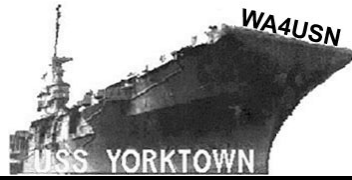


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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

February 2007 Newsletter



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

*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, February 12, 2007*

HAMFEST REPORT

By the time you get this the Hamfest will be over. I would like to thank the Committee and all who helped with the Hamfest for all the work they put forth. We have a very good club and members who are willing to help when asked to do so. Also we want to thank all who came to the Hamfest and supported us. I will give a Hamfest report at the meeting.

73, Jenny, Cochairman

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Life is paradoxical sometimes. Recently, the FCC decided to remove the Morse code requirements for amateur licensure, which seemed to have no interest outside of our amateur radio community. It seemed just a natural evolution. But in fact, the decision garnered tremendous public attention for our hobby.

I received a call from the Post and Courier a few weeks ago by a reporter who picked up on an Associated Press story on the FCC decision, and wanted to write a local story to complement the national headline. We got a nice article in the paper that not only placed local amateur sentiment on the code decision in a positive light, but also generated a letter to the editor several days later from Judge Alex Sanders, the venerable former president of the College of Charleston, a founder of the Charleston School of Law, and a former appeals court judge and state legislator.

In his letter, Sanders eloquently ties the technological advance of Samuel Morse to the natural evolution of all communication that moves information in the modern world – even the internet. It was instructional to me to think on Sander's analysis that, prior to the code, the fastest means possible of carrying a message from point A to point B was no faster than the human body! And all of this happened right here in

Charleston, since Morse moved to Charleston in 1813. What a valuable instance of earning media attention for our hobby, and making a local tie to the heritage of amateur radio!

In other news, the club's assistance to the Charlie Post Classic Run on January 27, 2007 was a great success. Race Director, Joanie Mulvihill, was thoroughly impressed with our organization and professionalism, and expressed the thanks of the Charleston Running Club. My thanks to the race crew who helped make the support possible with one of our club's largest events just a week away.

Of course, I am speaking of our Hamfest, on February 3, 2007. This will be the ARRL State Convention, and we anticipate a great turnout. Recent work with various agencies to train amateur radio operators signals that we will have a large turnout for VE testing for prospective new Hams. As I have written before in this column, getting the license is only the start. I look forward to having the club well represented at our Hamfest. We have a busy year ahead as we help these new Hams get engaged in the hobby, and learn to translate the knowledge required to pass a licensing exam into real operating skills on the amateur bands.

Please join me at our next club meeting at Ryan's Steak House on February 12th.

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

Note: The letter written by Judge Alex Sanders is too long to be included here but it is included in the Web Site version of the February 2007 CARS Carrier along with the original Post and Courier article.

PA SYSTEM

The PA (Public Address) system is used at the club meetings to make it easier for everyone to hear the reports and announcements. If you have a report or

announcement to make and do not use the PA system, then many people on the other side of the room from you can not hear what you are saying. As we grow older our hearing, among other things, deteriorates and even though Ken may be able to make out what you are saying, others can not, so, when you have a report or announcement to give, please walk up to the microphone and use it properly so that everyone can hear you.

Using the PA microphone is different than using your transceiver microphone. When you use your transceiver microphone there is no audio feedback but when you use the PA microphone properly you can hear your voice coming from the PA speakers. Many people back away from the PA microphone when they hear their voice coming from the PA speakers. The problem with this is that, if you can not hear your voice coming from the speakers, neither can other people, so, please step up to the microphone and use it so everyone can hear your report or announcement.

NOV/DEC FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash 11/1/06	\$1,572.94
Cash Receipts:	
November Raffle	46.00
September Raffle Correction	(20.00)
Dues reported under Sept. Raffle	20.00
Jenny Myers - Membership Dues	592.50
Cash Disbursements:	
Linda NeSmith - Fair Brochures	(25.50)
John Meyers - November Newsletter	(45.68)
Bryce Myers - Office Expenses	(94.70)
Jenny Myers - Fair Expenses	(61.06)
Bell South - November & December	(74.50)
ARRL - Thomas McNeil - Raffle	(39.00)
Bank Service Charge - Low Balance	<u>(9.95)</u>
Ending Cash 12/31/06	\$1,861.05
Savings HT	\$ 26.91
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash 1/1/07	\$1,861.05
Cash Receipts:	
Jenny Myers - Membership Dues	185.00
January Raffle	44.00
Cash Disbursements:	

Memorial for K4PQJ - "Whitey"	(25.00)
Jenny Myers - Christmas Party	(97.64)
SERA Membership Renewal	(20.00)
ARRL - Sandra McNeil - Raffle	(39.00)
Bell South - January	<u>(36.96)</u>
Ending Cash - 1/31/07	\$1871.45
Savings HT	\$ 26.91
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

MINUTES of JANUARY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, January 8, 2007 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP, at 7:30 PM on January 8, 2007 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 31 members and 9 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Sonja WA4WVD for Tracey KG4HTW

In a motion by Sam KX4SAM and second by Sonja WA4WVD, the November 2006 and December 2006 meeting minutes were approved as published in the January 2007 CARS Carrier.

Two letters making requests for assistance were read aloud:

- 1) Request from Charleston Running Club/Race Event - Communications for Charlie Post Race
- 2) Request from Dan Surette/Charleston Yacht Club Event - Communications assistance

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

The Treasurer's report in February will include a combined November/ December and a January report.

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

The Hamfest Committee met on Sunday, January 7th and everything is on schedule. Most of the dealers from last year will be back. In addition, we anticipate having a vendor who may be able to embroider hats and shirts. Bryce, K4LXF, noted that the embroiderer has hats but anyone wishing to have a shirt done must bring your own. A sign-up sheet was circulated during the meeting for volunteers to let Jenny know when they can participate. The Committee is still

looking for a light projector [used to show Power Point presentations]. Contact Jenny to obtain Hamfest flyers to distribute.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR
No new information to report.

Museum Ships: Ed KQ4DC
No new information to report.

Emergency Prep: Bill WA4WGP, Charleston; John W4HMK, Dorchester; Vince KI4AOC, Berkeley

Charleston: The trailer is having maintenance work completed.

Dorchester: John, W4HMK, emphasized the need for all amateurs to have the skills to build a station from scratch if necessary during an emergency. In addition, he noted that the system in Dorchester County will be replaced in the next three weeks. There is continued interest in strengthening the communication and coordination among all three counties.

Berkeley: No new information to report.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce reported that the repeaters are functioning well at this time. In addition, he noted that the TARC and CARS repeaters are linked for the ARES net.

NETS: Linda K4MPY - Newcomers Net; Susannah KE4RVF - ARES Net
No new information to report.

Races: Bill WA4WGP for Ken AF4ZV
The club has been asked whether it might be able to assist with the Charlie Post Run. A motion shall be noted under new business.

Interference: Bryce K4LXF
No new information to report.

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

Web Page: John WA4GPS
No new information to report.

Education and VE Testing: Sheila KT4YW and Linda K4MPY

The next test session is to be at our Hamfest on February 3, 2007. Cost is \$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. Additional help will be needed at the Hamfest due to an anticipated large test session.

School Programs: Alene KG4NKD – DuBose Middle School Radio Club – K4DMS
Bryce, K4LXF, reported that Alene needs donations for the school club to setup Echo Link. Helpful items would be equipment like microphones, cables, etc... If donations cannot be found, the club will need about \$125 to purchase the necessary equipment.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF
Bryce noted that dues are past due at this date if not already paid. The club currently has 158 members. In addition, Bryce acknowledged and welcomed the guests present at the meeting.

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: Peyton Smith, KI4SQM

2nd Reading: William McCormick, WB4ZOE

Associate Membership: None

In a motion by Bruce, W4PUX, seconded by John, WA4GPS, William M. McCormick, was approved for membership as a CARS Club Regular member.

Old Business:

Holiday Party – Jenny WA4NGV

Jenny provided a final report on expenses for the annual holiday party, which was attended by a total of 58 people. The net cost to the club was \$297.64 or \$5.12 per person.

Cost: \$967.01-The Point Grill + \$55.63-stamps, printing, & favors = (\$1,022.64)

Cash Rec'd: \$200-advance from club + \$725-club members = \$ 925.00

Difference paid by Jenny = \$97.64

New Business:

Charlie Post Race – In a motion by Sam, KX4SAM, and second by Bryce, K4LXF, the club agreed to provide communications support for the Charlie Post Race on January 27, 2007. Following approval of the event, a sign-up sheet was circulated to request volunteers to help.

Charleston Yacht Club request - The club could not support this request at this time.

Dubose Middle School Radio Club – K4DMS – In a motion by Bryce, K4LXF, second by Jenny, WA4NGV, the club agreed to donate \$125 to the school club to provide immediate funding for the students to set-up and explore using Echo Link.

Announcements:

None

Drawing: The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Sandy McNeil, KG4ECX

A motion to adjourn was made by J.J., KF4BZH and seconded by Bryce, K4LXF.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

PS: Many thanks to Sonja, WA4WVD for helping by take notes during the January meeting.

Local Area Nets

Days	Time	Name	Freq.	Tone	Location
Sundays	8:00 PM	Lowcountry Emergency Services Net	145.250- 145.410- 146.790-	123.0 None None	Knightsville Seabrook Is. USS Yorktown
Tuesdays	9:00 PM	Lowcountry Skywarn Net	146.985- 147.045+ 147.180+ 147.390+	123.0 103.5 123.0 123.0	S'ville Med. St. George Dorchester Trident Med.
Thursdays	8:00 PM	Newcomers Net			
Sundays Wednesdays	9:30 PM 8:00 PM	Lowcountry USB PSK63 Net	144.145	None	
Tuesdays	8:00 PM	Trident Amateur Radio Club Net	146.715- 147.270+ 147.345+	123.0 123.0 123.0	Rutledge Tower Dorchester EOC Adams Run

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