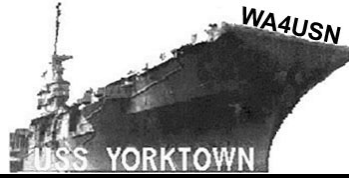


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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

July 2005 Newsletter



CARS Web Site --- <http://www.qsl.net/wa4usn>

*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, July 11, 2005*

CARS CARRIER TRANSMISSION

The E-mail version of the CARS Carrier is now a straight E-mail message with large, easy to read print, no attachments to open and, when available, has large color pictures of club activities. The Charleston Amateur Radio Society would like to have all of its members who have E-mail receive the CARS Carrier via E-mail, instead of via US Mail, to save the club the cost of printing and mailing the hard copy. The cost of printing, mailing label, mailing seal, and tax is \$0.30 per copy plus \$0.37 for postage which equals \$0.67 per copy for a four page news letter. For a six page news letter add an additional \$0.17 each for printing and tax. This may not seem like a lot but \$0.67 times 80 copies equals \$53.60 per month and \$643.20 per year. The cost and time involved in preparing the news letter, printing the originals, taking them to the copy center, picking up the copies, printing the mailing (address) labels, folding the news letters and attaching the mailing seal, mailing label and stamp to each copy is a gift from my wife and I to the club. **You** can help your club by simply subscribing to the WA4USN Yahoo Group and receiving the CARS Carrier via e-mail.

To receive the CARS Carrier via E-mail please join the WA4USN Yahoo group, which is used to distribute the E-mail version of the CARS Carrier, by sending an e-mail to WA4USN-subscribe@yahoo.com and including only the word subscribe in the subject line (please note that WA4USN must be in capital letters exactly as shown).

You will receive a message from Yahoo asking you to confirm your desire to join the WA4USN Yahoo group. When you receive this message you can confirm your desire to join the group by simply clicking on Reply and then on Send (option 2) or, if

you wish, you can use option 1, supply additional information about yourself and obtain a Yahoo ID (e.g. - your call sign) and Password which gives you the option to sign into the Yahoo group page, view group activities, and update your personal profile or change your E-mail address.

A WA4USN Yahoo group moderator will approve your membership and you will receive a message welcoming you to the group.

73, John, WA4GPS, CARS Carrier editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Note that Ken's mother was put in the hospital over the June 25/26 weekend and he has been in Roanoke. There is no message from him this time.

MINUTES of JUNE MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61

Monday, June 13, 2005 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Ken Bible, AF4ZV, at 7:30 PM on June 13, 2005 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 39 members and 11 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Tracey KG4HTW

In a motion by Riley (K4HYY), seconded by John (WA4GPS), the minutes were approved as published in the June 2005 CARS Carrier.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

The treasurer's report was published in the June 2005 CARS Carrier. The report was accepted as information.

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

Jenny reported on the Hamfest Committee party held June 4, 2005 at Bryce & Jenny's river house in Orangeburg. It was a great time and there were 44 who signed up and 35 who attended. In addition, 7 members were able to spend the weekend. A Hamfest Committee meeting will be called soon.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR

Dates are from 2PM Saturday [6/25/05] until 2PM Sunday [6/26/05]. Set-up starts on Friday and tear down happens on Sunday. Doc is still seeking volunteers to help with Field Day, including setup & tear down. In addition, a volunteer is needed to ride the bicycle at 2PM on Saturday to cover the contacts needed under this alternative power—this is done early to avoid 'dupes'. Also, a motion is needed under new business to appropriate funds for Field Day supplies and refreshments. Doc thanked Jenny WA4NGV, Sonja WA4WVD, and Sheila KT4YW for managing refreshments for the event.

Ken AF4ZV encouraged everyone to visit Field Day activities. Bryce K4LXF noted that Patriot's Point will waive entrance fees for participants of Field Day. Glenn WB4UIV appealed to those logging contacts for Field Day to make sure a good log is kept on paper as well as the computer. Any corrections should be noted on the hardcopy for Glenn.

Museum Ships: Ed KQ4DC

Ed reported that the next event will be the annual Museum Ships on the Air scheduled for July 16th & 17th. Last year there were 68 ships participating. More information will be available at the July meeting; however, volunteers are needed in advance and should contact Ed for more information (971-1621). The club has three vessels with stations that need staffing: Yorktown, Laffey, and Clamagore.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

Ken reported that the Charleston Running Club is planning a run that will go over both of the old

bridges once the new bridge opens. The date is set for July 30th; however, the CARS club has not yet been notified of the need for communications support. It is expected that the Running Club will request CARS support for this race.

Emergency Prep/ARES:

John W4HNC introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Joseph Calderone with the NOAA/National Weather Service [NWS] located on S. Aviation Avenue near the airport. Mr. Calderone provided an overview of activities that occur at our local NWS and how they rely on assistance from amateur radio operators with regard to weather emergencies. The NWS has a station on site and the call is WX4CHS. KI4DVM is a licensed ham on staff. In addition, Mr. Calderone discussed when SkyWarn is activated and also how the weather spotters program works. Volunteers are needed for the following: 1) SkyWarn – check the weekly net; 2) Severe Weather operators that may help with the WX4CHS station. Typically a team of two people work in the office to staff the radio during a severe weather event. In case of a tropical system it may be 10-12 hours.

The website for more info is: www.weather.gov/chs. The contact number for weather spotter reports is 888-383-2024 and is monitored 24 hours.

Riley, K4HYY, raised the awareness of potential earthquake emergencies and reported on local forecasts. Glenn WB4UIV noted that the Red Cross continues to need shelter volunteers. Presently there are a potential of 50 shelter locations, but only 10 volunteers to staff communications.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce noted that there was a temporary disruption in the link system related to the hub in Knightsville; however, he and John W4HNC fixed the problem. The Seabrook site should be reconnected soon as painting has recently been completed at the site.

NETS: Riley K4HYY

Riley noted that on the recent Sunday night LES net, there were 22 check-ins. Riley encouraged everyone to monitor and check-in.

Interference: Glenn WB4UIV

Glenn reported that he had received notification of another source of interference; however, it has been resolved.

Newsletter/ CARS Carrier: John WA4GPS

John encouraged club members to sign up to receive the electronic CARS Carrier at the WA4USN Yahoo groups web site (see article above for details). This saves the club postage and printing costs and also provides access to color photos of club events.

Web Page: Brian K1BPW

No new information to report. The web site is located at URL www.qsl.net/wa4usn.

Education and VE Testing: Ed KC4ED

Ed reported that a special test session was held at DuBose Middle School for the DMS Radio Club members. While none of the youngsters passed on their first try, Ed challenged them to try again and offered to assist with fees for those who participate. On a separate note, Ed reported that we may anticipate some changes from ARRL as the VEC Manager has left and his replacement has not been announced.

Riley K4HYY has agreed to serve as interim VE Team Leader. The next VE testing session will be held in June. The schedule for regular VE Testing runs every other month on even numbered months. 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 9:00 AM. Cost is now \$14 and 2 forms of ID [one with picture] are required.

Ken acknowledged Ed for his long service to the VE team and thanked him for all he has done.

School Programs: Alene KG4NKD - DuBose Middle School Radio Club - K4DMS

Alene reported that during the summer months there is not much activity as the kids are on vacation; however, they are looking forward to the upcoming activities during the next year.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF

NOTE: CLUB DUES ARE DUE NOW

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: Tom Petroski - KC2LGS
Johnny Nash - waiting on callsign
Pierce White - N4YJH
Timothy Russell - KD5YUC

2nd Reading: Gary Barnette - KI4JSB
soon to be WA4MDP
Tom Lufton - WA4DAX
Harold Sparks - K4GQG

Associate Membership:
Alberta Meyers - not licensed

In a motion by Ed KC4ED, seconded by James WD4JHF, the club approved the memberships of Gary Barnette, Tom Lufton, Harold Sparks, and Alberta Meyers by a vote of acclamation.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Field Day 2005 – In a motion by Doc W4MUR, second by Doug K4UOC, the club authorized \$350 to be appropriated for Field Day supplies and refreshments.

Announcements:

Take Your HT to Work Day – June 21st to raise awareness of Amateur Radio.

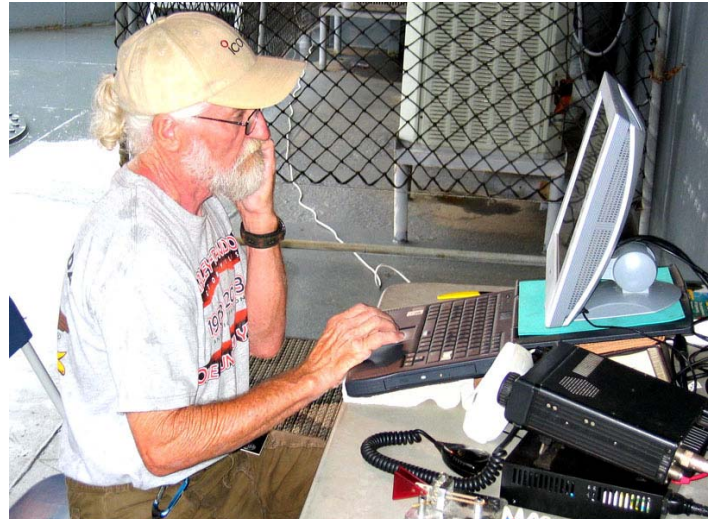
Drawing: The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Ed Padgett, W4NSC.

A motion to adjourn was made by, James WD4JHF, seconded by Riley K4HYY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

Field Day Pictures



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