creek Parkway Huntersville, NC 28078**

**Phone: 704-948-7373 Email: hamfest@w4bfb.org**

## **Nets**

**2 Meter net Wednesday at 9:00pm on 146.685 W4SNC Repeater  
147.045 KC4MJC repeater 77.0hz pl tone Back up**

**February NCS Jim Hoke W4ONS  
March NCS John Lamson WB4WRY**

**CW 10 Meter NET Saturday at 8:00pm 28.150mz.  
John Lamson WB4WRY NCS**

**SSB 10 Meter Net  
Saturday at 9:00pm 28.468mz.  
February NC Nobby Mills W4UFO  
March NCS TBA**

Anyone wishing to become a Net Control Station (NCS) for the 2 meter FM net on Wednesday night or the SSB 10 meter net on Saturday night please contact Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC at [kc4mjc@icarsonline.org](mailto:kc4mjc@icarsonline.org) or on either repeater. 146.685 or 147.045 77.0hz pl tone

*Remember: It's time to pay your 2003 dues. Help support your club!*

Cutoff date for the **MARCH** I redell Wireless will be **MARCH 3 2003**. Any submissions after that will be in the E-mail version or in the April edition.

I CARS member, John York, WD4BDR passed away on January 19, 2003. He was 78. John was a columnist and staff writer for the Charlotte Observer. He wrote many articles about amateur radio for the Observer, Statesville Record and Landmark and the Iredell Neighbors. I CARS could always count on John to write a fine article for Field Day.

### Radio Through the Years

**February 5, 1916 – Alexanderson successfully tests multiple-tuned antenna**

**February 14, 1946 – First electronic computer (ENIAC) demonstration**

**February 19, 1975 – Harris introduces world's first solid-state radio broadcast transmitter**

**February 28, 1927 - President Coolidge creates Federal Radio Commission**

**March 2, 1897 – Marconi granted first wireless patent**

**March 4, 1910 – DeForest experimental radio broadcast from Met, NY**

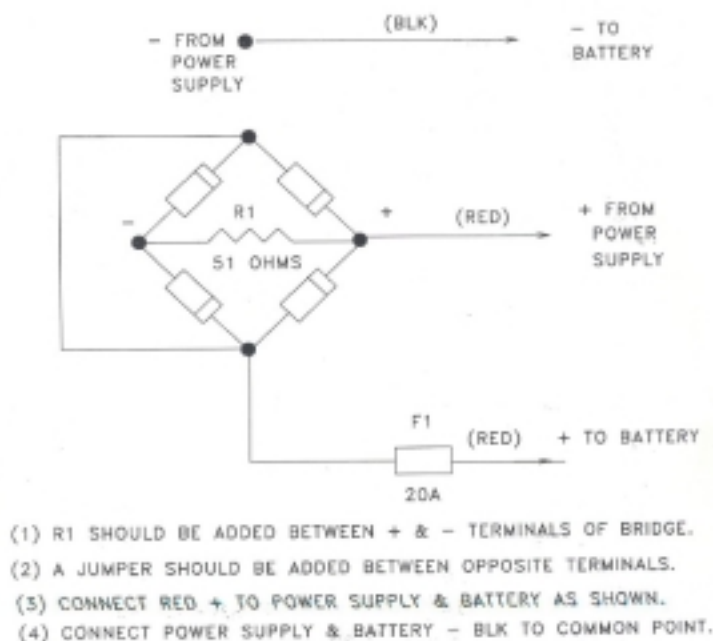
**March 4, 1925 – First radio Presidential inauguration (Coolidge)**

**March 5, 1927 – Federal Radio Commission holds first meeting**

**March 7, 1876 – Bell receives U.S. patent for telephone**

**March 10, 1876 – Bell successfully transmits by telephone**

Many thanks to Jim Hoke, W4ONS for the *Radio through the Year* information. This came from a calendar published by BE Radio for 2002. It will be a regular feature in the Iredell Wireless.



Some of you have asked about this, so I've attached a drawing of a simple battery charger circuit. I think it's based on an old GE kit. The circuit allows you to have a battery floating across the output of your power supply. The power supply keeps the battery charged through a current limiting resistor. When AC fails, the bridge rectifier routes the current from the battery to the radio. The bridge rectifier can be a Radio Shack #276-1185 and the resistor a #271-133. Good luck and 73!  
de Tim, N4IB

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

This is \_\_\_\_\_ your net control station calling the ICARS (2 meter FM) (10 meter SSB ) net at \_\_\_\_\_ hours local time. The name 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Wait for checkins—then acknowledge checkins)

Any station with club announcements call \_\_\_\_\_(wait for checkins then acknowledge)

Does any station have training for the net call \_\_\_\_\_(wait for checkins then acknowledge)

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

Stations November through Zulu to enter the net call \_\_\_\_\_ ( Acknowledge each station)

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

This is \_\_\_\_\_net control any other stations to enter the net? ( Acknowledge any new stations)

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_net control thinking everyone for checking in and now

Turning the frequency over to normal amateur use. 73's \_\_\_\_\_ clear.