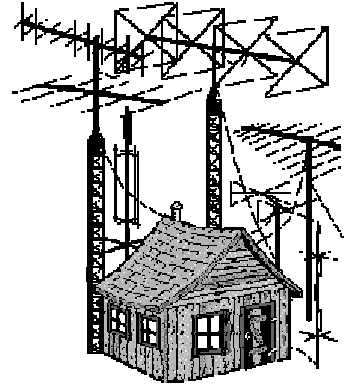


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February 2007

This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House. Thursday February 8 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
January 11, 2007

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met at Julia's Tally House for the regular monthly meeting. After those present introduced ourselves, President Rick McClure, KE4TEP introduced the speaker for this evening, Mr. Joseph Crosswhite. Joe is an attorney and he has returned from Baghdad, Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and the surrounding countryside. He presented a most interesting and informative program covering his impressions and experiences. His presentation consisted of a running commentary accompanied by a slide show of pictures he took in the area. After the presentation, Joe welcomed questions and discussion. It was great to hear and see a first-hand report from that area.

After the program, President Rick, KE4TEP called the meeting to order at 7:58 PM. There were eight (8) members and three (3) visitors present for a total of eleven (11).

Minutes – Secretary Jim, W4ONS read the minutes of the December 16, 2006 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Matt, K4NYP presented and submitted a written report dated 01/11/07.

Previous Balance.....	\$436.83
Check to SERA Dues.....	20.00
Check to Honorcraft, Inc. Ham of Year.....	42.75
Ending Balance.....	\$374.08

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

The Audit/Budget Committee consisting of Rick, KE4TEP, Walt, AG4AU, and John, WB4WRY audited the 2006 report and found it to be correct and in order. A signed written report was submitted. Thanks to Treasurer Matt, K4NYP for an excellent job.

Old Business --

Technical Committee – Don, W4DON submitted a written report. The plan is for the club to have two towers. Dennis and Don completed the tower section refurbishing/welding in November and December. Three base plate tower leg stubs have been fabricated. Dennis is to provide the base plate. We need material for four steel base plate stakes and three guy stakes. Preparation is being made to refurbish three beam antennas. Antenna storage boxes are to be fabricated after the final dimensions are determined.

Field Day – Don has secured McClure Park for the Field Day exercises. Don made a list of items to be taken care of in preparation for a successful exercise. This list was given to Rick, KE4TEP.

ARES – Rick reported that Russell, KF4AEX has accepted the responsibility of Emergency Preparedness Liaison and will report ARES activities to the group. It was reported last month that a complete two-meter station to be located at the Mooresville police station would be funded. The Mooresville Volunteer Fire Service has agreed they will pay for the station. All approvals have been received and they are ready to order the equipment.

Russ reported he is working with Davis Regional Medical Center regarding emergency preparedness since there has been a change of ownership of the facility. He is also attempting to get Skywarn Classes scheduled for this area.

Old Business – There was discussion concerning autopatch codes. Tim will be asked to review what is in the repeater now and update the codes where needed.

New Business – Rick reported he is working on appointing committees for 2007. He will be ready to report at the next meeting. Tim Slay, N4IB ARRL is scheduled to be our speaker in February.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2007 at Julia's Tally House at 7:00 PM. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Secretary, Jim Hoke, CPBE, W4ONS

My apologies again for not publishing a newsletter in January. I will do my best to see that it does not happen again. Below are the minutes for the December meeting for those of you who couldn't make the last meeting.

Tim KC4MJC

**Iredell County Amateur Radio Society Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2006**

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met at Golden Coral for the annual Christmas gathering. Vice-President Mike Bryan, WA6KWW called the December meeting to order at 7:18 PM. President Margie Persons, KE4YWO was not present. There were fifteen (15) members and nine (9) visitors present for a total of twenty-four (24). Mike asked everyone to introduce themselves.

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

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Matt, K4NYP stated he does not have a report for this meeting but will have a complete report ready for the next meeting.

Technical Committee – Chairman Don, W4DON reported that the repairs to the towers have been completed. Dennis, N4WHK stated he will get the base plate to Don shortly. Don is getting ready to start on the repairs to the antennas starting with the 20 meter beam. The proposed purchase of the controller board for the repeater is still on hold until after the first of the year.

ARES Report – Rick, KE4TEP reported that a two-meter station to be located at the Mooresville Police Department is to be installed soon after the first of the year. All equipment including transceiver, feed-line, and antenna will be paid for by Mooresville authorities. Volunteers will be needed to set up the equipment. There has been discussion concerning a voter system for the southern part of the county.

Old Business – It was brought to the club's attention that it is increasingly difficult to obtain net control operators for the nets. Volunteers are sorely needed.

New Business – Don will attempt to reserve McClure Park for Field Day activities again this year.

Installation of Officers – The officers that were nominated and elected at the November meeting were installed. President, Rick McClure, KE4TEP, Vice-President, Dennis White, N4WHK, and Secretary, Jim Hoke, W4ONS. Don Summers, W4DON is Member-at-Large replacing Walt. David Damron, KI4CBZ begins his second term as Member-at-large. Thank you to the outgoing Member-at-Large, Walt Schwarzl, AG4AU and officers Margie Persons, KE4YWO, and Mike Bryan, WA6KWW.

Jim Hoke, W4ONS, Operator of the Year for 2005 announced the result of the vote taken at the November meeting for Operator of the Year for 2006 - Patrick Whitson, W4GPW. Patrick was not present to accept the award. Congratulations to Patrick.

President Mike then turned the meeting over to our new president, Rick McClure, KE4TEP. Rick stated that there are approximately three-hundred (300) licensed radio amateurs in Iredell County. He feels we should make a concerted effort to increase our membership and participation in ICARS. We need more volunteers to serve on committees and club functions. We can expect to be hearing from Rick in this regard.

The January meeting will be January 11, 2007 at Julia's Tally House at 7:00 PM. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Secretary, Jim Hoke, CPBE, W4ONS



THE WHITE HOUSE

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January 8, 2007

I send greetings to all those celebrating 100 years of voices over the airwaves.

Radio plays an important role in informing, entertaining, and protecting people everywhere. At the turn of the last century, Reginald Fessenden pioneered wireless communications and opened the door for technological advances that have improved the lives of Americans and individuals around the world. This occasion is an opportunity to remember Fessenden's broadcast of voice and music over the air a century ago and a chance to celebrate the many ways radio has enriched our lives and our Nation.

I appreciate all who work in radio, and I am grateful to the amateur radio operators who provide emergency communications that help make our country safer and more secure. Your good work strengthens our society and represents the American spirit.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Call Sign	Name	Date Paid
N9JJL	John Larew	4/13/2006
KE4ERH	Lee McClure	1/11/2007
KE4TEP	Rick McClure	1/11/2007
KF4AEX	Russell Beck	1/11/2007
NG4X	Dale Bass	1/11/2007
W4ONS	Jim Hoke	1/11/2007
WA8JZW	Clarence Webb	1/12/2007
K4NYP	Matthew Carbone	1/16/2007
WB4WRY	John Lamson	1/16/2007
KC4DBZ	Jeff Watts	
W4DON	Don Summers	

We have a good start on the dues for this year. Lets keep them rolling in!

If anybody is interested in NET CONTROL duty, the job is always open!

Help keep Morse Code (CW) alive. Check into John, WB4WRY's 10 meter CW net each Saturday night at 8:00 PM. Freq. 28.150!

Don't forget the 10 meter SSB net either. Saturday nights at 9:00 PM. Freq. 28.468.

ICARS also has a 2 meter net on Wednesday nights at 9:00 PM. 146.685- repeater.

Iredell ARES 2 meter net on Tuesday nights at 8:30 PM. 164.686- repeater.

The cutoff date to have something published in the next Iredell Wireless is February 24 2007. If you have something you think might be of interest, please send it to me at kc4mjc@gmail.com and I will get it published. If I can't get it in one issue, I will use it in the next issue. I can use all the help I can get.

Dates	Type	Event and Contact	Location
18 Feb 2007	*	Virginia State Convention (Richmond FrostFest) Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society http://www.frostfest.com Talk-In: 146.880 (PL 74.4) Contact: Gene Payne, WA4PED 7903 Dalmain Drive Richmond, VA 23228 Phone: 804-266-8903 Email: wa4ped@comcast.net	Richmond, VA The Showplace 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike Div: Roanoke Sect: Virginia
25 Feb 2007	+	Winterfest 07 Vienna Wireless Society http://www.viennawireless.org Talk-In: 146.91 Contact: James L. Richey, AG4MA 4402 Roundhill Road Alexandria, VA 22310 Phone: 703-971-4812 Email: jimrichey2@juno.com	Annandale, VA Northern Virginia Community College 8333 Little River Turnpike Div: Roanoke Sect: Virginia
10-11 Mar 2007	*	North Carolina Section Convention (Charlotte Hamfest and Computerfair) Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society http://www.w4bfb.org/hamfest Talk-In: 145.290 - (no tone) Contact: Mary Hunt, N4MH 16007 Wynfield Creek Pkwy. Huntersville, NC 28078 Phone: 704-948-7373 Fax: 704-948-7373 Email: n4mh@w4bfb.org	Charlotte, NC Charlotte Merchandise Mart 2500 East Independence Blvd. Div: Roanoke Sect: North Carolina
17 Mar 2007	+	Charleston Area Hamfest & Computer Show Charleston Hamfest Committee http://www.karc.wvhamradio.com Talk-In: 145.35 (PL 91.5) Contact: Jim Damron, N8TMW 4607 Baxter Drive Charleston, WV 25302 Phone: 304-965-5349 Fax: 304-965-7753 Email: n8tmw@arrl.net	Charleston, WV Coonskin Armory 1707 Coonskin Drive Div: Roanoke Sect: West Virginia
25 Mar 2007	+	17th Annual Down East Hamfest Down East Hamfest Association, Inc. Talk-In: 146.085/146.685 (PL 88.5) Contact: Jean DuPree, KB4OHX Phone: 252-523-2703 Email: jeanhd@icomnet.com	Kinston, NC Lenoir County Fairgrounds NC Highway 11 South Div: Roanoke Sect: North Carolina