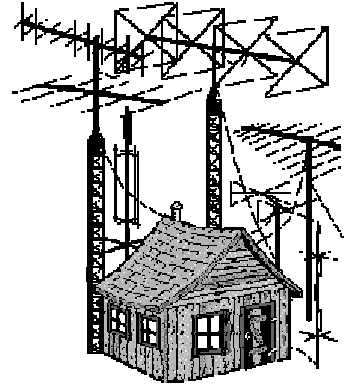


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APRIL 2007

This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House. Thursday April 12, 2007. 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
March 8, 2007

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met at Julia's Tally House for the regular monthly meeting. President Rick McClure, KE4TEP called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked everyone to introduce themselves. There were fourteen (14) members and two (2) visitors present for a total of sixteen (16).

Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes as published was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Matt K4NYP presented and submitted a written report dated 03/08/07.

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| Previous Balance | \$452.08 |
| Checks written | None |
| Deposit Dues and donations | 100.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$552.08 |

A motion to approve the report was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business –

Technical Committee – Don, W4DON reported that the antenna repair work is in progress. Construction of boxes for the antennas has begun. Numerous hardware items were contributed by Interstate Bolt & Supply Co. It appears that approximately \$50. will be needed to complete these items.

ARRL Affiliation -- In last month's program, Tim Slay, N4IB pointed out the advantages of ARRL affiliation for our club. Rick stated that his research shows we are not now affiliated. Tim will post the details of the requirements in the April newsletter. A show of hands indicated we probably meet the 50% member requirement.

SkyWarn classes will be held at the Agricultural Center beginning 10:00 AM Saturday March 17.

New Business –

Tax-Free Status – Secretary Jim, W4ONS reported that the IRS has requested an update of our financial situation to be submitted by March 12. Treasurer, Matt said he will have the form completed and in the mail by the coming weekend to meet the March 12 date.

Field Day – Dennis, N4WHK wants duties of those in charge reported to him. This too, will be reported in the newsletter.

March of Dimes – Mitchell College will be the starting point this year due to construction at SHS. The date of the event is March 31. Rick, KE4TEP is in charge this year. He said he will need about 12 volunteer operators. There will be no Mooresville walk this year. It has been consolidated into the Charlotte walk.

Tim, KC4MJC is working on the autopatch numbers. He plans to include Sheriff and Police non emergency numbers that don't go through 911.

WSIC is planning a 60th anniversary celebration May 3, 2007.

The next meeting will be April 12 at Julia's Tally House – 7:00 PM. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Secretary Jim Hoke, CPBE, W4ONS

ICARS President, Rick McClure, KE4TEP, has asked that the following announcements be printed in this edition of the Wireless.

The club is in need of a volunteer to serve as a member at large. This seat is open and will be filled by membership vote. Our constitution states that we must hold a election within a 2 month period. Anyone interested in the member at large seat contact anyone on the current board. The election will be held at the May ICARS meeting.

At the last meeting the group discussed becoming an ARRL affiliated club. We must show that 51% of our voting membership has current membership to the ARRL. Please drop me an email at ke4tep@yahoo.com to let me know if your ARRL membership is current. Once we determine if we qualify for ARRL club affiliation we will also put the matter to a vote during the May meeting.

Executive Board Meeting was held

The Executive Board of the Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met Tuesday March 27 2007 at 7:00 PM in the ECOM building. A number of items were discussed and the meeting was adjourned around 9:15 PM. Information from this meeting will be discussed at the April club meeting.

Dues Paid For 2007

AC4AS, AG4AU, K4NYP, KC4DBZ, KC4MJC, KD4IIQ, KE4ERH, KE4TEP, KF4AEX, KU4AM, N1GC, N4ACF, N4IB, N4SUE, N4WHK, N8RDP, N9JL, NG4X, W4DON, W4ONS, W4UFO, WA8JZW, WB4WRY, WD4LXC 24 TOTAL

Field Day is JUNE 23-24 2007. Are YOU ready? It is not to early to be planning what you want to do for this event. There is so much that needs to be done before the actual event. If you want to help with early preparations, talk to Dennis, N4WHK. I'm sure he will find something for you to do.

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Walkie-talkies, morse offered childhood lure

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Before being a proficient phone user or, for that matter, wearing a cell phone on my hip, I was not only a dork, but arguably, I was a mega-dork.

I owned a walkie-talkie right about the time Ronald Reagan was into his second presidential term.

Not only did I own one of these devices (for those too young to remember what that is, it's like a Nextel phone), but I also purposely learned morse code to talk to my best friend next door.

I warned you I was a mega-dork.

And finally, I committed the code to memory - mostly.

A handwritten, index-card-sized paper plastered to my pastel-colored wall and dwarfed by my enormous MacGyver poster served as a constant reminder whenever I forgot a letter.

So, admittedly, I fancied myself as a sort of MacGyver - on the cutting edge of communication and innovation - an on-my-toes thinker.

Not to mention it was my secret code - something no one else could understand but my best friend.

And all those ham radio operators, of course.

Back then, I didn't know other people were using the code, invented by Samuel Morse in the mid-1800s and subsequently used by railroad operators and Western Union.

About fourth or fifth grade, I lifted the code out of a book and wrote it down on the piece of paper so I could memorize it. I was enamored by the fact that only a select group of people could understand that one dot represented an "E," a dash a "T" and three dashes an "O."

I would press the walkie-talkie's orange button to make the dots and dashes form basic conversations like "Hi, what are you doing?" and "When are we going out to play tomorrow?"

Before communicating, we would set a time when I would stand in the dining room of my ranch home in the Chicago suburbs - a back yard away from her kitchen where she would stand and point the walkie-talkie toward me.

Sure, I could have used the phone, but then, that would've been too easy.

I liked the challenge.

It was right up there with hiding under my covers with a flashlight reading books till dawn without waking my sister, who slept in the bed next to mine, or tipping off my mother that I wasn't actually asleep.

To me, morse code was cool.

And even if the Federal Communications Commission stops requiring it to operate a ham radio - which, incidentally, I don't operate - it will live on for those people who prefer an alternate way of communication: one that involves a little bit of rhythm and two characters, a dot and dash.

Long after I traded in morse for modern communication like e-mail and my cell phones, code lives on.

Don't believe me? Check out the International Morse Preservation Society at www.fists.org.

Seventy-three.

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I liked this article because it is very similar to the way I started in amateur radio. (FYI My walls were never pastel-colored, and I don't like MacGyver!)

ICARS NET REMINDER

**2 Meter FM net Wednesday night at 9:00 PM 146.685
Repeater**

ARES Net Thursday night at 8:30 PM

10 Meter CW Net Saturday Night At 8:00 PM 28.150

10 Meter SSB Net Saturday Night at 9:00 PM 28.468

| Dates | Type | Event and Contact | Location |
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| 14 Apr 2007 | + | Anderson ARC http://www.andersonradioclub.us Talk-In: 146.79 Contact: James M. Hampton, WA4JWS PO Box 606 5665 Hix Road Sandy Springs, SC 29677 Phone: 864-225-0567 or 864-287-3296 Email: brookele@brookelect.com | Anderson, SC Darwin Wright Municipal Park Manse Jolly Road/US-178 Intersection Div: Roanoke Sect: South Carolina |
| 15 Apr 2007 | + | SpringFest 2007 Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service http://www.w4car.org Talk-In: 146.820 (PL 162.2) Contact: Leo Kusuda, KG4PWC 4712 White Owl Cres Chesapeake, VA 23321 Phone: 757-465-0074 Email: w4car@yahoo.com | Chesapeake, VA Moose Lodge #898 1400 North George Washington Highway Div: Roanoke Sect: Virginia |
| 21 Apr 2007 | + | Catawba Valley Hamfest Marion Amateur Radio Association http://www.cvhamfest.com Talk-In: 147.150 No Tone Contact: Michael Fox, KF4MWX 4895 Karen Court Morganton, NC 28655 Phone: (828)437-2787 Email: kf4mwx@bellsouth.net | Morganton, NC Burke County Fairgrounds 145 Bost Road, Morganton, NC 28655 Div: Roanoke Sect: North Carolina |
| 5 May 2007 | * | South Carolina Section Convention (Upstate Hamfest and Computer Show) Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society http://www.upstatehamfest.org Talk-In: 146.610 Contact: Rusty Kirkpatrick, AJ4RK 351 Old Georgia Road Moore, SC 29369 Email: aj4rk@bellsouth.net | Spartanburg, SC Piedmont Interstate Fair Grounds 575 Fairgrounds Road Div: Roanoke Sect: South Carolina |
| 12 May 2007 | + | RCARC Hamfest & Computer Show Rockingham County ARC http://www.rcarc.com Talk-In: 146.850 MHz Contact: Dal Williams, W4YQY 307 Oleander Drive, Suite D Eden, NC 27288 Email: w4yqy@rcarc.com | Reidsville, NC Liberty Baptist Church 141 Broadleaf Road Div: Roanoke Sect: North Carolina |