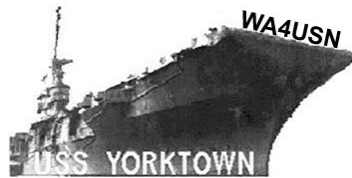


# CARS



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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

September 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, September 12, 2005***

## **CARS MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE**

Dues from Aug. 1st 2005 to July 31st 2006 are \$20.00. Family membership dues are \$20.00 for the first member in a household and \$10.00 for each additional member in the same household.

**Please make Check payable to CARS and Mail to Membership Chairman:**

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It has been great to have such strong attendance at CARS meetings through the summer months. And we've even gained some new members during the months during which most clubs are pretty dormant. Our club members are hard at work, with lots of projects to keep them busy. As examples, in the last two months we have completed a Museum Ship's On the Air special event, supported the Burn the Bridges event, begun installation of repeaters in the Hospital Repeater project, and installed the satellite antenna at our Big Project School.

But the bustling activity is not limited to the Lowcountry. ARRL Section Manager Jim Boehner (N2ZZ) recently reported on delivery of the Aiken County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Trailer (see <http://www.Nomadtechs.com>) at the end of July. The trailer was developed under a \$100,000 Homeland Security grant written by the Aiken club.

Also in Dr. Jim's report, plans were announced for the Third Annual South Carolina QSO party being sponsored by the Columbia Amateur Radio Club. Dates and times of the event will be from 1300Z Sept 17 to 2100Z Sept 18, 2005. Full information is available on the [www.arrl-sc.org](http://www.arrl-sc.org) website by clicking

on "SC QSO Party" on the left sidebar. I encourage everyone to participate.

To date, we have been lucky with the hurricanes that have formed in the Atlantic. If we do face down a large storm this fall, however, we will have a number of new capabilities with which to meet the challenge.

So while we may be in the dog days of summer, there is no need to stay on the porch! Check out our web site at [www.qsl.net/wa4usn](http://www.qsl.net/wa4usn) for photos of recent events, past newsletters, and other interesting information on upcoming opportunities to get involved.

I would request your particular consideration of the opportunity to support our ARRL Big Project school program being led by Alene Wilkins (KG4NKD). She needs volunteers for speakers on any topic of interest in amateur radio throughout the next school year. Whether you have a particular passion for CW, PSK, EchoLink, SSB, or just want to share your history in amateur radio, please get in touch with Alene to share that knowledge and experience with the next generation of Hams. It's a great opportunity because every school year brings with it a new class of potential future Hams. Let's not miss the chance to introduce them to the wonders of wireless, and a lifetime of continuous learning.

Please make plans to attend our next club meeting on September 12, 2005 at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy 61. I look forward to seeing you there.

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

## **MINUTES of AUGUST MEETING**

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society**

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

Monday, August 8, 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 August 8, 2005 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

**Introductions:**

There were 34 members and 5 guests present.

**Secretary's Minutes/ Report:** Tracey KG4HTW

In a motion by Riley, K4HYY, seconded by Deborah, KF4DEB, the minutes were approved as published in the August 2005 CARS Carrier.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda K4MPY

The treasurer's report for July 2005 was accepted as information, as published in the August 2005 CARS Carrier.

**Hamfest Report:** Jenny WA4NGV

Jenny reported that the ARRL Sanction for our Hamfest event has been received. The date for the hamfest will be Saturday, February 4, 2006. Everything continues to proceed on schedule.

**Field Day:** Doc W4MUR

Doc noted that he had received e-mail recommending more involvement with youth during Field Day. However, it was noted that our event was competing with a special movie showing on the Yorktown during Field Day. In addition, Doc noted that our Field Day activities did receive some brief airtime on one of our local TV stations.

**Museum Ships:** Ken AF4ZV for Ed KQ4DC

Ken reported that Ed had included an article in the August CARS Carrier to report on the Museum Ships on the Air event held July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. However, as Ed was unable to attend this evening, he asked Ken to thank the following volunteers for supporting the event: Frank KG4IGC, Ed W4NSC, Chip KM4AF, Fred KG4YGP and son (Benjamin), and Samantha KI4EVE. In addition, thanks to Sheila KT4YW for responding to QSL cards.

**Emergency Prep:** Riley K4HYY

Riley noted that a class will be held soon to train hospital related staff on becoming licensed amateur radio operators. This is part of the hospital network project presented at the last meeting.

It is anticipated that approximately 25 new hams may become licensed.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce K4LXF

Bryce reported that the Seabrook repeater remains unlinked at present due to work in progress to support the hospital network project. A repeater has been installed at Trident Hospital at a frequency of 147.390 Mhz with a tone of 123.0; however, equipment is still on order for the project. A new A/C unit has been installed at the Knightsville repeater site for under \$100.

**Nets:** Riley K4HYY

No new information to report.

**Races:** Ken AF4ZV

Ken thanked everyone who volunteered to support the Charleston Running Club's "Burn the Bridges Run" on July 30<sup>th</sup>. In addition, he noted that a sign up sheet was being passed around for volunteers to support the Exchange Club's 2005 IOP Connector Run on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The club voted to support the IOP Connector run at the July 2005 meeting. Anyone who did not get the chance to sign up at the meeting should contact Ken at 958-8816 in order to participate.

**Interference:** Glenn WB4UIV

No new information to report.

**Newsletter/CARS Carrier:** John WA4GPS

Ken, AF4ZV, thanked John for publishing the newsletters and updates to the website, and encouraged the membership to visit the website and noted that we are trying to get more data on how members are using the website to improve the site.

**Web Page:** John WA4GPS

The address is [www.qsl.net/wa4usn](http://www.qsl.net/wa4usn).

**Education and VE Testing:** Riley K4HYY

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.

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

Alene reported the satellite antenna for the club has been installed thanks to Bryce K4LXF, Doc W4MUR, Alan WB5RMG, and David KI4FSC. In addition, today was the first day of the new school year, and Alene will be looking for new student members. Also, a sign up sheet was passed around to allow volunteers to pick a Tuesday to come and talk to the student club on topics of interest.

**Membership:** Bryce K4LXF

**Dues for the 2005-2006 year are due.**

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: No new applications

2nd Reading: No new applications

Associate Membership:  
None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

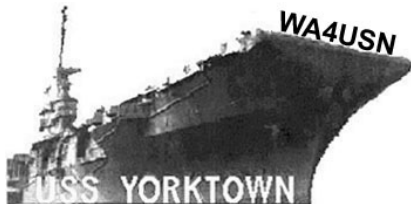
**Announcements:**

Riley K4HYY noted that Ed KC4ED is presently in the Summerville Medical Center, room 218 and does

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have an HT. However, phone calls and visitors are welcomed.

**Drawing:** The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by David Wilkins KI4FSC.

A motion to adjourn was made by, Riley K4HYY, seconded by Roy KG4KOA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:0 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

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The Charleston Amateur Radio Society would like to have all of it's 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.

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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:WA4USN-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) and including only the word subscribe in the subject line (please note that WA4USN must be in capital letters exactly as shown).

73, John, WA4GPS, CARS Carrier editor