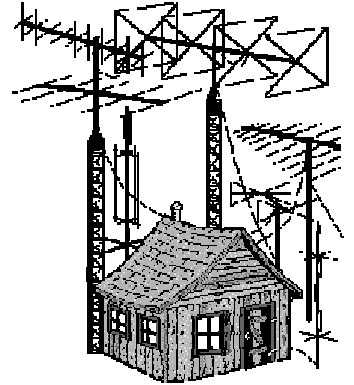


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## OCTOBER 2006

*This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House on Thursday October 12 2006. Come early (6:00PM) and eat or ragchew. The Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM. All ICARS members are encouraged to attend!*

**September 16, 2006**  
**Iredell County Amateur Radio Society Minutes**

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met at McClure Park, Saturday, September 16, 2006 for the regular monthly meeting. President Margie Persons, KE4YWO called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM. Thirteen (13) members and five (5) guests were present.

A picnic celebrating the thirtieth anniversary was held at McClure Park between the hours of 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Everyone brought delicious food and we had a very enjoyable time.

**Minutes --** A motion that the minutes as published be approved was made and seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report --** Treasurer Matt, KC2JSR was not present and there was no treasurer's report.

**Technical Committee --** Chairman Don, W4DON reported that he has met with Larry, WD4LXC regarding the price of the towers. Don will give a complete report at the October meeting. He is ready to start constructing the boxes for the antennas at his house. Those who would like to help will be welcomed.

The next ICARS meeting will be October 12, 2006 at Julia's Tally House at 7:00 PM. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM

Jim Hoke, CPBE, W4ONS

**Notes From The Editor**

Our condolences go out to Tim Whitson, N4AVQ, Patrick Whitson, W4GPW and  
Family for the passing of Tim's Dad, and Patrick's Grandfather Coy

September 30, 2006.

I was somewhat disappointed at the turnout for the ICARS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic. As you can see from the minutes there were only 13 members present for the festivities. We all had a great time with much rag chewing going on, and several members got motorcycle rides courtesy of OlinW4EZR. Don Summers, W4DON brought scrapbooks from ICARS past to show. The food was great with much left over so no one went away hungry. The weather could not have been any better either. I hope we have a better crowd in 2016 for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party.

## QSL, THE BEGINNING

The following letter was published in the **June 1916** edition of QST magazine. The editor of QST, who is not identified in the magazine, but is believed to be Hiram Percy Maxim. The letter appeared in an earlier edition of the NJDXA Newsletter and is published here in response to Jim Smith's (VK9NS) query in one of his stories, about how this QSL business started.

### QSL

The Editor received a letter as follows from Mr. Edward C. Andrews of Philadelphia, Pa: I am enclosing a postal which I have received from Mr. W.T. Fraser of Buffalo, N.Y. (8VX) on which he states my signals were heard in Buffalo clear and strong. This is a distance of over 400 miles and I naturally felt somewhat elated as it was accomplished with 1-4 Kw. Chambers open core transformer.

But aside from the fact that this is a fairly good record, I wish to commend the spirit of unselfishness that is quite evident in Mr. Fraser and others who send cards which tell of the receiving signals of a fellow amateur. While these cards of 8VX (Mr. Fraser) may have come to your attention before, I have never seen a notice about it in your magazine. When one goes to the trouble and expense of having a postal printed in order to inform those whose signals he hears, it seems to me that a long stride has been taken, toward aiding the perfection and inspiration to amateur work.

Until I received word from 6VX, I thought my maximum sending range was seventy-five miles. At Mauch Chunk and the Delaware Gap my signals were slightly stronger than NAI and quite similar to WHE.

I would urge upon the members of A.R.R.L. and the readers of QST to notify by postal and by the very next mail the owner of the station whose signals they hear and to give such other information as they may think of aid or inspiration to the recipient.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) Edward C. Andrews, 8TQ

EDITORS COMMENT: The idea of notifying the amateurs is a fine one, and the Editor earnestly recommends that all of our readers adopt this plan. At small expense a postal can be had and on it printed a short description of the receiving station and other data which bring the amateurs of our great organization in closer touch with each other.

Dates	Type	Event and Contact	Location
14 Oct 2006	+	Forsyth Amateur Radio Club <a href="http://www.w4nc.com">http://www.w4nc.com</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.64 (PL 100); 145.47 (PL 100) <b>Contact:</b> Woody Kinney, KF4PLQ c/o Winston-Salem Hamfests PO Box 11361 Winston-Salem, NC 27116-1361 Phone: 336-723-7388 Email: <a href="mailto:hamfest@w4nc.org">hamfest@w4nc.org</a>	Pfafftown (Winston-Salem), NC West Central Community Center 6123 Yadkinville Road <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina
28 Oct 2006	+	Sumter Amateur Radio Association <a href="http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2695/hamfest.htm">http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2695/hamfest.htm</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 147.015 (PL 156.7)	Sumter, SC Sumter Jaycee Hut <a href="#">314 Pine Street</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> South Carolina
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 Phone: 843-236-7889 (evenings only) Fax: 843-236-7889 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	+	<b>JARSFEST</b> 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 Hamfests 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