

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

June 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, June 12, 2006

VE TESTING -- JUNE 10, 2006

Saturday, June 10, VE testing will be done at 9:00 AM at the home of Sheila Frank, KT4YW, 614 Longstreet Circle, in the Sangaree housing subdivision NE of Summerville. (From I-26 [exit 199B] go NE towards Moncks Corner on Alt 17 to the 3rd traffic light, turn right onto Beauregard and go till you come to a STOP sign, turn left onto Longstreet and go to the next STOP sign. Sheila's home will be on your immediate left.) In order to take a test, you are required to bring the following to the test session: 2 forms of ID [one with picture], your social security number, \$14 Testing Fee, if you are already licensed, the original and copy of your license, and, if you have any Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCEs), bring the original and a copy of each CSCE.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the recent Dayton Hamvention, ARRL President, Joel Harrison (W5NV) asserted that the "Average Joe" today has far less time to pursue avocational interests than their counterparts of 30 or 40 years ago. The average worker spends more hours on the job, and finds his or her "off" hours filled with their children's soccer games and school projects. "We have a more competitive market for people's time," Harrison said. Attracting young people into Amateur Radio is an even harder sell, Harrison allowed. "The more we integrate computer technology into Amateur Radio, it helps to attract [younger people]", he said. Promoting Amateur Radio contesting to the younger generation could be another route.

We have a prime opportunity upcoming on June 24-25 at our Field Day activities. Part contest, part emergency exercise, Field Day holds the promise of a

concentrated 2-day dose of amateur radio experience for one and all. Whether your interest is in antenna design, CW, SSB, VHF, or digital, you can find something of interest - and a friendly mentor or "elmer" at the CARS Field Day operations on USS Yorktown. Of particular importance to me is getting as many members as possible to take part, regardless of our scores in the contest. It's a great opportunity to give new licensees a taste of HF operation so important to maintaining their interest. It also provides an opportunity to expose the media to what amateur radio brings to the disaster communications front as well - and it is particularly well timed with the start of hurricane season.

We have an important opportunity to begin "elmering" our newcomers, and to help them start developing their own interest areas. As President Harrison noted in his speech, "...there are hundreds and hundreds of things we can do in ham radio."

As in a disaster, our strength is our ability to bring a cadre of trained persons together, quickly, and with a common set of skills. Placed in this light, Field Day is a lot like an athletic competition - teamwork, common goals, shared skills, even sweat if you have to pedal the bicycle for power!

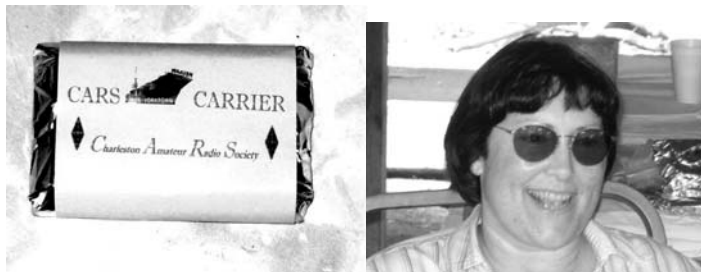
I urge you to answer the call when Doc (W4MUR) asks for your support of the CARS Field Day. You don't have to be an Extra Class to help - there is plenty of activity for all license classes. And if you have a friend or family member with an interest in ham radio, bring them along!

I am sure we will have a lot more of the details for this year's Field Day operations at our next meeting on June 12, 2006 at Ryan's Steak House on Highway 61. Please make plans to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

HAMFEST COMMITTEE & HELPER PARTY -- May 20, 06

Those who attended the Hamfest Committee Party on May 20 had a very enjoyable day socializing and eating. David, KI4FSC, did a great job grilling the chicken and steaks and Valerie Fleischman, XYL of David, KB9UJF, prepared and brought a special treat, white chocolate bars in a special wrapper she prepared (see photo).



MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash - 5/1/06	\$1,048.48
Cash Receipts:	
May Raffle	23.00
KE5IDW - ARRL Contribution	10.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - May Newsletter	(36.09)
Creech's Florist - Riley Stone	(74.56)
ARRL- KE5IDW, AG4SR, KF4UIA	(127.00)
Bell South	(36.59)
Ending Cash - 5/31/076	\$807.24
Savings HT	\$ 26.69
Savings ST - CD	\$1,257.05

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

MINUTES of MAY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, May 8, 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 May 8, 2006 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 25 members and 5 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Tracey KG4HTW

In a motion by Doc, W4MUR, seconded by Bryce, K4LXF, the minutes were approved as published in the May 2006 CARS Carrier. In addition, Tracey read a thank you note forwarded to the club from Julia Fillnow, on behalf of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Ms. Fillnow thanked Bryce & Jenny Myers, John Meyers, Bill Pennekamp, Sonja Penland, and Mike Wells for volunteering to provide communications support for their walk event held April 29th. The request for support was received on short notice, but the club was able to react quickly and help.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

The treasurer's report for the period ended April 30, 2006, was accepted as information as published in the May 2006 CARS Carrier.

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

Jenny reported that the authorized signers for the Hamfest funds are continuing to research an appropriate investment option for idle funds, per the motion from the March 2006 meeting. And-- Great news: CARS' application for hosting the 2007 ARRL Convention at our Hamfest was approved.

The Hamfest Committee party will be held Saturday, May 20th in Orangeburg. See the CARS Carrier for more details. Jenny will need final RSVPs by 5/14/06.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR

Doc noted that Field Day is coming up fast. The event begins at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 24th and ends at 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 25th. Volunteers are needed to help with setup on Friday and tear-down on Sunday. A sign-up sheet was passed for volunteers. In addition, need a volunteer to coordinate the CW station. Please contact Doc to sign-up or to obtain additional information.

Museum Ships: Ed KQ4DC

The annual museum Subs On The Air event was held April 28th - April 30th and Ed extended thanks to David, KI4FSC, and Mark, KM4RK, for working the event. Due to unfavorable operating conditions, there was only one contact. There were 18 subs participating and the winner only had six contacts.

The next event will be the annual Ships on the Air event, which is the first weekend in June. David, KI4FSC, has agreed to coordinate volunteers in Ed's absence. More information to follow via the CARS e-mail list.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

Ken reviewed the Multiple Sclerosis walk that was noted in the Secretary's report with the thank you note from the local NMSS chapter. No further requests for assistance have been received.

Emergency Prep: Bill WA4WGP

Bill reported that there will be a simulated evacuation with local hospitals participating in a simulated hurricane making landfall. The event is planned for June 6th and June 7th and is expected to involve 16 counties. Four or five volunteers are needed to assist with communications. Contact Bill for more information.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce reported that 145.250 had some problems and subsequently the controller was replaced. This seems to have corrected the problem. On 146.790, there is no tone required so, from time to time transmissions from other repeaters are received. At the Seabrook site, 145.410, further investigation/work is needed as it appears that the strobe light on the tower seems to be causing interference. The hospital repeater network continues to be a work in progress.

NETS: Ken AF4ZV for Susannah KE4RVF

Ken noted that Susannah is serving as net control on the Sunday ARES net and is looking for volunteers to assist as net control operators.

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. There was a request to add a note on the CARS website to include instructions for signing up for the CARS' Yahoo group e-mail list.

Education and VE Testing: Sheila KT4YW and Linda K4MPY

The schedule for regular VE Testing occurs on the second Saturday of even numbered months. The next test session is to be on the second Saturday in June, at 9 AM, at the Frank's Backyard School House. Cost is still \$14 and 2 forms of ID [one with picture] are required. Contact Sheila at 871-4368 or Linda at 552-3106 for more information or visit the CARS website.

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

Alene reported that school club activities are winding down with summer break approaching. The club will be receiving a computer through the PTSA; however, there is still a need for technician training/study manuals.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: Dennis O'Leary, KE5IDW

2nd Reading: Dennis Powell, KI4LXG

Associate Membership: None.

In a motion by Bill, WA4WGP, and second by Sam, KX4SAM, the club approved the regular membership of Dennis Powell, KI4LXG.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: None.

Drawing: The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Steven Tully, AG4SR.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sam, KX4SAM, and seconded by Bill, WA4WGP.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.



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