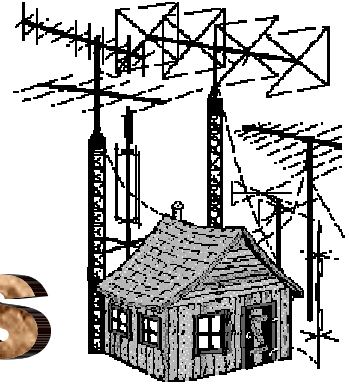


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JULY 2007

This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House. Thursday July 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
June 14, 2007

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met June 14, 2007 at Julia's Tally House for the regular monthly meeting. In the absence of President Rick McClure, KE4TEP, Vice-President Dennis White, N4WHK called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and asked everyone to introduce themselves. There were twelve (12) in attendance -- ten (10) members and two (2) visitors.

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

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Matthew Carbone, K4NYP presented and submitted a written report dated 06/14/2007.

Previous Balance.....	\$636.19
Check to Tim Misenheimer for stamps.....	(\$40.00)
Check for Post Office Box... ..	(\$40.00)
Deposit from Donations.....	\$57.00
Ending Balance.....	\$613.19

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

Old Business – Rick, KE4TEP is working on obtaining prices for a storage facility for ICARS equipment. He will also report on the advantages of reestablishing the Club's ARRL affiliation.

New Business –

Secretary Jim, W4ONS reported we have received an application for ICARS membership from John S. Yarborough, Sr., KR4RO. He has submitted a check covering the required fees. No one present is acquainted with Mr. Yarborough. No action was taken pending further details.

Don, W4DON reported he has approached Wal-Mart and Staples for a donation of an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) to power the repeater. To date, he has been unsuccessful. If anyone has a UPS they would like to donate, the Club will be most appreciative. The manager of the Wal-Mart store suggested we submit an application for grant funding for consideration. Don submitted an application on the form provided by Wal-Mart.

Field Day -- The remainder of the meeting was devoted to Field Day discussion and planning. We plan to begin setting up at McClure Park at 2:00 PM Friday, June 22.

The next meeting will be July 12, 2007 at Julia's Tally House at 7:00 PM. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Secretary
Jim Hoke, CPBE, W4ONS

From: 2007 Field Day Publicity Chmn.

To: ICARS Members, their spouses and children

SUBJECT: Post 2007 Field Day Report

As most of you already know none of the invited elected officials showed themselves for FD. Only one replied to my invitation. The Mayor replied but had other commitments. Remember, we only vote for those that show up when invited. Hi, hi.

Two agencies that ARES would serve attended. EOC and SPD. That's 100 extra points.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday one or more Statesville Police Officers and Patrolmen stopped in one or more times. I believe there were four all total. Three are licensed amateurs. All were on duty and in uniform. Lt. Joe Barone is now living in Alexander County after moving from Mocksville area.

One EOC Representative, Paul Webster, attended Sunday.

I never got around to inviting the ARC.

I'm happy to report I was able to log in 210 CW contacts on 40m CW for 420 points if they're all good. Even after I had slow start due to visitors coming on site and asking lots of questions. The tours, explaining about antennas and what our main purpose in FD was took some of my operating time. Matt helped me some with logging Saturday evening as Lt. Joe Barone observed and saw what was going on.

KR4RO, John, stopped by before we became operational. Remember John has submitted his application, fee and dues to join ICARS. Thanks for coming John.

Paul Robinette, our ARES SEC, and his xyl stopped by for a visit.

ICARS was able to do something different this year. Sent five and received five Formal Messages for an extra 100 points. That was handled on 6m by KE4NUN and N4WHK. Remember, all radio amateurs should know how to compose, send and receive Formal Messages in the ARRL format. This is a requirement for ARES members.

Friday's setup activity:

2pm - 10pm Erected two 30 ft HF towers and one 40 foot 6m tower and four beams. Assembled the three HyGain monoband beams with no problems except for one screw on 20m for beta-match was too short where it fastened to boom. Checked all beams with analyzer.

Raised the 80/75 and 40 meters dipoles between the towers as planned.

I lost count of how many bottles of water I drank.

Saturday's setup activity:

KE4TEP raised WB4WRY's tent during the night. He also set up his new 10' X 10' tent.

8:30am - 11am KE4ERH, W4ONS, KE4NUN and I erected my three 28 foot fiberglass masts for the 40m flat-top dipole. Raised the dipole. Running East & West. Checked it with analyzer. AC4AS, KE4ERH, W4ONS, KE4NUN, etc. and I erected my Gazebo. Thanks guys!!! Somewhat aggravating to erect but once up . . . it's nice for a \$50 Fred's special. If I ever buy another tent it will be like KE4TEP's. [If you buy a tent for FD be sure to get one with screened in sides.]

8:30am - 1:45pm Plug and Play time.

After some discussion it was decided 5A NC would be our report.

1:45pm Started both generators and checked volts and hertz.

Once again lost count of how many bottles of water I drank. My main problem was with my feet hurting both days. I have a high arch and simply need to get better and new inserts for my shoes to get pressure off of front and rear areas of my feet.

We were short two laptop computers and the 75 and 40 meter ops had to manually log their contacts. Let's not let this happen again folks. CRT monitors would be a plus in daytime hours.

Safety issues? None, but since we have two extra 18-inch steel stakes one of them should be used to anchor KE4NUN's vehicle when it's being used to raise and lower the towers with his winch. That's a great tool Johnny!

WSIC visitors:

"Billy Buck" and his son Ben from WSIC came by around noon Saturday. Kidding us . . . he said we were interfering with his radio station and would have to shut down. I told him we hadn't even started transmitting yet. Introductions were made and I explained all the antennas to them.

There was a Visitors Log maintained.

Photos:

I took my camera but never made one photo, that's how busy and/or tired I was. You folks that took photos send me some to look at. KC4MJC will need some for the web site as well so send him some.

For those that were unable to be there you missed a good one. We all missed you.

Mark your calendars for next year. Our prayer's for good weather were answered!

Our prayer's for rain afterwards were answered Sunday evening.

Thanks for the good food John, WB4WRV and Freda.

Thanks for building the antenna boxes Rick, KE4TEP. Plus all the transportation/storage.

Thanks to Lisa, N4WHK's xyl, for bringing me more ice Saturday night.

Finally, my balance scales and the doctors office scales reveal that I lost about 8 pounds over the weekend.

Don, W4DON

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

As of today, I don't have the Field Day score totaled yet. I can tell you that ICARS made more than two hundred (200) more contacts than last year! I hope to have the final totals by the meeting July 12, 2007. Just wish I could have been there! Sounds to me like all the hard work before Field Day paid off and the set up portion was very smooth. Thanks to all who helped with this years event, job well done!

If you do not receive a printed copy of the *Iredell Wireless*, and you want one, send three dollars \$3.00 check or money order, NO CASH (to pay for the rest of the year, \$6.00 for full year) To ICARS P.O. Box 142, Statesville NC 28687, or give the money to a club officer.

I haven't had time to post pictures of Field Day on the ICARS website yet but I will ASAP. Anyway, here is a sample of some of the FUN!!!!



Thanks Sherrill, W4SDT and Jim W4ONS for pictures