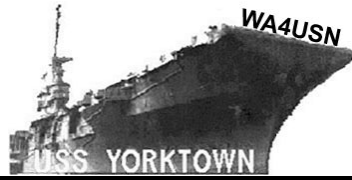


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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

January 2006 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, January 9, 2006*



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tradition – it's an event or ceremony that is deliberate, planned, and is repeated again and again over time. Traditions help strengthen the bond in relationships we have with one another. They help keep core values close, and remind us of our heritage and our past.

As we close out the year 2005, we have the memories of the many traditions that we as a club continued this year. Our Hamfest and Field Day activities, and our monthly club meetings. And we closed the year with our Holiday Party – a wonderful evening of fellowship.

We have added other meaningful accomplishments, that I think now are part of our traditions, that provide us the chance to have fun together and feel a sense of accomplishment, such as our Museum Ship operations, and the DuBose "Big Project" school club we have sponsored.

I have always looked upon the Morse code requirement in Amateur Radio as a tradition – something that strengthened my bond with other Hams. As we enter the new year, the ARRL is urging

the FCC to provide meaningful operating privileges to entry-level Amateur Radio licensees, including access to HF. This appears to be taking the form of a recommendation to the FCC that the Commission retain the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for Amateur Extra applicants, but do away with it for General applicants. This is probably the best compromise available, but it places the burden for continuing to develop the operating skills of the entry level Ham upon us – the Amateur Radio community, and particularly the local clubs.

More than ever, there is a need for clubs such as CARS to provide a solid foundation from which the entry-level amateur can continue to build knowledge and skills. The tradition of FCC testing will continue – indeed, the tests may become even more complex with the variety of new digital modes and emission control requirements. But as the experienced amateur radio operator knows well – a license is just the start.

I look forward to the New Year, and many chances to meet and discuss issues of common interest, to form and maintain lasting traditions, and to grow the kinship we all enjoy. Please join me at our next club meeting at Ryan's Steak House on January 9th.

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash 11/1/05	\$1,626.32
Cash Receipts:	
November Raffle	28.00
Riley Stone - Jackets	23.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - NewsLetter	(40.91)
Riley Stone - QSL Cards	(109.95)
Creech's Florist-Roy Smith	(70.29)
ARRL – John Durland - Raffle	(34.00)

Bell South		(35.94)
Ending Cash - 11/30/05		\$1,386.23
Savings HT	\$ 26.60	
Savings ST - CD	\$1,257.05	

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

MINUTES of NOVEMBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, November 14, 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 November 14, 2005 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 26 members and 6 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Tracey KG4HTW

In a motion by Richard, KG4JSA, seconded by Deborah, KX4DEB, the minutes were approved as published in the November 2005 CARS Carrier. Next, Tracey reported that a thank you note was received from Shiloh Presbyterian Church in memory of Burrell M. Ellison, Jr. and from Kathy Smith in memory of Roy Smith.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

In a motion by Richard, KG4JSA, seconded by Deborah, KX4DEB, the treasurer's reports for September and October were accepted as published in the November CARS Carrier.

Hamfest Report: Sonja WA4WVD for Jenny WA4NGV

Tickets have been batched and prepared for each CARS Club member. Please be sure to pickup your tickets tonight to help the club save on postage. Any tickets not picked up this evening will be mailed to members. Just a reminder: Hamfest will be Saturday, February 4, 2006.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR

No new information to report.

Museum Ships: Ed KQ4DC

No new information to report.

Emergency Prep: Riley K4HYY

Riley reported that the Skywarn net has moved to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

In addition, an emergency preparation drill is anticipated in December. The drill will be conducted by SeaHawk and local hams may be called on to assist.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce reported that the St. Francis Hospital repeater is online and the frequency is 444.775.

Work is being done at the Seabrook repeater site and the consolidated linking of TARC and CARS repeaters for the Hospital Network project.

Nets: Riley K4HYY

Riley noted that the Sunday night net is averaging 35 check-ins.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

No new requests for assistance at this time.

Interference: Glenn WB4UIV

No new information to report.

Newsletter/ CARS Carrier: John WA4GPS

John reported that a few recipients of the electronic CARS Carrier did not receive their issues. The problem appeared to be related to people using Roadrunner as their email service. Contact John and he can resend the newsletter.

Web Page: John WA4GPS for Brian K1BPW

John noted that he added a new page for emergency services. The web site is located at URL www.qsl.net/wa4usn.

Education and VE Testing: Riley K4HYY

The next test session will be on December 10th. The schedule for regular VE Testing runs on even numbered months. Testing will be scheduled on the second Saturday of these months. Testing is at Trident Technical College - Bldg 100 - Room 163 [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 Radio Club - K4DMS

No new information to report.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce reported that Jenny was out this evening due to surgery. She is doing well and is expected home soon.

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: KI4FWC - Anna Sterling
N4TIK - Kenneth Sterling

2nd Reading: KI4LXF - John Middleton
KI4LLE - Jeffrey Flowers
KI4LLJ - Lee Miller

Associate Membership: None

A motion to accept the memberships of John Middleton, Jeffrey Flowers, and Lee Miller upon second reading was made by Riley (K4HYY) and seconded by Richard (KG4JSA). The motion carried by acclamation.

Old Business:

Coastal Carolina Fair: Linda K4MPY thanked all the volunteers who worked the CARS booth during the fair.

CARS Holiday Party: Linda K4MPY reminded everyone of the annual holiday party scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 7:30PM at the Omar Shrine Temple. This is the same location as the prior year dinner. The cost is \$12.50 per person or \$25 per couple. Checks should be made out to Bryce Myers, as Bryce and Jenny are coordinating the dinner.

New Business:

Club QSL Cards: Riley K4HYY noted that Sheila KT4YW and Jenny WA4NGV had asked that he check into reordering. Riley contacted Wayne Carroll, W4MPY, who provided the following quotes: \$73.95/250 cards; \$85.95/ 500 cards; or \$109.95/1000 cards. In a motion by Sam KX4SAM, seconded by Doug KU4OC, the club approved purchasing 1000 cards.

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act 2005: Bill WA4WGP reported on the latest update on this issue, related to restrictive covenants in neighborhoods that restrict equipment.

Bill urged club members to contact their representative to support this legislation.

Listed below is an excerpt from <http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/#a>

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2005. (HR 3876) has been reintroduced. This legislation could make it easier for radio amateurs living in communities with deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) to erect suitable antennas. [Click here](#) for information on the bill and a [sample letter](#) to send to your US Representative asking your Representative to join as a co-sponsor of the legislation. You can find a list of co-sponsors [here](#). The measure would put private land-use regulations, such as homeowners' association rules, on the same legal plane as state or local zoning regulations under the FCC's PRB-1 limited federal preemption regarding antenna structures--§97.15 of the Amateur Service rules. PRB-1 now applies only to states and municipalities. There is no companion legislation in the US Senate at this time.

Announcements:

None

Drawing: The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by John Durland, KD4TXX.

A motion to adjourn was made by Richard, KG4JSA, and seconded by Sam KX4SAM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey (KG4HTW).

MINUTES of DECEMBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Annual Holiday Party at Omar Shrine Temple

At Patriots Point, Mount Pleasant, SC

Monday, December 12, 2005 – 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

A short business session of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society was called in advance of the club's Holiday Party. Club President, Ken Bible, AF4ZV, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM on December

12, 2005 at the Omar Shrine Temple, in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Introductions:

No formal introductions were held. The president welcomed all in attendance.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

Julian Smith, Race Director for the Cooper River Bridge Run, sent a letter to formally ask CARS to support communications for the 2006 Bridge Run.

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.

Applications for Regular Membership

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: KI4FWC - Anna Sterling
N4TIK - Kenneth Sterling

Associate Membership: None

In a motion by JJ, KF4BZH, second by Doc, W4MUR, the club approved the memberships of Anna and Kenneth Sterling as new club members by a vote of acclamation.

New Business:

2006 Bridge Run: In a motion by Doug, KU4OC, second by, Linda, K4MPY, the CARS club approved providing communications support for the 2006 Cooper River Bridge Run.

Motion to adjourn was made by Glenn, WB4UIV, second by David, KI4FSC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW

**KIDS' TURN AT THE RADIO: FIRST
KIDS DAY OF 2006 IS SUNDAY,
JANUARY 8**

The second Sunday in January is the day to turn your shack over to the kids for some ham radio fun with a purpose. The first running of Kids Day 2006 begins Sunday, January 8, at 1800 UTC and continues until

2400 UTC with no limit on operating time (the second Kids Day will be Saturday, June 17). Kids Day provides a terrific opportunity to show youngsters what Amateur Radio is all about -- and that includes its role in emergency communication. ARRL Education and Technology Program ("The Big Project") Coordinator Mark Spencer, WA8SME, says Kids Day can be a great opportunity spark change and get kids and families thinking about emergency preparedness.

"While you are coaching the youngsters who visit your shack--and their parents too--on how to make contacts and new friends via ham radio during Kids Day, why not take a few moments to ask them about their family's plans to deal with emergency challenges?" he says in December 2005 QST (see "Kids Day 2006" on p 45). "Why not use the opportunities offered by Kids Day to show the youth in your neighborhood that ham radio can be loads of fun, and that ham radio is a way that they can contribute something very valuable to their communities?"

Call "CQ Kids Day." The suggested exchange for Kids Day contacts is first name, age, location and favorite color. It's okay to work the same station more than once if the operator has changed. Suggested frequencies are 14.270- 14.300, 21.380-21.400 and 28.350-28.400 MHz. Contacts via VHF repeaters are okay too, with permission from the repeater owner. Observe third-party traffic restrictions when making DX QSOs
<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/io/3rdparty.html> .

All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate, which becomes the youngster's personalized "sales brochure" for ham radio, Spencer says. The League asks everyone taking part in Kids Day to complete a short survey and post comments afterward <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kids-day-survey.html> . Doing this provides access to download the certificate page, or participants can send a 9x12 self-addressed, stamped envelope to Boring Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1357, Boring, OR 97009.

Spencer notes that this year's hurricane season highlighted one of the real values that ham radio

brings to the community--a spirit of resilience. "By their very nature, ham radio operators are interested in personal preparedness and community service. this is resilience," he says. Spencer suggests that Kids Day sponsors take advantage of the opportunity to show how ham radio offers a way for participants to contribute something very valuable to their communities.

"A very effective advertising strategy is to get kids hooked on an idea," he says. "The kids in turn go home and 'bug' their parents about the idea. You plant the seed in a young mind, and they will take care of the rest!"

Spencer believes Kids Day activities can result in a family emergency plan campaign that could save lives, and future community planners who know communication and how to communicate.

"Make that personal connection that may result in a new licensee and, perhaps, more resilient individuals by opening your station and inviting kids and neighbors to share in your hobby," Spencer urges. "You just might find yourself re-infected with that enthusiasm that you once had."

Visit the ARRL Web site for full information on Kids Day <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html> .



IOP Connector Run



Most of IOP Connector Run Communications Crew



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CARS booth at Coastal Carolina Fair



Christmas Party Pictures



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