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Charleston Amateur Radio Society February 2005 Newsletter Affiliated with ARRL

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*The CARS club meets the second Monday of each month at Ryan's Steak House on Highway 61
The next club meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Monday, February 14, 2005*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As with most folks, the New Year provided me an opportunity for reflection. As I began the process of writing this article, I was looking back on material I have written as far back as 2001 for the CARS Carrier. As I thought about our successes this past year - Hamfest 2004, Cooper River Bridge Run 2004, the ARISS contact at DuBose Middle School (and the subsequent success in developing a school program), Field Day 2004, Museum Ship activity, sustained monthly meeting attendance, installation of the Seabrook repeater, FestiVello bike ride, hurricane shelter support, among others - I was very motivated at the prospects of the year ahead.

Some thoughts from October 2002, when I was CARS Vice President, stuck with me in my reading. My thoughts at that time revolved around the Amateur's Creed, composed in 1928 by Paul M. Segal - then 9EEA living in Denver.

The Creed states that the amateur should be Considerate, Loyal, Progressive, Friendly, Balanced, and Patriotic. And I think CARS continues to exhibit all of these characteristics. We are doing a lot to communicate the value of our hobby to the public.

What things contribute to a positive public view of amateur radio? We answered the call during an active hurricane season that saw seven named storms. Alene Wilkins led a successful ARRIS contact at her school, which generated positive television and print media reports. And we have a solid reputation amongst local

officials, who know we will respond to calls for public service events such as the Cooper River Bridge Run, and disaster exercises.

Our CARS members are balanced and loyal - active in supporting the community. We are progressive in expanding our linked repeaters, and exploring new projects to advance the hobby. We are patriotic - rallying to prepare to support our community in times of emergency - even having one of our members, Charlie Hall (K4AOT), recognized for his service. And we are friendly and considerate in daily operation.

If all goes as planned, we'll hear from FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth at our Hamfest - and perhaps get his personal thoughts with regard to the Amateur's Creed in the plain language style for which he is well known.

Everyone should find something of interest at the Hamfest on February 5th. I'm sure it will be a resounding success because of the dedication of Jenny Myers (WA4NGV) and the members of the Hamfest Committee.

Our next club meeting will be Monday, February 14, 2005 at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy 61 in West Ashley. Bring your sweetheart and join us to hear a lot more about the Hamfest and the exciting activities coming up soon!

'73, Ken (AF4ZV)

MINUTES of JANUARY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy 61
Monday, January 10, 2005 - 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order by President, Kenneth Bible, AF4ZV, at 7:30 PM on January 10, 2005 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 38 members and 5 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Tracey KG4HTW
In a motion by Ed, KC4ED, seconded by Ed, W4NSC, the minutes were approved as published in the January CARS Carrier.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY
Linda read the November/December treasurer's report, which was accepted as information.

Beginning Cash 11/1/04 -		\$1,579.66
Cash Receipts:		
Nov. Raffle	21.00	
Dues Collected	512.50	
Total Cash Receipts:		\$533.50
Cash Disbursements:		
Jenny Myers - supplies	(22.53)	
Bryce Myers - equipment	(49.00)	
Bellsouth -	(13.96)	
ARRL - Drawing, Nov.	(39.00)	
Total Cash Disbursements:		<u>(\$124.49)</u>
Ending Cash 12/31/04 -		\$1,988.67

Savings HT	\$26.54
Savings ST-CD	\$1,257.05

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV
Jenny reported that preparations for the Hamfest are going well and reminded everyone that the date is Saturday, February 5th. Volunteers are still needed and a sign-up sheet is being circulated during this meeting. Volunteers are needed for setup on Friday, Feb 4th and breakdown on Saturday, Feb 5th. Flyers are available for pickup this evening—please distribute where possible to help maximize

attendance at our event. Jenny reminded all to turn in the prize ticket money early if possible. Members may buy or sell the tickets. Seven dealers have already signed up!

Field Day: Doc W4MUR
No new information to report.

Museum Ships: Ed KQ4DC
No new museum ships activities are scheduled. Ed provided an update on Festivelo, the cycling event that spanned Johns Island, Seabrook, and Wadmalaw. An article on the event was provided for the January CARS Carrier. Ed recognized Ed Padgett, Jenny & Bryce Myers, Roy Smith, Deborah & Sam Shufford, Doc Crane, and Beth & Chris Christ. Overall the volunteers enjoyed the event and would support club participation next year.

Newsletter/ CARS Carrier: Ken AF4ZV
Ken thanked John Meyers for helping the club by serving as newsletter editor for the January edition and expressed hope that John might consider continuing to serve as editor.

Web Page: Brian K1BPW
Brian provided a brief update on the status of the website. He noted that he would be working on updating information.

Education and VE Testing: Ed KC4ED
There are no classes scheduled until after the Hamfest. There will be VE testing at the Hamfest at 1PM. The new schedule for regular VE Testing will pickup in April and run every other month. Testing will be scheduled on the second Saturday of these months. Testing will continue to be at Trident Technical College – Bldg 400 – Room 104 [room location may vary] at 9:00AM. Cost is now \$14 and 2 forms of ID [one with picture] are required.

School Programs: Alene KG4NKD – DuBose Middle School – K4DMS
Alene reported that DuBose Middle School was awarded an ARRL grant, and will receive all that the grant requested except for one piece of equipment. The shipment should arrive next month at the school.

Packet / APRS: Ken AF4ZV

Ken turned the floor over to Bryce who reported that John Place is reviewing options for reducing congestion on the digipeater network for APRS.

Emergency Prep/ARES: Glenn WB4UIV

No new information to report.

NETS: Riley K4HYY

Riley noted that there are three active nets, which occur on the 146.79 Mhz, 146.25 MHz and 147.045 linked repeaters:

Tuesdays at 9pm is the SkyWarn net, Thursdays at 8pm is the New Comers Net, and Sundays at 8pm is the ARES net.

Interference: Glenn WB4UIV

No new information to report.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

Ken reported that he is expecting a letter from the Cooper River Bridge Run to request the CARS Club participation for communications support for the April 2005 race. The letter will be presented at the February club meeting.

Jackets & Shirts: Riley K4HYY

No new information to report.

Yorktown/Repeaters: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce reported that the equipment at the Yorktown is operating okay; however, the digipeater is still off-line due to continuing work by Patriots Point staff. At the Seabrook site, we are still waiting on the paint project to be completed before the repeater may be linked back to the network. This repeater is working and provided coverage to the Festivelo volunteers. Bryce noted that there was an equipment purchase to be discussed under new business.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF

Note that dues are due on August 1st of each year. In February of each year, the roster is purged of past due memberships. There are a few members who will be dropped shortly.

Regular Membership

1st Reading: Thomas Evans – NA4U

2nd Reading: Tiffany Stolarik – KB8UBY
James Sineath – WD4JHF
Linda Sineath – WD4JHG

Associate Membership

Charlie Fox – not yet licensed
Joseph Fox – not yet licensed

In a motion by Ed, KC4ED, seconded by Tracey, KG4HTW, the club approved the memberships for Tiffany Stolarik, James Sineath, Linda Sineath, and Charlie & Joseph Fox by a vote of acclamation.

Old Business:

Christmas Party – Jenny Myers WA4NGV: Jenny reported that 56 members & guests signed up and 56 came to the gathering. It was an enjoyable evening and the club paid \$161.28 and members paid \$700 for a total of \$861.28 to the restaurant. Jenny paid 241.70 for supplies [stamps, mailing, etc.]. The club approved the reimbursement to Jenny.

New Business:

Kenwood dual band radio (model #TMG707A) – Bryce Myers K4LXF: a remote control radio was purchased to install at the 145.25 Mhz repeater site. This will facilitate linking to the networked system. In a motion by Bryce, seconded by Riley, K4HYY, the club approved reimbursing Bryce for the \$185 cost [radio-\$175+shipping-\$10].

Engineer Meeting – Bryce Myers K4LXF: Bryce noted that the engineers discussed a request to have the club authorize appropriations of up to \$500 between meetings for purchases necessary to maintain club equipment/linked network. Three engineers would need to agree in order to have the purchase approved. After a brief discussion, the motion carried on a majority vote with one member voting no.

Announcements:

HAMFEST – Jenny Myers WA4NGV – Jenny made an appeal for portable heaters to be used at the hamfest. Anyone who may be able to assist should contact Jenny.

Drawing: ARRL membership was won by Alene Wilkins, KG4NKD.

Motion to adjourn by Riley, K4HYY, second by Don, KA3ZYP. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

John Meyers - news letter	(103.67)
Jenny Myers - Christmas Party	(241.70)
Bryce Myers - Repeater Equip.	(185.00)
Jenny Myers - Office Supplies	(29.60)
ARRL - Alene Wilkins, Drawing	(39.00)
Bell South	(34.31)
Total Cash Disbursements:	<u>(\$633.28)</u>
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Respectfully submitted by Linda, K4MPY

JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash 1/1/05	\$1,988.67
Cash Receipts:	
January Raffle	42.00
Total Cash Receipts:	\$42.00
Cash Disbursements:	

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