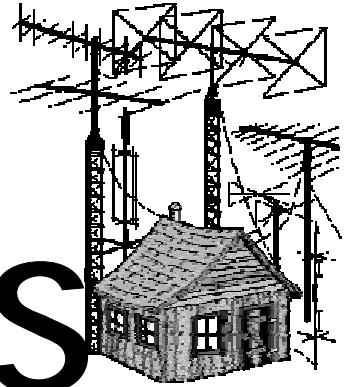




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**October 2004**

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society will meet at  
Julia's Tally House, *Thursday October 14, 2004.*  
Come and eat at 6:00pm. The meeting starts at 7:00pm.

The program for the October meeting  
will be *Foxhunting!*

The program for November meeting will be Home Brew.  
Bring your home brew equipment and show it off.

Elections to be held at the November meeting.  
Ham of the year to be voted on in November.

## 2004 Iredell County Amateur Radio Society Meeting Minutes September 9, 2004

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met at Julia's Tally House for the September 9 meeting. There were 10 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. After that Larry asked for a motion to approve the minutes of last month's minutes, as printed in the Iredell Wireless. A motion to approve was given, seconded and then approved. Larry next asked for the treasurer's report. John Lamson WB4WRY, reported a beginning balance of \$399.35. One check written to Mike Gaither for \$75.00 for printing the newsletter. No deposits. Leaving the ending balance of \$324.35. A motion to approve, the report, was made, seconded and approved. Larry, WD4LXC asked Mike Bryan, WA6KWW for info he had on ARES/ Skywarn. Mike said there was going to be a weather spotters class September 14 at EOC. Mike then took names for this class. He also noted that names were being taken for a weather spotter's class at the Agriculture Center on Bristol Dr. Time to be named later. Don Summers, W4DON, then asked for the floor. He informed the members that SERA Board members met on June 13-14 2004. On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>, a vote was taken to mandatory incorporate CTCSS/DCS tones into both transmit and receive on all new FM repeaters and to add CTCSS/DCS tones on all FM repeaters by July 1, 2006. Don read us the first paragraph of the article, (about the board meeting) from the SERA Journal. He, as well as other ICARS members found the paragraph offensive and a complete "turn off". Don told the members of his discussion with Gary Pearce, KN4AQ, (Editor of SERA Journal) at the Shelby hamfest. They discussed, open repeater/closed repeater definitions. Open repeater to most people is, no tones. Don said his recommendation to ICARS was to ignore SERA and continue running "no tone" on the W4SNC repeater. Tim Misenheimer, KC4MJC said he was under the impression that SERA was only to make "suggestions and is not a rule making organization. That is the FCC department". Don said it was his opinion that SERA wanted to add more repeaters (with tones) in the same area. Don then read ICARS a portion of an e-mail he sent to Danny Hampton, K4ITL, mainly stating that SERA coordinated the 146.085/685. They have never sent the club, "so much as an inexpensive document with official signatures of SERA officers on it". Tim Misenheimer then made this motion. As the trustee of the W4SNC repeater, I make a motion that, until the FCC rules and regulations say ICARS has to run tones on the W4SNC repeater, or that ICARS votes to use tones because of an interference issue, or some other reason, that ICARS run **NO TONES** or an **OPEN REPEATER**. The motion was seconded. Mike Bryan WA6KWW, made the comment that "we were so hot and heavy about the .045 repeater, that it was in violation of the SERA rules so we had to take that off the air and give up the frequencies. Everybody in this club was all upset about that, being in violation of SERA rules. Now we are turning the tables around because we are not happy about this, saying we're not going to go along with this". There was much discussion of Mike's comments. Tim then brought his motion forward again. The motion was passed. Mike Bryan WA6KWW then, made a motion that, Don Summers, W4DON send a letter to SERA officers, ARRL and the FCC regarding the tone issue and the ICARS vote. Mike then asked Tim to include in the October Wireless, the requirements for Amateur Radio Operator of the year, and who is eligible. After that the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC Sec.

**IREDELL COUNTY  
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September 20, 2004

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**SUBJECT: SERA BOARD MOTION REQUIRING TONE ON VHF & UHF FM VOICE REPEATERS**

Dear Mr. Gregory:

Members of the Iredell County Amateur Radio Society (ICARS) met on Thursday, September 9, 2004 and fully discussed the SERA Motion in reference to tone being required on new FM voice repeaters and by July 1, 2006 on all existing VHF & UHF FM voice repeaters.

First, we do not understand how the business of **2m Auxiliary Operation** lead into a motion requiring tone on FM repeaters, all in one paragraph, as shown in the SERA minutes of June 2004 Board Meeting in SEVIERVILLE, TN. Secondly, we thought the purpose of SERA was to coordinate repeater pairs in accordance to the Band Plan, offer help and suggestions to repeater owners and users while bringing VHF and UHF radio amateurs together.

Since when did the SERA obtain authority to make "Rules" regarding the Amateur Radio Service? Has the SERA received some special authority from the Federal Government to make motions and approve them regarding amateur radio regulations for FM repeaters and without even first consulting all of its Full Members?

ICARS Members are fully aware that the FCC makes the Rules & Regulations regarding the Radio Amateur Service including HF, VHF and UHF FM voice repeaters.

On Thursday, September 9, 2004 the ICARS Members, after some discussion, voted on the following motion and passed it regarding the SERA Motion on tone requirement:

**"No tone on its repeater until the FCC R&R's require it or ICARS Members vote to incorporate tone in the future."**

Further more, 1) The ICARS 2m repeater was coordinated properly and in good faith with the CVRA back in late 70's. 2) The ICARS 2m repeater is in the McGuire Nuclear Plant Emergency Plan and is supported by the County of Iredell in the State of North Carolina. 3) ICARS and it's Members will write the FCC Enforcement Engineer anytime it's deemed necessary, and 4) ICARS can see tone to be a possible hindrance to safe mobile operation and to repeater access during an emergency.

Sincerely,

Larry Earle, WD4LXC  
ICARS President

Timothy Misenheimer, KC4MJC  
ICARS Secretary & W4SNC/R Trustee

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Copies to: SERA V/P Richard Wright, W4LOC; SERA Secretary Alex Hedrick, N8FWL; SERA FCC Liaison Committee Chm. Frank Lynch, W4FAL; SERA North Carolina Director Danny Hampton, K4ITL; FCC Enforcement Engineer Mr. William R. Hollingsworth, K4ZDH and ICARS Secretary Files.

**FOR SALE: Gap Eagle DX Antenna. 40 thru 10 meter operation OBO. \$150.00**  
**Contact: Jim Hamilton, AC4AS 704-924-8247**

### ARES

This month there is an ARES application in the Newsletter. If you haven't already done so, please fill this out and return it to me, Tim, KC4MJC either at the next Club meeting or by mail. Because of tighter security measures after 9/11, some disaster events may require you to be registered as a member prior to the disaster event in order to participate.

8-9 Oct 2004 *	Operating Specialty Convention Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society <a href="http://www.arlhsconvention.jimbuffington.com/">http://www.arlhsconvention.jimbuffington.com/</a> <b>Contact:</b> James Buffington, K5JIM 402 South Matubba Street Aberdeen, MS 39730 Phone: 662-369-4985 Email: <a href="mailto:k5jim@arll.net">k5jim@arll.net</a>	Kill Devil Hills, NC <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina
10 Oct 2004 +	Maysville Hamfest Association <b>Contact:</b> Byron Highland, K4BMH 3753 Thorne Drive Farmville, NC 27828 Phone: 252-753-2895 Email: <a href="mailto:bhighland@greenvillenc.gov">bhighland@greenvillenc.gov</a>	Maysville, NC <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina
23 Oct 2004 *	South Carolina State Convention Sumter ARA <a href="http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2695/sara.htm">http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2695/sara.htm</a> <b>Contact:</b> Carl Ecabert, AA1MD 6105 Dubose Siding Road Sumter, SC 29153 Phone: 803-469-0113 Email: <a href="mailto:aa1md@ftc-i.net">aa1md@ftc-i.net</a>	Sumter, SC <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> South Carolina
30 Oct 2004 +	Grand Strand ARC <a href="http://www.w4gs.org">http://www.w4gs.org</a> <b>Contact:</b> Jim Wood, KF4CJE PO Box 14581 Surfside Beach, SC 29587 Phone: 843-238-0800 Email: <a href="mailto:kf4cje@w4gs.org">kf4cje@w4gs.org</a>	Conway (Myrtle Beach), SC <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> South Carolina
21 Nov 2004 +	JARSFEST Johnston ARS <a href="http://www.jars.net">http://www.jars.net</a> <b>Contact:</b> Bill Lambert, AK4H 8917 NC 50 N Benson, NC 27504 Phone: 919-894-3352 Email: <a href="mailto:ak4h@nc.rr.com">ak4h@nc.rr.com</a>	Benson, NC <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_



## AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE REGISTRATION FORM



Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/PC: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus. phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

License Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary radio interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Check (✓) bands/modes you can operate:

	160	80	40	20	15	10	6	2	220	OTHER
CW										
FM										
RTTY										
SSB										
MOBILE										
PACKET										
IF OPERATING PACKET, THE CALLSIGN OF YOUR PBBS IS: _____										

Can your home station operate without commercial power?     Yes     No

If yes what bands? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Detach and send to your EC (if known) or the ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

To All Radio Amateurs:

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a voluntary organization of licensed radio amateurs who have registered their capabilities and equipment for providing emergency communications as a public service to the community. The purpose of the ARES is to furnish communications in the event of natural disaster, when regular communications fail or are inadequate. Sponsored by ARRL, the ARES functions at the local level to meet local communications needs.

The ARES has a long history of public service going back to its formal inception in 1935. Since that time the ARES has responded countless times to communications emergencies.

Experience has proven that radio amateurs respond more capably in time of emergency when practice has been conducted in an organized group. There is no substitute for experience gained *before* the need arises.

The ARES in each locality operates under the direction of the Emergency Coordinator (EC), whose function is to direct the activities of the ARES to maintain a state of readiness.

To register in the ARES, send the detachable Registration Form above directly to your EC, or to ARRL Headquarters for forwarding to your EC. *League membership is not required for registration.* Registration does not require possession of any specially designed equipment. All amateurs can be of assistance to the ARES. There is provision in the ARES for *every* amateur regardless of class of license, equipment owned, or personal circumstances.

Won't you join us in providing this essential Amateur Radio service?

Richard Palm, K1CE  
Field Services Manager