

THE WIRELESS

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FIELD DAY IS CLOSING FAST

Next Meeting

The next meeting is at 7 pm on May 11th. It will be at Mitchell College Technology and Workforce Development Center Room 212, 701 West Front Street, Statesville. For directions, see our WebSite at W4SNC.com

May Program

The May Program will be on what is happening this year at Field Day.

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May Birthdays

- Joe Spears**
- Don Summers**
- Don Humphrey**

Field Day Program

Frank, Rick and Greg have come up with a few changes for Field Day this year. Come to the meeting on Thursday May 11th and see what is going on!!!

Get Ready for Field Day May 13th

From the Activities Committee:
Let's get Ready Together!

In In preparation for Field day, everyone is invited to come Saturday, May 13 at the Field Day Site to make repairs to our Coax and other equipment as needed.

Since we will all be gathering in a park setting on a (hopefully) beautiful Spring day, why not have a Barbecue? This will be a bring your own event, so dust off your barbecue tools, fill up the cooler, and lets have some fun!

Radio Shack Closing ICARS Notices and Cares

I'm sure you all know that Radio Shack is almost out of business - in fact, many people might be surprised to learn that, as of today at least a few Stores remain open. Given their sad state of finances, it won't be long before the last Radio Shack closes their doors for good.



Jimmy and John had learned that the Radio Shack in the Signal Hill Mall was scheduled to close at the end of the month. They both related how Danny and his Father both had a influence over the years and were a local source of parts when they needed

them.

We decided it would be a great activity for a bunch of us to visit Danny at the Radi shack one Saturday before they closed. The date was set for April 22, and we met at the [iHop](#) for breakfast. I had expected at most that we should have about 6 members show up, but in the end, there were over 12 ICARS members who participated in the surprise visit.

Danny (whom I met for the first time) was obviously very surprised - and pleased. While we were there, most of us took advantage of the closeout sales, and bought an item or 2 - or 12!

It will be sad to see this Radio Shack Store close, but at least we mad a last visit while it was still open. There have been rumors that indicate a few stores might remain open, but unfortunately, I think we have seen the last of Radio Shack, who now joins Lafayette Radio Electronics and countless other electronics stores who have closed their doors over the years. Invitations to community leaders and news media have been done. In

addition, contacting non-member Hams in Iredell is being considered. The committee is also working on ways to earn as many of the optional points. We will be operating 5A again this year with 20m Voice and Digital, 40m Voice and Digital, and 75/80m Voice. The plan is to use mostly dipoles and only one tower! For all the details come to the meeting, listen and talk to the FD committee!!!

Articles from Members

From Howard WIHO:

1. We use shrink tubing all the time. Ever wonder how it's made?

<http://hackaday.com/2017/04/13/heat-shrink-tubing-and-the-chemistry-behind-its-magic/>

Thanks to Howard for keeping us up to date. Don't forget to send in your article and keep the Wireless informational and entertaining!



53 years ago!!!

Don Humphrey sent in this picture of him in 1964 (see date on edge). He is a May Birthday and was 70 on May 5th (also Happy Cinco de Mayo). Happy Birthday Don!

Events in Radio

- ★ 11 May 1931 – The [Pittsburgh Police](#) begin broadcasting with "radio patrol cars" and the region's first emergency band.
- ★ 10 May 1943: [National Broadcasting Co. v. United States](#) is decided, allowing the FCC broad power to regulate the operations of broadcast networks,

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

