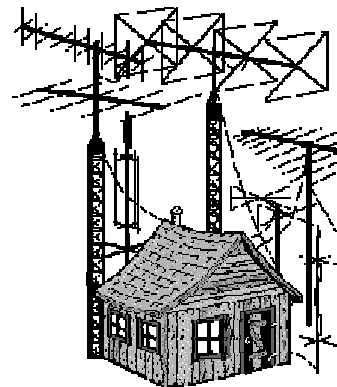


# IREDELL WIRELESS W4SNC



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## July 2005

This month's Meeting will be held  
on July 14, 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**

### **July Net Control Stations**

**2 Meter FM Net---KC4MJC Tim    10 Meter SSB Net---W4DON Don**

### **August Net Control Stations**

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

**IREDELL COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY  
JUNE 9, 2005  
MEETING MINUTES**

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met at Julia's Tally House for the June 9, 2005 meeting. There were 10 members and two visitors present. President Margie Persons, KE4YWO called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Margie asked if everyone had received his or her Iredell Wireless Newsletter. Margie then asked for a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes, as printed in the May Iredell Wireless. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed. Then the motion was seconded. The motion to accept was voted and approved. John Lamson, WB4WRY, Treasurer was then asked to give his report. John reported the ending balance for last month as \$286.40 . There were 2 checks written. One for \$25.00 as a memorial to Jim Hoke's W4ONS Mother. The second check went to pay for a backup Audio Board for the Mark IV Repeater, \$84.55. There were one deposit of dues and fees totaling \$86.00. That leaves an ending balance of \$262.85. Margie asked if there was a motion to accept the Treasurers report. A motion was made to accept the report. The report was then seconded and unanimously approved. The topic then turned to a discussion of the Balloon Rally. We had just enough operators to handle the launches and the club did its usual great job. Next topic of discussion was Field Day. This year we will be at McClure Park, (I-40 Ball field). ICARS needs everyone that can come to be there. Bring your rigs, tuners, antennas coax, computers, extension cords and anything else you can think of. After that, a motion was made, seconded and approved, to adjourn. So we did.

Respectfully Submitted  
Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC Sec.

**I will have the Field Day scores published in the AUGUST issue of the Iredell Wireless. They will also be posted on the ICARS Website in the Field Day Page, along with some photos made by W4DON. If anyone else had photos or info about this years Field Day, get it to me and I will get it posted as well.**

**KC4MJC**

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!*

**I asked Don, W4DON to send me some info regarding the Field Day this year since I was unable to be there. The following are the the comments he sent me: Thanks Don TIM, KC4MJC**

MY POST ICARS FD 2005 COMMENTS by W4DON

Arriving at 8am on June 25th and leaving at 3pm on June 26th.

Known participants / attendees:

KI4CBZ, KG4DKN & Freda, N4AVQ, KI4JOT, WB4WRY, WD4LXC, W4ONS & Gladys, WA6KWW, KQ4O, W4DON, Rick McClure, Lee McClure, (Ask John or Mike for other names. John reported 19 hams ?)

PLUSES:

- 1- Visitors David, KI4CBZ, and his xyl helped set up 40 meter CW antenna and station and later offered to operate a SSB station.
- 2- Participants arrived in a timely manner and had time to set up before 2pm June 25th.
- 3- Team work in assembly of beam antennas with Buddy, KG4DKN, as leader.
- 4- Team work in the assembly of tower and erection of tower, antennas and rotor.
- 5- Members came with equipment and prepared.
- 6- FD site easy to reach and facilities for 24 hours plus stay.
- 7- Sufficient space to spread out antennas and stations.
- 8- No interference from either station was noted.
- 9- Safe and accident free Excercise.
- 10- Cost for reservations only \$30 with facilities to remain for total of 31 hours.
- 11- Short drive for food if needed.
- 12- Line of sight with 2-meter repeater allowing 100% 2-way communications.
- 13- Lots of covered space for operating positions.
- 14- Enjoyed by all who participated. Liked the FD site.

NEGATIVES:

1. Don't bring equipment with rusty terminal blocks and screws. Make necessary repairs during prior 364 days before FD. Make sure your equipment is in good working condition before it's brought to FD site.
2. Properly storing of antennas and towers. Keep antennas individually bundled together and labeled. Store tower sections out of weather and don't allow water to get into legs of tower sections then freeze and burst section legs. Take care of your equipment.
3. Not enough visiting operators volunteering or allowed to operate. If someone shows interest in operating, assist them.
4. Slow turn over of FD log data, incoming and outgoing formal messages to FD Chmn.
  - A. All official FD log data, incoming and outgoing formal messages must be retained and turned over to FD Chmn.
  - B. All this information is needed to prove we've earned the points and bonus points.

C. All FD log date and messages handled must be turned over to the station trustee or licensee after tally is completed.

5. ICARS don't have enough skilled radio operators to operate around the clock.

A. You become skilled by practicing after you get a license. It's up to the individual. We are volunteers. Unfortunately the FCC don't require any operating skills obtain any amateur radio license.

B. There's plenty of HF and VHF Nets to help learn properly procedures.

C. KC4MJC, Tim is begging for ICARS FM and SSB Net Control Operators. Learn by doing.

6. There appears to be some misunderstanding for purpose of the Field Day Exercise.

A. It's a TEST of our capabilities to set up communications equipment on short notice and maintain HF, VHF and UHF communications around the clock under less than ideal and emergency conditions whether at home or in the field. Especially Class A

B. TEST of reliable around the clock communications, especially for Class A

C. It's NOT a contest between other Clubs or Groups.

Train and prepare for next FD Exercise or ARES Exercise and participate.

End of comments.

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

This is station **W4SNC** your net control station calling the ICARS (2 meter FM) (10 meter SSB ) net at \_\_\_\_\_ hours local time. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and my call 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 **W4SNC** (Wait for checkins—then acknowledge checkins)

Any station with club announcements or training call **W4SNC** (wait for checkins then acknowledge)

Stations alpha through mike to enter the net call **W4SNC** ( Acknowledge each station by call sign)

Stations November through Zulu to enter the net call **W4SNC** ( Acknowledge each station)

Additional stations alpha through Zulu to enter the net call **W4SNC** (At this point go back and route formal traffic, if any and then pass club announcements, then call for training.)

This is net control station **W4SNC** calling for any other stations to enter the net? ( Acknowledge any new stations)

This is (your call and name\_\_\_\_\_).

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 **W4SNC** 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 **W4SNC** net control station thanking everyone for checking in and now

Turning the frequency over to normal amateur use. 73's (your call and name)\_\_\_\_\_ clear.

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