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*The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society will meet at
Julia's Tally House on November 13, 2003.*

*Come and eat at 6:00pm. The meeting starts at 7:00pm.
Bring the family. Everyone welcome!*

**2 Meter FM Net 146.685
Wednesday at 9:00 PM**

**SSB Net on 28.468
Saturday at 9:00 PM**

11/12/2003	KE4NUN	11/15/2003	W4DON
11/19/2003	KG4DKN	11/2/2003	KE4ERH
11/26/2003	WA6KWW	11/29/2003	KC4MJC
12/3/2003	WD4LXC	12/6/2003	KQ4O
12/10/2003	WB4WRY	12/13/2003	AE4RL
12/17/2003	W4ONS	12/20/3002	AG4AU

ICARS October Meeting Minutes

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met on October 9 2003 at Julia's Tally House for the October meeting. There were 7 club members and 4 visitors present. ICARS President, Larry Earle, WD4LXC called the meeting to order a few minutes after 7:00 PM. Larry first asked if everyone got their copy of the Iredell Wireless newsletter. After everyone answered, he asked for approval of the minutes of the September 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, Treasurer reported, we had a previous balance of \$450.52, one check written to SERA for \$20.00. One deposit consisting of club dues and sale of equipment totaling \$73.00. There was an an ending balance of \$493.02*** A motion was made, seconded and the report was approved. Next everyone was asked to participate in the Scouts on The Air, October 18-19, 2003. They will be using HF frequencies. The club was then reminded of the National Simulated Emergency Test (SET) to be held October 25th and 26th. The program for next months meeting will be HOME BREW. (Not the kind you drink HI). Bring any rigs, antenna or other amateur radio related gear you built, and show it off. A nomination committee was appointed to chose candidates for election of officers, for next year. They are Jim Hoke W4ONS, Larry Earle WD4LXC, Ralph Sparrow N4ACF, John Lamson WB4WRY, and Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC. Elections held at the November meeting. Vote for the Ham Of The Year as well. Prime Sirloin was discussed (no decision yet) as a meeting place for December meeting. The meeting was then ajourned.

John Lamson WB4WRY acting Secretary

****Figures for the treasurers report do not add up to the total reported. Maybe treasurer will recalculate and give a revised report at the next meeting. Tim KC4MJC*

Radio Through the Years

November 14, 1994 - FCC replaces EAS with EBS
November 15, 1899 - Transatlantic Times receives first news by wireless
November 16, 1904 - Fleming patents thermionic tube (diode tube)
November 19, 1954 - First mass-market transistor pocket radio introduced
November 22, 1899 - Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America registered
November 23, 1993 - FCC makes C-Quam AM stereo standard
November 28, 1925 - The Grand Ole Opry debuts on WSM, Nashville
December 05, 1926 - RCA Victor Incorporated in Maryland
December 06, 1946 - Continental Electronics founded
December 09, 1968 - Douglas Engelbard demonstrates the computer mouse

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IT'S HERE!

Greetings from the publication committee! The ICARS Newsletter is finally here. We hope you find this beginning letter both informative and entertaining.

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED!

Your new officers for 1978 are in service. They are: Paul Klaene, Pres. Bill Webb, V. Pres., Hugh Henline, Sec. and Nobby Mills, Treas. Something new is the addition of the Member-At-Large positions with Steve Salles and Daniel Dishman. The Chairman of the Board is Larry Stroud.

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REVISIONS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS APPROVED

During the December and January club meetings, much discussion led to approval of changes in the constitution and By-Laws of ICARS. With 35 members voting in December, the By-Laws passed unanimously and with 34 present in January, the Constitution changes passed unanimously. You may pick up your edition from our Secretary in February.

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* RACES CALL RECEIVED *

John Fleming informs us that the new RACES station call is WC4ACM.

John, WD4FFX, will present a program on RACES and emergency preparedness at the February meeting. As local E. C., John solicits your input at this session. He wants to know what type of participation you desire the Society to become involved with. Plan to be at the February meeting!

CQ! CQ! DOGWOOD FESTIVAL

Plans are in progress for providing communications for the Dogwood Festival Parade in Statesville. The parade will be sometime in the early Spring.

Nobby Mills, WD4BUV, presented the idea to our group at the January meeting. Nobby will be reporting back to the club as more details are firmed.

This will be the first public involvement of our Society and it will prove very interesting.

If you have available equipment, mobile and portable, or can lend a hand, check with either Nobby or with Larry, WB4WSA.

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COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Our new President appointed members to committees at the January, 1978 meeting. Included are the members below:

TECHNICAL-K4PAJ, W4YBQ, & WD4LXB
PROGRAM- WA4ONM, K4TST, & K4NYU
Membership- WD4BUV, WA4ZKL, & WB4BQQ
PUBLICATION-WB4WSA, WD4BUN, & WB4BUO
PUBLICITY- WA4UPH, WA4WRX, W4AJU, & K4EYQ
DIRECTORY-W4JQP, WA4ETW, N4QG, K4QID
EM. PREP.-WB4WRY, WD4FFX, W4SDT, WD4DRR
HIS.-PARL.-R. DABBS, WB4WRR, WD4CED, W4EQ
CLUBB'SE- WA4PVI, WA4WRV, D. Dishman
and WA4WRS
AWARDS-W4OVK, WD4BUS, WA4WSC
FD. DAY-WA4WSB, WB4WSB, WD4LXC, W4MNO

The President noted that exchanges can be made on the committee assignments. I am sure that everyone in the Society will help each committee.

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MORE ON THE NOVICE NET. . .

Our President initiated a new contest. Those members with the most check ins to our Net during the 1978 year, will receive a prize or an award!

A record number of check-ins has been recorded for the Net which meets each Sunday at 8:00 PM @ 21.150 Mhz. Though it is a Novice Net, everyone is encouraged to check in. Let's make Paul have to award many, many prizes because of ties! BCNU.

FIELD DAY. . . Thinking Out Loud.

In conversations with Ronnie, WB4WSB, concerning Field Day in June, he mentioned several important points of organization which he will be working on as Chairman of the Field Day Committee.

Ronnie would like to see a very good turn-out this year. People-power will be the key! Experiences from last year's effort (as good as they were) indicate we need more people and rigs. He also suggests all of us should "bone" up on our CW since CW contacts means POINTS. Hopefully, Ronnie envisions some practice sessions to sharpen our skills in two-exchanges. Also, Ronnie has written ARRL for clarification on some questions which came up at our last outing; he expects response probably by March. So. . . plan to bring yourself and your rig for FD in June!

SPEAKING OF CW. . .

Sharpen your operating skills on CW and Phone by participating in the NOVICE ROUNDUP-February 4-12. . . AWARDS. . . Details in January QST.

ARRL DX CONTEST-Phone--February 4-5 & March 4-5.

CW --February 18-19 & March 18-19...Details February QST.

ICARS DIRECTORY. . .

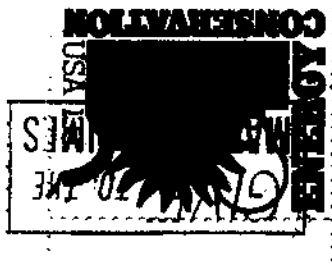
If you haven't received your directory, pick one up from the Secretary at the February meeting. A few copies are left.

INPUT. . .

We need your input on the newsletter. Any news, articles, letters to the editor, or constructive criticism should be directed to: Larry, WB4WSA, Tim, WD4BUN, or Andrew, WD4BUO. TNX.

CLUB MEETINGS. . .

Don't forget February 9 at 7:00 PM at the Hall of Justice; also March 9. That's when and where we get together to "ICARS" it! Hi! 73, WB4WSA



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To: All IREDELL COUNTY AMATUER RADIO SOCIETY Members

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I feel compelled to forward the attached information to you for dissemination and discussion amongst all members. This is regarding the 147.045 repeater. It is my opinion that this UNCOORDINATED club repeater is going to cause big problems for the trustee, club as licensee, and possibly extend to all licensed ICARS members. See copy of front cover (2nd qtr-2003) of SERA Repeater Journal plainly showing KC4MJC/r interference (in red) with W4CQ/r (in green). If your copy does not show well, I have the original available. It seems the .045 repr is mostly unused due to folks not having the access tone. Also, hams in southern part of county enjoy fair mobile signals on prime 146.685 club repr. Due to the facts of above and all ramifications thereof, I question and object to any money (private or treasury) being spent on 147.045 repr that may be kicked off-the-air by Riley @ FCC - at the best. If licensed ham(s) wish to continue to bark up an unclimbable tree, then it should be done OUTSIDE ICARS.

Possible alternative solution: Re-crystal .045 repr to .685 and install back on Troutman I-America tower, as money available (without straining budget). Leave existing .685 on WSIC tower turned "off" unless Troutman has problems.

Disadvantages at Troutman: (1) Phone line ? (2) Tower adequately grounded ? (if not, same lightning problems likely again).

I understand meetings are not being regulated/moderated using Parliamentary Procedure as required by our ICARS Constitution & By-Laws. Unable to personally attend meetings, Jack W4RTW, tells me that each one of several times that he brings up repeater subject, he is shouted down with "everything is alright and working good" (.685 repr is obviously NOT "working good" and needs work). Not following parliamentary procedure is particularly disturbing to me because it violates the individual's right to be heard.

To: EVERYONE in ICARS: we are all friends and licensed members in a great fraternal organization - AMATUER RADIO. Please take the time to listen to your fellow members. I beseech EACH of you to do the right thing.

Very sincerely,

73 Nobby
Nobby Mills W4UFO
ICARS Charter Member

Editorial/Trustee Comment

I fully understood all the ramifications of operating an UNCOORDINATED repeater back in December 2000. I have made every effort possible to get the 147.045 repeater coordinated with no luck. There has been NO reports of interference from this machine since it has been in operation. There is a need for a 2 meter repeater in south Iredell Co. and from the donations to the repeater fund to date, I see most of you think so too! As long as there is no interference from this machine or we correct any problems in a timely manor, I see no problem running uncoordinated.

As to the comments regarding the 146.685 repeater and the way the meetings are conducted, I have no comments on that, save that, at the meetings I have been present, EVERYONE has had all the time they wanted to speak his/her mind. We are an informal group and I see no problem with informal meetings.

Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC
Secretary
147.045 repeater trustee