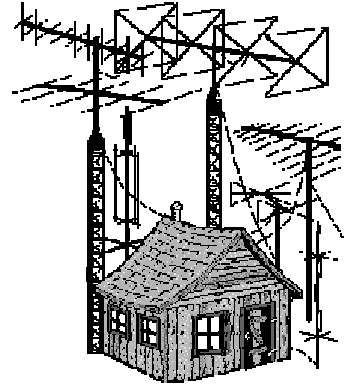


# IREDELL WIRELESS W4SNC



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## November 2006

***This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House on Thursday November 9 2006. Come early (6:00PM) and eat or ragchew. The Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM. All ICARS members are encouraged to attend!***

**Iredell County Amateur Radio Society Meeting Minutes**  
**October 12 2006**

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met on October 12 2006 at Julia's Tally House for the regular monthly meeting. President Margie Persons, KE4YWO presiding. There were 13 members and 1 visitor present.

First order of business, Margie asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Second order of business, Margie asked if everyone had read the minutes of the last meeting, either on paper or on the internet. David Damron, KI4CBZ said he had not seen a newsletter in ages. Margie asked Tim Misenheimer, KC4MJC, editor for the newsletter to be sure to get contact information from David before the meeting was finished. Tim said he would. Margie, KE4YWO then asked again if everyone read the minutes. A vote was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as printed.

Third order of business; Matt Carbone KC2JSR, ICARS Treasurer was absent last meeting, so he combined this months treasurer report with the one from last month,

Previous balance \$1023.82

One check to Don Summers \$79.00 for purchase of 250W HF Bird Watt Meter Slug.

One check to Auto Owners Insurance \$141.00.

No deposits

Ending balance of \$802.83

A motion was made to accept the report. Motion was accepted, and approved.

Next some discussion was made about the purchase of two towers from Larry Earle, WD4LXC. Motion was made that ICARS buy the towers, seconded and approved. Then we had a discussion on box's for the ICARS beams.

ICARS then voted to send a memorial gift of \$25.00 to Coy Whitson's Church. Coy is the Father of Tim Whitson, N4AVQ and Grandfather of Patrick Whitson, W4GPW.

Tech. Committee Chairman, Don Summers, W4DON, has found a Repeater Controller board for the VHF Engineering repeater (backup repeater). The board has repeater time out feature, courtesy beep, Voice recorder, CTCSS Enable, Repeater Enable, CW ID Speed and frequency and many other features. Don passed handouts to the group to look over. The price is \$129. A vote, whether or not to purchase this board will be taken next month.

A Nominating committee was then formed to select nominees for ICARS office for 2007.

Jim Hoke W4ONS needs to be ready to take votes for Ham Of The Year.

Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC will check with Golden Corral for Christmas meeting place.

ICARS is helping with the Iredell Co. Balloon Fest this year. Mike Bryan WA6KWW Balloon Fest Chairman, gave a presentation explaining ICARS duties for this year. Mike also had maps to hand out and sign up sheets for the group pick and choose which spots they wanted work for the Fest. Tim, KC4MJC was asked to put a page on the ICARS Website with information to contact Mike if anyone wanted to help.

Motion was then made to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted

Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC

Acting Secretary

## Morse-code SOS makes a comeback

London, United Kingdom

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20 October 2006 05:34

Morse code, the dots-and-dashes signaling system first used at sea on the *Titanic* and long since consigned to the scrap heap, made a triumphant comeback this week in the rescue of a stranded fisherman.

The man had run aground near Hayling Island on the south coast when his boat began taking on water. He had no modern safety aids and no phone -- but it was dark and he did have a torch.

Using the code's legendary short and long flashes, he managed to communicate the SOS distress message to the coast-guard building, where rescue officer Steve Mann was on duty.

"I was absolutely amazed to see the flashed SOS message," Mann (31) said. "I never thought I would ever see it. My colleagues, who have been here for about 12 years, have never heard of such a case before. It is very unconventional."

A spokesperson for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency said Morse "never happens any more".

Nowadays most seamen have VHF radio, flares or at least cell phones, if they are inshore, to send an emergency message.

But the fisherman, who had transferred all his safety equipment from his fishing vessel on to a new boat, had none of these for his trip from Emsworth to nearby Thornham Marina on Thursday evening. Just the torch.

Morse code is no longer part of coast-guard training.

Mann, who has been with the coast guard for the past two years, added: "I have just picked up bits of Morse along the way."

He added: "This man was caught out on the one occasion he went to sea with absolutely no safety equipment. Even without radio communication, going to sea without even a portable flare is extremely dangerous and could cost you your life."

The stricken fisherman was later picked up by a coast-guard inshore lifeboat. – Reuters

*Copied From Mail and Guardian Online*

## Notes From The Editor

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, visits, cards and e-mails during my Father's illness and death. It means so much to me and my family to know that friends were thinking of us in our time of need. Thank you so much!

Tim Misenheimer, KC4MJC and Family.

### **DECEMBER MEETING LOCATION CHANGED**

**THE IREDELL COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY WILL MEET AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL, ON 21 NORTH OF I-40 EXIT, FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING. THE DATE IS SATURDAY 16 2006 AT 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM. *Golden Corral management requests that the tip be left on the table.***

### Officers to be elected in November

If you wish to be a ICARS officer, see a nominating committee member and get your name on the list. ICARS will be electing a President, a Vice-President and a Member-At-Large. Other offices are open for someone to unseat the current person in that office. Nominations (if any) will be taken from the floor as well.

ICARS needs you!

### SAY WHAT!

If you can copy this message, we need you to check in to the icars nets.

Steve Dishmon W4RSD has the following items for sale. Steve can be reached at 828-632-1860 or 704-585-9155 before 12:00 hours. If interested give him a call or email at [roadstar2003@bellsouth.net](mailto:roadstar2003@bellsouth.net) .

- 1- Ten-Tec Pegasus Like New \$600.00
- 2- Ten-Tec Tuner Model 238 Like New \$300.00
- 3- Ten-Tec 6&2 Model 526 Like New \$300.00
- 4- Ten-Tec Scout w/mobile mount and 80-10 Modules & NB \$375.00
- 5- Yaesu FT 840 w/Mobile mount & Yaesu MD-1 Mike \$500.00
- 6- Timewave PK-232 w/mods needs to be reset \$100.00
- 7- Kantronics KPC-3 \$40.00
- 8- Timewave PK-96/100 Like New \$150.00
- 9- Rigblasters 2ea 4 Pin Like New \$75.00 ea
- 10- Hustler Model 4BTV Verticle \$75.00
- 11- Gap Eagle \$250.00
- 12- Cushcraft A148-10S 2mtr Beam \$75.00
- 13- Mosley MD6 40-10 Six Band Dipole \$100.00
- 14- Heil Goldline GM-4 Mike \$100.00
- 15- Timewave Antenna Analyzer \$250.00
- 16- MFJ-969 Versa Tuner (bulbs out) have bulbs Works Great (2ea.)  
\$100.00 Ea.
- 17- W2IHY Mike 8-Band Equalizer \$150.00 advertized in QST
- 18- Mirage HF Meter \$50.00

Dates	Type	Event and Contact	Location
11 Nov 2006	*	South Carolina State Convention (14th Annual GSARC "Beachfest 2006") Grand Strand ARC <a href="http://www.w4gs.org/beachfest/">http://www.w4gs.org/beachfest/</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 145.110 MHz <b>Contact:</b> Bob Gagliardi, N4XML 4365 Hunting Bow Trail Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 Email: <a href="mailto:n4xml@w4gs.org">n4xml@w4gs.org</a>	Conway, SC Conway National Guard Armory <a href="#">1621 16th Avenue</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> South Carolina
19 Nov 2006	+	JARSFEST Johnston Amateur Radio Society <a href="http://www.jars.net">http://www.jars.net</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 147.270 + 600 khz - no tone <b>Contact:</b> Bill Lambert, AK4H 8917 NC 50 N Benson, NC 27504 Phone: 919-894-3352 Fax: 919-894-3219 Email: <a href="mailto:blambert1@mindspring.com">blambert1@mindspring.com</a>	Benson, NC American Legion <a href="#">605 North Wall Street</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina
6 Jan 2007	+	Winston-Salem FirstFest Swapfest Forsyth Amateur Radio Club <a href="http://www.w4nc.org">http://www.w4nc.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.64 (PL 100); 145.47 (PL 100) <b>Contact:</b> Woody Kinney, KF4PLQ c/o Winston-Salem Hamfest PO Box 11361 Winston-Salem, NC 27116-1361 Phone: 336-723-7388 Email: <a href="mailto:hamfest@w4nc.org">hamfest@w4nc.org</a>	Winston-Salem, NC Summit School <a href="#">2100 Reynolda Road</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina
3 Feb 2007	*	South Carolina State Convention Charleston ARS <a href="http://www.qsl.net/wa4usn">http://www.qsl.net/wa4usn</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 145.250+ (PL 123) <b>Contact:</b> Jenny M. Myers, WA4NGV 2630 Dellwood Avenue North Charleston, SC 29405-6814 Phone: 843-747-2324 Email: <a href="mailto:brycemyers@aol.com">brycemyers@aol.com</a>	Ladson, SC Exchange Park Fairgrounds <a href="#">9860 Highway 78</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> South Carolina
18 Feb 2007	*	Virginia State Convention (Richmond FrostFest) Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society <a href="http://www.frostfest.com">http://www.frostfest.com</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.880 (PL 74.4) <b>Contact:</b> Gene Payne, WA4PED 7903 Dalmain Drive Richmond, VA 23228 Email: <a href="mailto:wa4ped@comcast.net">wa4ped@comcast.net</a>	Richmond, VA The Showplace <a href="#">3000 Mechanicsville            Turnpike</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> Virginia