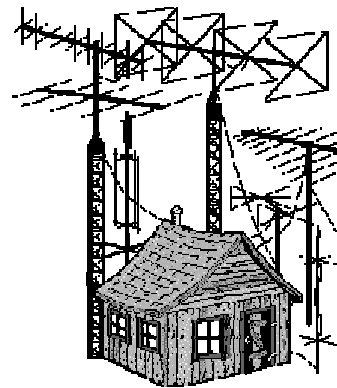


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August 2005

This month's Meeting will be held
on August 11, 2005 at
Julia's Tally House
6:00PM-Eat 7:00pm Meeting

Net operators needed!

**We are looking for volunteers to be Net Control for the 2 Meter FM, 146.685
Wednesday night net, and the Saturday night SSB net on 28.468**

August Net Control Stations

2 Meter FM Net---WA6KWW Mike 10 Meter SSB Net---AG4AU Walt

September Net Control Stations

2 Meter FM Net--KI4CGY Steve 10 Meter SSB Net---N4ACF Ralph

My apologies but there are no minutes to report this month because I was not at the meeting. I will place some editorial comments in lieu of the minutes.

Robert Forsyth, KQ4O passed away July 19 2005. He was an active ICARS member, participating in all club events. Robert was ICARS Secretary for three years ending in 2002. He was active at this years Field Day exercise, as well as in past years, operating on 80m and 40m voice. Robert was a member of ARES. He has helped with the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, numerous times. He also has worked the Balloon Rally when he could. He will be missed.

Please send all completed ARES forms to:

**Mike Bryan WA6KWW
110 Wildflower Lane
Statesville NC 28625**

Do not send any more to Tim KC4MJC

It will soon be time to hold elections for ICARS officers. If you are dissatisfied with the way things are going, now is your chance to do something about it. All offices are open for election. The office of Secretary, Treasurer and one Member-At-Large will be vacated because the elected officers term will expire at the end of the year. Think carefully about who you would like to replace them. Maybe you would like a chance in office. A nominating committee will be formed in a couple months. Please give them any suggestions you may have for an officer. Make sure that person is willing to serve before you make the suggestion.

The election of officers is very important. It determines which direction ICARS will go in the future. Make sure it goes forward in 2006!

The following members have paid 2005 dues.

AC4AS, AE4RL, AG4AU, KISGT, KC2JSR, KC4DBZ, KC4KSX, KC4MJC, KD4III, KD4IIQ, KE4ERH, KE4YWO, KF4AEX, KG4DKN, KG4PNA, KG4ZJO, KI4CGY, KI4JOT, KI4YV, KQ4O, KU4AM, N4ACF, N4AVQ, N4IB, N4SZF, N8RDP, W0CJV, W0MGB, W4DON, W4EZR, W4ONS, W4UFO, WA6KWW, WA8JZW, WB4WRY, WD4LXC (35 Members)

Support your local club and repeater!

Please do your part to STOP this from happening!

FCC Proposes to Drop Morse Code Requirement for All License Classes

NEWINGTON, CT, July 20, 2005--The FCC has proposed dropping the 5 WPM Morse code element as a requirement to obtain an Amateur Radio license of any class. The Commission recommended the change to its Part 97 Amateur Service rules in a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)* in WT Docket 05-235. Any rule changes proposed in the *NPRM* would *not* become final until the FCC gathers additional public comments, formally adopts any changes to its rules and concludes the proceeding by issuing a *Report and Order (R&O)* spelling out the changes and specifying an effective date. That's not likely to happen for several months. The FCC declined in its *NPRM* to go forward with any other suggested changes to Amateur Service licensing rules or operating privileges beyond elimination of the Morse requirement.

"Based upon the petitions and comments, we propose to amend our amateur service rules to eliminate the requirement that individuals pass a telegraphy examination in order to qualify for any amateur radio operator license," the FCC said in its *NPRM*, released July 19. This week's *NPRM* consolidated 18 petitions for rule making from the amateur community--including one from the ARRL--that proposed a wide range of additional changes to the amateur rules. The FCC said the various petitions had attracted 6200 comments from the amateur community, which soon will have the opportunity to comment again--this time on the FCC's proposals in response to those petitions.

The Commission said it believes dropping Element 1--the 5 WPM Morse examination--would "encourage individuals who are interested in communications technology, or who are able to contribute to the advancement of the radio art, to become amateur radio operators." The FCC said it also would eliminate a requirement it believes "is now unnecessary and that may discourage" current licensees from advancing their skills, and that it would "promote more efficient use" of current Amateur Radio spectrum.

The FCC cited changes in Article 25 of the international *Radio Regulations* adopted at World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 as the primary reason to go forward with eliminating Morse code as an Amateur Radio licensing requirement in the future. Among other changes, WRC-03 deleted the Morse testing requirement for amateur applicants seeking HF privileges, leaving it up to individual countries to determine whether or not they want to mandate Morse testing. Several countries already have dropped their Morse requirements.

ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, said he was not surprised that the FCC proposed altogether scrapping the Morse code requirement. The League and others had called for retaining the 5 WPM requirement only for Amateur Extra class applicants. Sumner expressed dismay, however, that the FCC turned away proposals from the League and other petitioners to create a new entry-level Amateur Radio license class.

"We're disappointed that the Commission prefers to deny an opportunity to give Amateur Radio the restructuring it needs for the 21st century," he said. "It appears that the Commission is taking the easy road, but the easy road is seldom the right road."

Sumner said ARRL officials and the Board of Directors would closely study the 30-page *NPRM* and plan to comment further after they've had the opportunity to consider the Commission's stated rationales for its proposals.

In 2004, the ARRL filed a *Petition for Rule Making* asking the FCC to amend Part 97 to complete the Amateur Service restructuring begun in 1999 but "left unfinished." The League called on the FCC to create a new entry-level license, reduce the number of actual license classes to three and drop the Morse code testing requirement for all classes except for Amateur Extra. Among other recommendations, the League asked the FCC to automatically upgrade Technician licensees to General and Advanced licensees to Amateur Extra. In this week's *NPRM*, the FCC said it was not persuaded such automatic upgrades were in the public interest.

The FCC said it did not believe a new entry-level license class was warranted because current Novice and Tech Plus licensees already can easily upgrade to General. "We also note that, if our proposal to eliminate telegraphy testing in the amateur service is adopted," the FCC continued, "a person who is not a licensee will be able to qualify for a General Class operator license by passing two written examinations, and that a person who is a Technician Class licensee will be able to qualify for a General Class operator license by passing one written examination." The FCC said it does not believe either path to be unreasonable.

The FCC also said that it's already addressed some of the other issues petitioners raised in its "Phone Band Expansion" (or "Omnibus") [NPRM](#) in WT Docket 04-140. In that proceeding, the Commission proposed to go along with the ARRL's [Novice refarming](#) proposal aimed at reallocating the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands to provide additional phone spectrum. Under the plan, Novice/Tech Plus licensees would be granted CW privileges in the current General CW subbands.

A 60-day period for members of the public to comment on the FCC's *NPRM* in WT 05-235 will begin once the *NPRM* appears in the *Federal Register*. Reply comments will be due within 75 days of the *NPRM*'s publication in the *Federal Register*.

Copied from the ARRL website.

ARRL Field Day

1. Field Day Call Used: W4SNC
2. Club or Group Name: Iredell County Amateur Radio Society
3. Number of transmitters in simultaneous operation: 4 4.Entry Class: A
5. Check All power sources used. -----X Generator
6. ARRL / RAC Section: NC
7. Total CW QSO's: 156 X 2 = Total CW QSO points: 312
8. Total Digital QSO's: 0 X 2 = Total Digital QSO points: 0
9. Total Phone QSO's: 166 X 1 = Total Phone QSO points: 166
10. Total QSO points: 478
11. Power Multiplier -----150 Watts or less = 2
12. Power Multiplier: 2
13. Claimed Score: 956
14. Bonus points claimed: Please check each block as appropriate and include required proof of points with your submission. All bonus points will be verified at ARRL HQ and added to your score.

- X 100% Emergency power----4 stations at 100 pts. Each 400
- X Media Publicity-----100
- X Set-up in Public Place-----100
- X NTS message to ARRL SM/SEC-----100
- X W1AW Field Day Message-----100
- X Youth Participation (# 1)-----20

Total Bonus Points Claimed: 820

	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSO	Power	QSO	Power	QSO	Power
160	0	150	0	150	0	150
80	0	150	0	150	72	150
40	156	150	0	150	8	150
20	0	150	0	150	65	150
15	0	150	0	150	0	150
10	0	150	0	150	5	150
6	0	150	0	150	15	150
2	0	150	0	150	1	150
1.25	0	150	0	150	0	150
70	0	150	0	150	0	150
33	0	150	0	150	0	150
23	0	150	0	150	0	150
GOTA	0	150	0	150	0	150
Totals	156	CW	0	Dig	166	Phone

956 QSO points
820 Bonus points
= 1776 Total Points