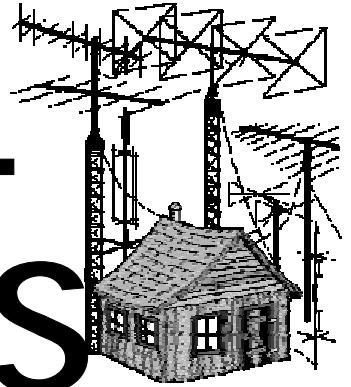




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JULY 2004

*The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society will meet at
Julia's Tally House Thursday July 8, 2004.*

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

June 10 2004 Iredell County Amateur Radio Society Meeting Minutes

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met at Julia's Tally House for the monthly meeting. There were 8 members and 3 guests present. President Larry Earle WD4LXC called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Larry first asked if everyone received their copy of the Iredell Wireless newsletter. Larry then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of last month's meeting, as printed in the newsletter. The motion was made, seconded and approved. Next Larry asked for the Treasurers report. John Lamson WB4WRY, Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$580.93. 2 checks were written. One for \$38.00 for Post Office box. The other for \$21.58 to Don Summers W4DON, for repeater parts. One deposit totaling \$95.50 from club dues and fees. The ending balance for the month is \$616.35. John, WB4WRY did report that ICARS had bills to pay for next month. Field day food and other items. Larry asked for a motion to accept John's report. The motion was made, seconded and approved. Next Margie Persons KE4YWO reported the Balloon rally went well. There were only 5 balloons to fly Friday. Due to weather it was "pilot's discretion" so the small number. 25 or more went up Saturday and 21 went Sunday. Margie said she could have used more operators but the ones present did a good job. After this the formal meeting was over and a discussion of Field Day followed.

Respectfully Submitted
Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC Secretary

I heard a speech by ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP at the Dayton Hamvention this year that I must admit concerned me a bit. He said that ARRL surveys indicate that about 22% of people who earn a new ham radio license never get on the air. I'm sure this is pretty accurate. This represents a challenge to us, but also an opportunity.

All of us were new hams once, and most of us were introduced to ham radio by someone we know. Many more people now become hams by self-study, and they don't have that mentor to help them get started. There are several things we can do to encourage these new hams become an active part of the ham community.

Make sure visitors to your club and ARES meetings are welcomed. I don't mean just ask for a show of hands for everyone attending who's a visitor, but make some special effort to talk to newcomers at the appropriate time before or after the meeting. If they are ignored, they won't come back.

Some clubs offer "open house" activities which are strictly social, not a business meeting, and are a great opportunity for newcomers to get to know us a little better. Make sure they know about it!

By making new hams feel welcome, they will eventually become the leaders and doers in our organizations. I'm Section Manager today partly because members of the Cape Fear ARS made me feel welcome and helped me when I was a new ham.

We should also look on this as an opportunity. Convincing the general public to become hams is hard - only about 1 out of 400 people nationally are willing to be hams. On the other hand, that 22% I mentioned represents a group of people who have already demonstrated an interest by going through the licensing process - all we have to do is persuade them to become involved. Our chances of success should be pretty good, if we will only put in the effort.

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07/28/04	KQ4O	07/31/04	KC4MJC
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