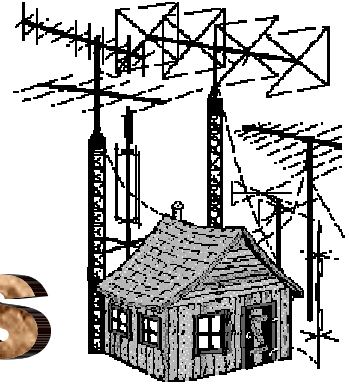


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## JUNE 2007

*This month's Meeting will be held at Julia's Tally House. Thursday June 14, 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  
May 10, 2007**

The Iredell County Amateur Radio Society met May 10, 2007 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 fifteen (15) members and three (3) visitors present for a total of eighteen (18).

**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 05/10/2007.

Previous balance.....	\$662.08
Check to Don Summers for repair parts tower, beams, etc. ....	(\$167.14)
Deposits - Dues and donations .....	\$141.25
Ending Balance .....	\$636.19

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

**Technical Committee** – Don, W4DON reported he has been busy preparing for Field Day activities.

**ARES** – Rick, KE4TEP presented the report since Russ, KF4AEX had not yet arrived. An Area 11 meeting was held in Salisbury. They are in the process of establishing a regular net and are searching for a repeater that would be suitable. The best available repeater to date is the Wilkesboro repeater. The proposed start date for the net is to be within the next 90 days or so. Alexander ARES will be having a field exercise May 19. They have many interesting topics, such as; APRS, Global Positioning, Topo Maps, etc. The exercise will begin at 9:00 AM. The talk-in frequency will be 147.195MHz .

**Field Day** – Dennis, N4WHK reports we are almost ready for Field Day. He reported we are in need of a PL-259 and we will be ready. McClure Shelter at McClure Park has been reserved 12:00 PM Friday, June 22 through 3:00 PM Sunday, June 24. The additional set-up day on Friday is paid for by volunteer contributors and will not come from ICARS funds. Rick has volunteered to stay with the equipment over Friday night.

Rick recognized Tim, KC4MJC for his fine work in putting out the Wireless and the web site.

**Old Business** – It has been determined that ICARS is still listed as being affiliated with ARRL. We are listed as inactive. It is a simple matter to reactivate our status if we desire.

At the April 12, 2007 meeting, it was agreed that the following items would be voted for at the May meeting;

- Member-at-large vacancy to complete the term of David, KI4CBZ who resigned. Buddy, KG4DKN and Jeff, KC4DBZ had been nominated. Buddy stated he wishes to withdraw his name. Nominations from the floor were requested. No additional nominations were received. It was moved that nominations be closed and Jeff, KC4DBZ was elected.

-- It is proposed to increase dues to \$24.00 per year effective January 1, 2008. During discussion, the cost of the construction of the beam antenna boxes at \$50. per box for a total of \$150. was brought up. Don, Chair Technical Committee W4DON said the cost of the boxes would not come from club dues, but would be paid for by individuals. It was pointed out that we have been barely meeting expenses and the increase is needed. After discussion, a vote was taken. Two voted "no". Motion carried.

-- Due to increasing costs, those wishing to receive a printed copy of the Wireless by mail will be required to pay \$6.00 per year. This increase will begin June 1, 2007 with \$3.00 due at that time. After discussion a vote was taken. Two voted "no". Motion carried.

-- As discussed at the April meeting, the Board recommends that we obtain a storage facility to store the Club's equipment. Rick has checked with five companies where storage facilities are available. The prices range from a 5' X 10' X 8'H for \$45 per month to a 10' X 10' X 8'H for \$65 per month. We have the option of purchasing their insurance or we can purchase our own. Rick will continue to explore the possibilities. No action was taken.

Rick asked for volunteers for Net Control operators. Some volunteered. See Wireless for a list of assignments.

**New Business** – None.

The next meeting will be June 14, 2007 at Julia's Tally House at 7:00 PM. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.

Jim Hoke, CPBE, W4ONS

### Editor's Notes

Starting in July 2007, anyone wishing to have the IREDELL WIRELESS mailed (snail-mail) to them, contact Tim, KC4MJC (ME) and let him know. I will be on the 2 meter repeater most nights from 6:30 PM till 10:30 PM. Or e-mail me at [kc4mjc@gmail.com](mailto:kc4mjc@gmail.com) You can also pass the info to one of the club officers and they will contact me. **Remember to send in your \$3.00 for the postage (for snail-mail) . Mail check or money order to ICARS P.O. Box 142, Statesville NC 28687. If you prefer to give cash, give it directly to a club officer. DON'T MAIL CASH!**

If I don't hear from you, I will send the Iredell Wireless via E-MAIL ONLY. As always, the Wireless will be available on the ICARS website. [www.icarsonline.org](http://www.icarsonline.org).

### FIELD DAY

By the time you read this, it will be less than TWO WEEK'S till Field Day. Do you have everything ready that you want to bring? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "YOUR NOT GOING TO COME"!!! Field Day is the one event of the year that has the most amateur radio operators participating at the same time! It covers the whole north American continent. Thousands of ham's and non ham's will be involved with this event. ICARS needs everyone it can get. There is something for everyone to do. You can even come and watch, but it's more fun to dive in and make some contacts, help log, put up towers, take towers down, eat some of WB4WRY'S good cooking, fellowship with other hams. I am about to run out of room on this page, so won't YOU please come????? JUNE 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Field Day 2007

Dear Field Day Participant:

We have all been bitten... For some it happened at their neighbor's house... For others it may have been with their father or uncle... Perhaps it was with a favorite teacher at school... but wherever and whenever it happened, there was a time that each of us active amateurs was:

### **“Bitten by the Bug” The Amateur Radio Bug!**

Amateur radio is about knowledge and growth. **It is a hobby and service that truly offers “something for everyone.”** It is a chance to learn and grow but above all **amateur radio is about FUN.** It is a hobby where we learn, share, and, well, just have a good time. And for many there is perhaps nothing more fun in the hobby than **ARRL Field Day.** Old friendships are renewed and new ones created. We become both teacher and student during that special fourth full weekend in June – sharing our experience while learning new things.

Amateur Radio stands at a juncture where we can **embrace both the old and new.** While CW may no longer be a testing element, it is still a strong and favorite operating mode of tens of thousands of operators. Tens of thousands of operators are embracing digital technologies, from RTTY to newer digital modes like PSK31 and Olivia. Phone operation, probably the largest segment of our hobby, also has new frontiers to be explored with digitized voice, VOIP, and IRLP. And this is why Field Day – **the largest annual on-the-air operating event** – is so exciting. It gives all – the old timer and the newcomer, the brass-pounder and the computer assisted operator – the chance to share and teach the broad range of modes, skills and technologies we find in our hobby.

Field Day is truly the time where we **bring amateur radio to Main Street USA.** By setting up in parking lots, malls, Emergency Operations Centers, parks and even at home, amateur operators learn skills that will allow them to better serve their communities. Setting up in these public venues gives added public relations value – their friends and neighbors can see and experience the fun and public service capability that their “ham radio” neighbors bring to their towns. **High visibility** helps get the amateur radio message out to the community.

There are **two minor rule changes** for Field Day 2007. First, while working for the satellite contact bonus, you are limited to making only one QSO when using any of the single-channel FM satellites. This will allow more stations to access this very limited resource. The second change involves the bonus points for GOTA stations. The number of QSOs required to attain the bonus changes from 50 down to 20, and continues in multiples of 20 up to 100 QSOs per GOTA operator – 20 bonus points for each 20 QSOs completed. See the specific details in the enclosed rules and FAQ sheets.

The buildings on Main Street in your town will be different from mine. Your Main Street may speak with a Southern drawl, a Texas twang, or a Yankee accent. But deep down – Main Street is Main Street. Use Field Day 2007 to open up our wonderful hobby to the next generation of amateur radio operators on YOUR Main Street! And don't worry about insecticide. **Field Day 2007 is a great time for “the Bug” to bite as many people as it can!**

**It's up to you to make it happen... 73!**

**Dan Henderson, N1ND**  
**ARRL Field Day Manager**  
[fdinfo@arrl.org](mailto:fdinfo@arrl.org) or (860) 594-0236

## Celebrity Ham Encounters

[Vince Ponzio \(KA3NRX\)](#) on May 4, 2007

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I am the type of guy who really has no use for or is not impressed by celebrity. Most people in the public eye for one reason or another are hailed as being infallible, and as "gods among men" all because they sing a song, or hit the ball a country mile, or look good on the big screen. When in reality they are either one of two things. Average normal people like you and me, or people who abuse their success to the point where they think they can get away with things because of who they are no matter who they hurt, including themselves. But as I digress from my attitude of not being impressed with celebrity, I have to wonder, how many of the legions of "heroes" out there ever earned a ham radio license and are active?

How many of them are lurking among our ranks in this fascinating hobby? There have been many, throughout the years. Marlon Brando, Arthur Godfrey, King Hussein of Jordan, King Juan Carlos of Spain, Walter Cronkite, Joe Walsh of the rock band "The Eagles" just to name a few. I put forth the question; have any of you ever had an encounter with any of these celebrity ham radio operators, either on the air or via some other means?

I once took it upon myself to e-mail Joe Walsh a few years back just to see if I would get a response. I had a question for him about a song that the Eagles did. Nothing radio related was discussed other than the fact that I too was a licensed ham radio operator. Lo and behold, old Joe e-mailed me back with an answer to my question. I was flabbergasted! As far as on the air, I have worked the NK7U contest stations on a few occasions, however I am not sure if the op on the other end was in fact former Oakland A's outfielder and three-time World Series Champion Joe Rudi, who actually carries that call sign, but heads up a contest team using his call.

So I am curious. Have any of you ever had a celebrity ham QSO or off the air encounter? And if so, please describe them. Were they positive? Was the celebrity ham friendly?

73 Vince P  
KA3NRX

*Copied from EHAM.com Editor KC4MJC*

I have wondered about this myself. Has anyone had a QSO with a celebrity ham? Write a story about it so I can publish it in the Wireless.



Dates	Type	Event and Contact	Location
7 Jul 2007	+	Firecracker Hamfest Rowan Amateur Radio Society <a href="http://w4exu.net">http://w4exu.net</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.13/146.73 (PL 94.8) <b>Contact:</b> Ralph Brown, WB4AQK 1621 Emerald Street Salisbury, NC 28144 Phone: 704-636-5902 Fax: 704-202-1465 Email: <a href="mailto:rkbrown5902@bellsouth.net">rkbrown5902@bellsouth.net</a>	Salisbury, NC Salisbury Civic Center <a href="#">315 South Boundary Street</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina
21 Jul 2007	+	Mid-Summer Swapfest Cary Amateur Radio Club <a href="http://www.qsl.net/n4nc/">http://www.qsl.net/n4nc/</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.88 -0.6 (no tone) <b>Contact:</b> Herb Lacey, W3HL 1022 Medlin Drive Cary, NC 27511 Phone: 919-467-9608 Email: <a href="mailto:w3hl@arrl.net">w3hl@arrl.net</a>	Cary, NC Harold Ritter Park <a href="#">301 West Lochmere Drive</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina
28 Jul 2007	+	Western Carolina Hamfest Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society <a href="http://www.wcars.org/hamfest">http://www.wcars.org/hamfest</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.91 (PL 91.5); 146.76 <b>Contact:</b> Dean Blair, K2JB 20 Coffey Place Asheville, NC 28806 Phone: 828-423-3082 Fax: 828-670-9909 Email: <a href="mailto:k2jb@arrl.net">k2jb@arrl.net</a>	Waynesville, NC Haywood County Fairgrounds Highway 209 (Lake Junaluska) <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina
4 Aug 2007	+	Roanoke Valley ARC <a href="http://www.w4ca.org">http://www.w4ca.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.985- (PL 107.2) <b>Contact:</b> Phil Roark, K4WFO 405 Yorkshire Street Salem, VA 24153 Phone: 540-387-4487 Fax: 540-387-4487 Email: <a href="mailto:k4wfo@arrl.net">k4wfo@arrl.net</a>	Vinton, VA William Byrd High School <a href="#">2902 East Washington Avenue</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> Virginia
5 Aug 2007	+	57th Annual Berryville Hamfest The Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club <a href="http://www.svarc.us/hamfest">http://www.svarc.us/hamfest</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.820 - <b>Contact:</b> Laura Stewart, N4LLS HC 61 Box 159T	Berryville, VA Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds Business Route 7 <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> Virginia

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11 Aug 2007	+	<p>9th Annual CFARS Swapfest  Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society  <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.910(-) (PL 100)  <b>Contact:</b> David Cowart, KR4OE  637 East Raynor Drive  Fayetteville, NC 28311  Phone: 910-237-9097  Email: <a href="mailto:kr4oe@nc.rr.com">kr4oe@nc.rr.com</a></p>	<p>Fayetteville, NC  Reeves Auditorium,  Methodist College  <a href="http://www.methodistcollege.edu/5400-Ramsey-Street">5400 Ramsey Street</a>  <b>Div:</b> Roanoke  <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina</p>
11 Aug 2007	+	<p>Tailgate Party  Trident Amateur Radio Club  <a href="http://www.tridenthams.org">http://www.tridenthams.org</a>  <b>Talk-In:</b> 147.150+ (no tone)  <b>Contact:</b> Dennis R. Zabawa, KG4RUL  307 Pine Cone Court  Ladson, SC 29456-3128  Phone: 843-572-4053</p>	<p>Moncks Corner, SC  Fraternal Order of Police  Lodge 19  <a href="http://www.moncks-corner-sc.com/1310-South-Live-Oak-Drive">1310 South Live Oak Drive</a>  <b>Div:</b> Roanoke  <b>Sect:</b> South Carolina</p>
25 Aug 2007	*	<p>West Virginia State Convention  West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council  <a href="http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc">http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc</a>  <b>Talk-In:</b> 145.39 (Alt. 147.33)  <b>Contact:</b> Patrick Shea, N8MIN  28 Jackson Street  Weston, WV 26452-1513  Phone: 304-269-3468  Fax: 304-472-2187  Email: <a href="mailto:pshea@citynet.net">pshea@citynet.net</a></p>	<p>Weston, WV  WVU Convention Center  -Jackson's Mill 4-H  Conference Center  Route 1, Box 210  <b>Div:</b> Roanoke  <b>Sect:</b> West Virginia</p>
31 Aug-2 Sep 2007	+	<p>Shelby ARC  <a href="http://ShelbyHamfest.org">http://ShelbyHamfest.org</a>  <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.28/146.88  <b>Contact:</b> Robby Hamrick, WA4RH  PO Box 1408  Ellenboro, NC 28040  Phone: 828-453-9121  Email: <a href="mailto:wa4rh@bellsouth.net">wa4rh@bellsouth.net</a></p>	<p>Shelby, NC  Cleveland County  Fairgrounds  Highway 74 Business  East  <b>Div:</b> Roanoke  <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina</p>
15-16 Sep 2007	*	<p>Roanoke Division Convention  Tidewater Radio Conventions  <a href="http://www.vahamfest.com">http://www.vahamfest.com</a>  <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.97  <b>Contact:</b> Lynn Lilla, W9DJQ  848 Stacev Place</p>	<p>Virginia Beach, VA  Virginia Wesleyan  College  <a href="http://www.vwcollege.edu/1584-Wesleyan-Drive">1584 Wesleyan Drive</a>  <b>Div:</b> Roanoke  <b>Sect:</b> Virginia</p>

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6 Oct 2007	+	Pfafftown Swapfest Forsyth Amateur Radio Club <a href="http://www.w4nc.org">http://www.w4nc.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 145.47 (PL 100) ; 146.64 (PL 100) <b>Contact:</b> Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO PO Box 11361 Winston-Salem, NC 27116-1361 Phone: 336-723-7388 Email: <a href="mailto:oct-hamfest@w4nc.org">oct-hamfest@w4nc.org</a>	Pfafftown, NC West Central Community Center <a href="#">6130 Yadkinville Road</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina
6 Oct 2007	+	York County ARS <a href="http://www.rockhillhamfest.com">http://www.rockhillhamfest.com</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 147.030 (negative offset) <b>Contact:</b> Sheila Parrish, KG4CDF 2358 J P Dirt Road Edgemoor, SC 29712 Phone: 803-328-5983 Email: <a href="mailto:coy@cetlink.net">coy@cetlink.net</a>	Rock Hill, SC American Legion Post 34 <a href="#">199 South Cherry Road</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> South Carolina
14 Oct 2007	+	Maysville Hamfest Club <b>Contact:</b> Byron Highland, K4BMH 3753 Thorne Drive Farmville, NC 27828-9314 Phone: 252-753-2895	Maysville, NC Community Center <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> North Carolina
27 Oct 2007	+	Sumter Amateur Radio Association <a href="http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2695/sara.htm">http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2695/sara.htm</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 147.015 (PL 156.7) <b>Contact:</b> Carl Ecabert, AA1MD 6105 Dubose Siding Road Sumter, SC 29154 Phone: 803-469-0113 Fax: 803-499-3590 Email: <a href="mailto:aa1md@ftc-i.net">aa1md@ftc-i.net</a>	Sumter, SC Sumter Jaycee Hut <a href="#">314 Pine Street</a> <b>Div:</b> Roanoke <b>Sect:</b> South Carolina