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This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House. Thursday December 13, 2007. Come early (6:30PM) and eat or ragchew. The Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM. All ICARS members and Families are encouraged to attend!



**Iredell County Amateur Radio Society Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2007**

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met November 8, 2007 at Julia's Tally House for the regular monthly meeting. President Rick McClure KE4TEP called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were fifteen (15) attending – thirteen (13) members and two (2) visitors.

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

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Matthew Carbone K4NYP presented and submitted a written report.

Previous Balance.....	\$291.31
Checks written.....	0.00
Deposits.....	0.00
Ending Balance.....	\$291.31

A motion that the report be approved was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Technical Committee – Chairman Don W4DON reported that the repeater desense problem is still present. He has written Danny Hamilton, SERA Coordinator for NC to determine whether he has any suggestions as to what might be causing our problem.

Don inspected the repeater antenna with a pair of binoculars. The antenna appears not to be in the best condition. We need a new antenna, possibly new transmission line and a new location on the tower. He stated that at best we have a "Mickey Mouse" antenna. He brought up the point we used to have a commercial Phelps-Dodge Station Master antenna that was later located to the Troutman tower. This antenna was destroyed by lightning. He estimates that today, the same antenna would cost somewhere between \$600 and \$1,000.

Don has contacted the manufacturer of the chip that provides the IDer for the repeater. The beep now occurs one-half second or less after the mike is released. The new chip will provide a one-second delay before sounding the beep. The manufacturer is providing some other refinements as well.

We are still running on the VHF Engineering repeater. We are putting about thirty watts into the duplexer and getting out about 15 watts. This is a 3 db loss which is normal. The 200 ft transmission line at 1db / 100 ft adds another 2 db of attenuation.

Emergency Preparedness – Dennis N4WHK stated we need to get radios into the hands of licensed operators.

Last Saturday some members participated in SET, the exercise that was held at that time. Dennis was in Gatlinburg and he checked into the net from there on 3927mhz. We have received the report regarding the McGuire exercise from David Martin. FEMA issued passing marks for Iredell County and ARES.

We also participated in a chemical spill. We had fairly decent participation in that real event. We deployed a man to the agricultural center. One agency, the Statesville Fire Department, desires to do some training with just us and them. We will be looking into doing that some time in the future. This will be held at the southbound rest area, the usual staging area for Emcomm and others. Red Cross has one communication vehicle set up.

Next thing coming up is Walk America about March.

Don thanked John KR4RO for his participation and help in the McGuire exercises. The evaluator talked with Don. He asked whether we had any trouble getting participation. Don told him we did have difficulty. He said that in South Carolina about any school he went into had a radio set up.

Old Business – A permanent e-mail address was discussed last month. This address would remain in place with changes in officers and could be used, among other things, for contact by IRS for the yearly reports regarding 501 (c) (3). A motion was made to pursue the possibility of obtaining a permanent e-mail address. The motion was seconded and carried.

Operator of the Year. It has been customary that the last year's recipient of the Operator of the Year award be responsible for taking the vote for this year's award. Patrick Whitson was last year's recipient and was not present. Secretary Jim W4ONS volunteered to take the vote and obtain the plaques. After reading the names of past recipients Jim passed out ballots.

It was decided the Christmas party will be at Julia's Tally House on the regular meeting night December 13, 2007 at 6:30PM. We hope everyone will come and bring their spouse.

New Business – Election of officers for 2008. John WB4WRY, chairman of the nominating committee submitted the following nominees;

President	Rick McClure KE4TEP
Vice-President	Dennis White N4WHK
Secretary	Jim Hoke W4ONS
Treasurer	None submitted
Member-at-large	Tim Misenheimer KC4MJC

Nominations were requested from the floor for the office of Treasurer. John Lamson WB4WRY was nominated for the office of Treasurer. No additional nominations were submitted. Don W4DON made a motion that the nominations for treasurer be closed. Motion seconded and carried.

Nominations were requested from the floor for the remaining officers and Member-at-large. No additional nominations were submitted. A motion that the nominations be closed was made and seconded. Motion carried. A motion that those nominated be elected by acclamation was made and seconded. Motion carried.

We wish to thank Jeff Watts KC4DBZ for completing the term of David Damron KG4CBZ as Member-at-large. Don W4DON will serve his second year as Member-at-large in 2008.

President Rick KE4TEP appointed Ralph Sparrow N4ACF, John Lamson WB4WRY, and John Yarbrough KR4RO to serve on the Audit and Budget Committees.

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the ECOM building November 15, 2007 at 6:30PM.

Don W4DON made a motion that we elect John W. Bullard, Recreation and Parks Director for the city of Statesville to become an Honorary member. Motion seconded and carried.

The next meeting will be the Christmas meeting at Julia's Tally House, December 13, 2007 at 6:30PM.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Secretary Jim Hoke, CPBE W4ONS



Reminder to all ICARS members

Just a reminder that next year club dues will increase to \$24.00 per year. There will also be a \$6.00 charge if you wish to receive the Iredell Wireless Newsletter by snail-mail. Checks may be sent to: ICARS, P.O. BOX 142 STATESVILLE NC 28687. Dues may also be given to the Treasurer, WB4WRY, John Lamson at a regular club meeting. Thanks for your support!

President Rick McClure's KE4TEP, plans for 2008 *My Apologies to Rick. KE4TEP*

My current aspiration is to strategically leverage a position in a turn-key and future-proof global marketplace, thereby utilizing the synergistic functionalities inherent to a skills ecosystem that orchestrates and proceduralizes mission-critical marketecture. By incentivizing team players during deep dive endeavors and pathfinder projects, I frequently invoke a tactical paradigm shift that focuses on promulgating leading-edge methodologies. Although rallying the troops is often outsourced, a strong disintermediator can empower such a matrixed skill set, and can ramp-up the human capital, allowing the team to catch the moving train as it traverses the value stream. By garnering low-hanging fruit, I will ultimately break through the glass ceiling, and capitalize on recontextualization of robust enterprise key reinforcement areas such as recognizing the criticality of monetizing scalable fiscal metrics. Also, by mitigating show-stoppers, and focusing on the long pole in the tent, I will keep from getting behind the 8 ball. Finally, I plan to hypertask, rack and stack responsibilities, and propagate enablers who can drill down into core competencies and bird dog soft money opportunities; all while simultaneously weaving myself a golden parachute and avoiding being surplusd.

The above article is purely for FUN. Rick McClure KE4TEP did NOT make this speech.



ICARS WEBSITE UPDATE

As most of you know by now, the ICARS website is in the process of changing its website address. The current address of www.icarsonline.org is still operational. The new address of www.w4snc.org as of today is not operational. The new address will open a web page but all you see is the letter "T" in the upper left hand corner.

At one time, w4snc.org had an address forwarding to icarsonline.org, so when you clicked on w4snc.org, you were redirected to icarsonline.org. I have now disabled this feature because it might hamper the server in the changeover.

The w4snc.org website address was registered with a company in Texas. The server where the icarsonline.org website is located is in Statesville. Our server, or location of the main computer where the ICARS website is stored, is in the process of changing the address from icarsonline.org to w4snc.org. ICARS is "renting" (for lack of a better word) the w4snc.org address, from the Texas company. We will have to pay "rent" again in 4 and ½ years to keep the name for us. This is a time consuming process, and since ICARS is getting this service free of charge, the server has to work on the changeover in their spare time. They have to take care of the paying customers first.

The server is also working on securing ICARS the E-mail address of icars@w4snc.org. This is another time consuming project. I had an e-mail from the server 2 days ago regarding the e-mail address so maybe in the near future it will be operational.

Internet America is doing ICARS a very big favor by providing us with space for a website and now the changeover to the new address and e-mail address. If we had to fund these changes and website hosting, I hate to think of the cost to us!

I ask for your patients and understanding while the changes are being made. I will keep you posted about any and all changes to the site either on the nets or via e-mail, or both.

Hope everyone has a very safe, Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tim KC4MJC

Website Webmaster & Iredell Wireless Editor

I C A R S FM and HF Nets December 2007

Net Manager: W4DON

2m FM Net 2100 L 146.685		10m CW Net 2000 L 28.150		10m SSB Net 2100 L 28.468	
Date	NCS	Date	NCS	Date	NCS
		12-1	W4DON	12-1	AG4AU
12-5	W4ONS	12-8	WB4WRY	12-8	W4DON
12-12	KE4TEP	12-15	WB4WRY	12-15	N4WHK
12-19	WB4WRY	12-22	W4DON	12-22	KR4RO
12-26	KC4MJC	12-29	WB4WRY	12-29	N4ACF

If you're unable to call the your Net find a replacement NCS
NCS please give a 5 minute notice before net time and call your Net on time

ARES Training Net each Monday at 2100 L