

THE WIRELESS

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ICARS AT SHELBY!

Next Meeting

The next meeting is at 7pm on August 11th. It will be at Mitchell College Technology and Workforce Development Center Room 205, 701 West Front Street, Statesville. For directions, see our WebSite at W4SNC.org

August Program

The August program will be a panel discussion concerning SKYWARN/Peidmont Spotter Group. (See more info in this month's publication, and on the Web).

September Program

The September Program will be the ICARS 40th anniversary. We will meet on September 10th at Lakewood Park in Statesville. More information will be available soon.

(the Wireless is 3 pages this month, be sure and read to the end)



Shelby Hamfest

The Shelby Hamfest will have a table for ICARS this year! If you have something you would like to sell, be sure and let Don WA4NIZ or Ben W4BGP know so they can arrange to have some space on our table for you. The Hamfest is September 2nd - 4th at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. For more information see the link [HERE](#).

ICARS is soon to be 40!!

In spring of 1975 four radio amateurs, Ray Smith - WA4LMW, Vincent Smith - WB4TBP, Donald Summers - W4DON, and Fred Stiening - K4EYQ (Silent key) were Operating on 2-meter FM simplex in Statesville. Solid communications by mobile to mobile was possible only within 2 to 3 miles and mobile to fixed station with 5/8 wavelength antenna was 8 - 10 miles. 2-meter FM mobile equipment was simple to install and provided superior communications. The only problem was it didn't have enough range unless a repeater was used. They decided that Iredell County needed a 2-meter FM repeater.

1976 arrived and the group was still trying to get more of the other local amateurs on 2-meters and help purchase a repeater. Donald - W4DON, decided to do a first and conduct a Novice Class. Hopefully enough support from such a class could be realized to form an amateur radio club and sponsor a 2-meter repeater.

Donald contacted WB4YJP and WB4VJQ, two local radio amateurs that had been demonstrating SSTV at the Mall earlier. He discussed what the long-term plans were, "form an Amateur Radio Club and support and 2-meter repeater installation".

By the time Class was taking their Novice Exams all agreed to draw up a Charter, organize, and sponsor a 2-meter repeater in Statesville. Steve Sallee - WB4YWZ (N4QG), Paul Kleane - student, formerly WA4WRY, Hugh Henline - W4JOP (moving from VA.) now a silent key, and Donald worked on and developed the original Constitution & By-Laws. Steve was responsible for final draft. Support group (Charter Members) agreed to meet at MCC Student Building on September 9th, 1976. First order of business was to accept the Constitution & By-Laws. Second, agree on a name. Iredell County Amateur Radio Society (ICARS) was agreed on. Third, nominate and select the Officers. Fourth, agree to support a 2-meter repeater for Statesville and surrounding communities.

And ICARS was created. Here we are 40 years later. This article is just part of the complete ICARS History. See the entire history through 2008 on the ICARS Website [here](#).

ICARS to Celebrate our 40th Anniversary

We are going to celebrate our 40th Anniversary at Lakewood Park in Statesville on September 10th from 10am to 5pm. There will be a short formal ceremony at 1145, and then lunch will be served from noon to 1pm. Please stop by and celebrate with us!

ICARS Member-at-Large Positions

The Member-at-Large elected positions are designed to be the conduits for regular members to interface with and ask questions to the ICARS Board. The two members filling these positions this year are Mark KJ4ZEG and Dennis N4WHK. If you have any questions about the club, contact a member-at-large.

Skywarn and Piedmont Spotter Group Panel

Program for the August meeting will be a panel discussion concerning SKYWARN/Piedmont Spotter Group. Panelists will be KK4GEV - Lee Sossoman, Charlotte Regional SKYWARN EC, W4GCH Greg Huffman, Piedmont Spotter Group Net manager and possibly a surprise guest panelist. After a panel discussion about the two groups the floor will be opened to the members to ask questions

related to SKYWARN and the Piedmont Spotter Group. Please come and make these fellows feel welcome and appreciated for the fine work they are doing. Also, they have been invited to meet with us at Boxcar for dinner. We hope to see you there for the meal and the panel discussion!

Events in Radio

1912

13 August – The [United States Congress](#) passes the 1912 Radio Act, "An Act to regulate radio communication", requiring that all radio stations be licensed.^[1] 9YV, an experimental station operated by [Kansas State University](#) in [Manhattan, Kansas](#), becomes the first radio station in the U.S. to offer a regularly-scheduled daily broadcast (in [morse code](#)) of the [weather forecast](#).

1920

20 August – Station [8MK](#) in Detroit is the first in the world to broadcast news bulletins. The news is compiled from reports supplied by the [Detroit News](#).



2 meter net every Weds @ 9:00pm Local 146.685 -600 77Hz tone

75 meter net every Sat @ 8:30pm Local 3.972Mhz USB

2 meter Digital Net every Sat @ 7:30pm Local 147.510 Simplex PSK31

2 meter ARES Training net every Mon @ 7:30pm Local 146.685 -600 77 Hz tone

