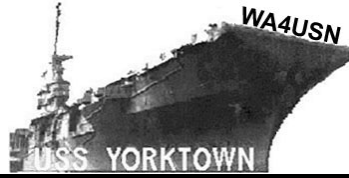


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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

March 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, March 13, 2006*

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Charleston County ARRL EC

Charleston county has a new ARRL EC, William Pennekamp, WA4WGP, wbp17@netzero.net

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We're incredibly fortunate to have so many dedicated folks working on the various projects of the club. As I have endeavored to get back into my office routine in recent weeks, I have gained a renewed appreciation for how hard it is to carve out the time to enjoy my hobbies. Yet the importance of investing in these activities is clear.

Nowhere was this evidenced clearer than the recent cancellation of the Union County Hamfest. Citing higher expenses, declining club membership, and low attendance over the last few years, the local club made what must have been a wrenching decision to cancel. It really made me appreciate the leadership of Jenny Myers (WA4NGV) and the Hamfest committee, who delivered yet another successful year of the CARS Hamfest on February 4, with nearly 500 people in attendance and 96 vendor and dealer tables sold!

Another club focus is our sponsorship of the DuBose Middle School club being shepherded by Alene Wilkins (KG4NKD). This month, Alene led her club in a successful first participation in the ARRL Annual School Club Round-up. Club members were able to participate with contacts with over three dozen states from the school's station. Club members helped both with station operations, and by making sure to contact the club station during the contest.

Up next for the club are the Cooper River Bridge Run on April 1, and the Coastal Cyclist's Century Bike Ride on April 2. Doug Clark (KU4OC) is working hard on final details for the Bridge Run team, and we have a roster of folks who jumped at the chance to help with the bike ride.

We have a lot of events, and a lot of diversity in these activities. I think this is an important element contributing to the continued health of our club. And it has helped us engage a broad cross-section of the membership. If you are not partial to one activity, there is always another in which to participate.

In closing, it was pointed out to me that one does not have to be a citizen to be licensed as an amateur radio operator in the U.S. One must only have a Social Security number, Taxpayer ID number, or an FCC Registration number. This is a correction to last month's column. I'm happy folks are paying attention!

Please join me at our next club meeting at Ryan's Steak House on March 13th. It will be our last meeting in advance of the upcoming Cooper River Bridge Run, which promises to be exciting, as over 50,000 runners and walkers tackle the new Arthur Ravenel Bridge.

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

HAMFEST REPORT

The 2006 Hamfest is over and what a success it was. This is due to the support and help of our club members and other helpers and all who attended the Hamfest. I would like to note that Alberta Meyers hand crocheted a beautiful afghan to be raffled off at the Hamfest. We sold tickets and made a good bit on

it (\$299.00). Alberta put a lot of work in this. She is one of our club members and the XYL of John, WA4GPS. Thank you very, very much Alberta. We have a conscientious Hamfest Committee who works hard to get the job done and to them I am grateful. This was one of our more profitable Hamfests as we made a profit of \$1,912.44. On behalf of the Hamfest Committee we wish to thank you all for your help and support.

73, Jenny- WA4NGV, Hamfest Chairman



Bryce (in gazebo) announces the next prize while the ticket is being drawn.



Alberta (left) delivering afghan to Pat Fertig (right), winner of the afghan drawing. Pat said this is the first time she has ever won anything and was delighted!



It's time to take a break from the Hamfest activities and sample some of the CARS Barbecue.



Part of the Hamfest crowd.

K4DMS School Club Roundup

We all had a blast, but especially my students. Several are now considering studying for their licenses.

43 states: We did NOT contact – Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maryland, North Dakota, Rhode Island – all other states we had contacts with.

7 countries: Columbia, Lithuania, Spain, Italy, Turks & Calco Island, Sardinia, Poland.

5 Canadian Provinces: British Columbia, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan.

7 clubs, 37 schools, 187 individuals
 216 phone contacts, 17 digital contacts
 233 - TOTAL contacts, 63,500 points

I wish to thank the following local amateur radio operators for coming out to DuBose to help with the Radio Club Roundup: Doc, W4MUR, Bryce, K4LXF, David, KI4FSC, Charles, KG4KCT and Paul, KF4UIA. I also wish to thank all the South Carolina nets and hams who supported our efforts by contacting us. I wish to thank TARC for the loan of their radio for the week of the roundup. I especially wish to thank Ed Steeble, K3IXD, for coming to DuBose everyday and running the contest. Without his help, his computer and his patience the “Radio School Roundup” would not have occurred at DuBose.

73’s, Alene KG4NKD



Shantell Green, 7th grade, Alene, KG4NKD, and Ed Steeble, K3IXD



Matt Walker and Ed Steeble , K3IXD



From left to right: Matt Walker, Ed Steeble , K3IXD, Mary Jones and Trey Steplight. Looking over: David, KI4FSC, and Aaron Lawrence, 8th grade.



From left to right: Mary Jones, Ed Steelbe, K3IXD, Jessica Droze, Megan Bumeder, Trey Steplight, 7th grade and standing David, KI4FSC.



From left to right, sitting: Megan Bumeder, 7th grade, David, KI4FSC, Jessica Droze, 7th grade. Standing: Matt Walker, 8th grade, Leah Camp, 6th grade, Mary Jones, 7th grade, Ashley Boyd, 7th grade. In the back ground is Paul, KF4UIA, working with APRS as a demonstration (top right corner).

MINUTES of FEBRUARY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, February 13, 2006 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Kenneth Bible, AF4ZV, at 7:30 PM on February 13, 2006 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 29 members and 1 guest present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Tracey KG4HTW

In a motion by JJ, KF4BZH, seconded by John, KI4LIC, the minutes were approved as published in the February 2006 CARS Carrier.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

The treasurer's report for January 2006 was accepted, as information, as published in the February 2006 CARS Carrier. In addition, Linda read the December 2005 report, which was also accepted as information:

DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash - 12/1/05	\$1,386.23
Cash Receipts:	
Jenny Myers - Membership Dues	492.50
Cash Disbursements:	
Creech's Florist - Francis Woolridge	(68.16)
Carolina Youth Dev Ctr-G.Bible	<u>(25.00)</u>
Ending Cash - 12/31/05	\$1,785.57
Savings HT	\$ 26.60
Savings ST - CD	\$1,257.05

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

Jenny reported that the 2006 Hamfest was one of our best events. All areas ran smoothly and she thanked all the volunteers who helped make the day possible. In addition, Jenny thanked club members that came out to show their support by shopping and attending the forums. A special thanks to Alberta Meyers for creating and donating her afghan, which was raffled at the Hamfest and brought in \$299.

Jenny noted that there were 481 registrations with a total of 96 tables sold. The total income was

\$6,042.64 with expenses of \$4,130.20 for a surplus of \$1,912.44 generated. This brings the total Hamfest checking accounts [2] to nearly \$20,358.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR

Doc noted that a replacement Kronkite DVD had been ordered from ARRL. More information will be reported at the next meeting, as Field Day is coming up in June.

Museum Ships: Ed KQ4DC

No new information to report.

Emergency Prep: Bill WA4WGP for Riley K4HYY

Bill briefly noted that several club members participated in the December WMD exercise, which was led by a company named Unitek through USC's Center for Public Policy. As a result, several members were able to show a guest, Bill Dease from Columbia, equipment in use and provide a tour. This may result in the recently established Hospital Network receiving some HF radios.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

The hospital network continues to be a primary focus, as the engineers work to ensure the system runs smoothly and "bugs" are eliminated.

Nets: Riley K4HYY

No new information to report.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

Ken noted that the Cooper River Bridge Run [CRBR] is the next event and the club has already approved participation. The registrations for this first run across the new bridge are already 5,000 more than last year at this time. Ken asked Doug to give an update on plans for the CRBR. Doug noted that a sign-up sheet was being passed and the course map is attached. There are already 40 volunteers and we can still take a few more.

Ken then introduced John Glover with Coastal Cyclists, which is planning another 'century ride' on 4/2/06 the day after the CRBR event. John thanked CARS for their help last year & noted that 385 cyclists had participated. John was asking the club to consider providing communications support again for

the 2006 race. The race is scheduled to start at 8am and runs to 3pm and starts on Daniel Island with riders going as far as Macedonia before circling back. The proceeds from the event go to the Palmetto Cycling Coalition and helps benefit the American Heart Association. They would like to have assistance from 8 amateur radio volunteers, if the club approves. Motion to be made under new business.

Interference: Glenn WB4UIV
No new information to report.

Newsletter/ CARS Carrier: John WA4GPS
No new information to report.

Web Page: John WA4GPS
The address is www.qsl.net/wa4usn .

Education and VE Testing: Ken AF4ZV for Riley K4HYY

Ken noted that a VE session was held during the Hamfest and out of the nearly 15 people testing, all but 2 passed. The test sessions will resume the usual schedule in April. 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

Alene gave a brief overview of the school radio club for the benefit of guests and new members. She further noted that for the Annual School Club Roundup [SCR], that is in progress, they made 44 contacts including 17 different states & 14 schools for the first day. Club members were encouraged to listen and respond to the CQs on 146.58 and 28.450. The event ends on Thursday.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce noted that the club has 140 members and that it is the time of year that the roster is purged. Also, an update was noted for the new rosters available: KA3YBG is now K4PNB. Bryce also noted that Riley has been ill and is expected to come home soon – the club will keep Riley & Jo Ann in thoughts and prayers.

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: John Prescott – KI4LIC
Steven Tulley – AG4SR
John W. King – KO4NB

2nd Reading: None

Associate Membership: Dennis O’Leary - No license yet, work in progress.

In a motion by Doug, K4UOC, and second by JJ, KF4BZH, the club approved the associate membership of Dennis O’Leary.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Coastal Cyclists April 2nd Century Ride – In a motion by David, KI4FSC, second by Doc, W4MUR, the club approved providing communications support for the event.

Announcements: None.

Drawing: The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Phillip, K4PNB.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bryce, K4LXF, and seconded by John, WA4GPS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

LOCAL AREA REPEATERS			
Location	Frequency	Tone	Links
Adams Run	147.345+	123.0	T
Awendaw	147.300+		L
Dorchester	147.180+	123.0	K
Dorchester EOC	147.270+	123.0	T
Georgetown	147.375+		
Knightsville	145.250-	123.0	K
Moncks Corner	147.150+		
Mt. Pleasant / East Cooper	443.800+	123.0	
Orangeburg	146.880-	118.8	L
Rutledge Tower / MUSC	145.450-	123.0	T
St. Francis Hospital	444.775+	123.0	K
St. George	147.045+	103.5	K
Santee	147.225+		
Seabrook Island	145.410-		K
Summerville (I-26)	146.835-		
S'ville Medical Ctr	146.985-	123.0	K
Trident Medical Ctr	147.390+	123.0	K
USS Yorktown	146.790-		K
Walterboro	145.390-		L
Walterboro	147.135+	156.7	L
Walterboro	444.550+	156.7	L
Whitehall	146.910-		L

K = Repeater is part of the system linked via the Knightsville Hub
L = Repeater is part of the Low Country Repeater System
T = Repeater is part of the system linked via the Trident Hub

LOCAL 2 METER NETS		
Day/Time	Name	Frequencies
Sundays 8:00 PM	Lowcountry Emergency Services Net	145.250- t 123.0 145.410- 146.790-
	Lowcountry Skywarn Net	146.985- t 123.0 147.045+ t 103.5
Thursdays 8:00 PM	Newcomers Net	147.180+ t 123.0 147.390+ t 123.0
Tuesdays 8:00 PM	Trident Amateur Radio Club Net	146.715- t 123.0 147.270+ t 123.0 147.345+ t 123.0
Wednesday 8:00 PM	Berkeley County Ragchew Net	147.150+
Thursdays 9:00 PM	Coastal Amateur Radio Assoc.Net	146.910-

SOUTH CAROLINA HF NETS		
Day/Time	Name	Frequencies
Daily 7:00 PM	South Carolina SSB Net	3.915 MHz
Daily 8:00 PM	Carolinas Slow Net (CW)	3.695 MHz

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