

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

June 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, June 11, 2007*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

My thanks to all who have made this spring a success – both old and new Hams alike. Through the Cooper River Bridge Run, the After the Bridge Run Bike Ride, the Gift of Life Run, the MS Walk, Subs-on-the-Air, club meetings, newsletter, license training, VE sessions, and many one-on-one Elmering activities, we have seen so many volunteer their time and talent. And the club is prospering from the activity. It is very gratifying to report that our membership continues to grow, and is at the highest level in the club's history! But we're not done yet....

A two day state-wide training and licensing course sponsored by the USC Center for Public Health Preparedness in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) on April 20 and 23, 2007 was a huge success! Our ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator, Charlie (AE4UX), reports that 85 individuals were tested across the state, with 77 granted licenses, giving a pass rate of 91%! Our CARS volunteer instructors participated in teaching a session here in Charleston. Congratulations to all involved in this project! We are already seeing new members joining up from these classes.

June will bring us a Museum Ships event on June 9th and 10th, leading up to Field Day on the USS Yorktown the whole weekend of June 23rd. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to hone up on emergency operating skills in advance of hurricane season, and perhaps get some ideas on a personal emergency station plan. We will build no fewer than three complete amateur stations on the USS Yorktown, and operate for 24 hours under field conditions. I have invited Governor Mark Sanford

and Charleston Police Chief Gregory Mullen to attend this year with their families, and hope that they will be able to join us for an hour or two. I mention families, because Field Day is a great time to share amateur radio with family and friends. There is a lot to learn and a steady stream of activity all weekend - setting up, operating, and taking down our equipment. You can see more details on Field Day in the minutes from our May club meeting inside this issue of the CARS Carrier.

Also, we have club elections coming up in a couple of months. A nominating committee is seeking a slate of officers to bring to the club at our next meeting, and we will vote on officers in July. The club needs your active participation at whatever level you are comfortable - as an officer, volunteer, or a member – to continue our success!

Please join me at our next club meeting at Ryan's Steak House on June 11th to find out more about Field Day, the election, and other club activities ahead.

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash - 5/1/07	\$1,450.70
Cash Receipts:	
May Raffle	38.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - May Newsletter	(40.63)
ARRL - Terry Fox - Raffle	(39.00)
David Wilkins	(350.00)
Bell South - May	(37.56)
Ending Cash - 5/31/07	\$1,021.51
Savings HT	\$ 26.93
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

MINUTES of MAY MEETING

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Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, May 14, 2007 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order by President, Ken Bible, AF4ZV, at 7:30 PM on May 14, 2007 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 33 members and 10 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Tracey KG4HTW

In a motion by, Bryce K4LXF, and second by Bill WA4WGP, the April 2007 meeting minutes were approved as published in the May 2007 CARS Carrier.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

The April 2007 Treasurer's report was accepted as information, as published in the May 2007 CARS Carrier.

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

Jenny reported on a very nice party held at the McMillan River House for the Hamfest Helpers. Some of the best steaks and chicken in memory were enjoyed. Everyone had a good time.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR

Doc reported that field day will be the 4th full weekend in June, following a tradition in existence since 1930. Set up will begin the afternoon of Friday, June 22. Operations will commence at 2:00 PM on Saturday and run through Sunday at 2:00 PM. Tear down will be after 2:00 PM on Sunday. Help is needed throughout. Ken (AF4ZV) noted that this is a great opportunity to learn about station set up and operating under emergency conditions. A sign up sheet from last meeting has information that Doc wanted some people to update. Doc reported a need for help with media/publicity, satellite contact, elected official visit, message handling, CW station captain, and to copy the ARRL W1AW bulletin in CW. Jenny (WA4NGV) noted that she needs helpers to carry food and supplies from the pier up to the club room.

Museum Ships: David KI4FSC

Ken read an email from George (KI4UIV) thanking Ed (KQ4DC) for his mentoring during the Clamagore NJ4DU Subs-on-the-Air special event. David (KI4FSC) reported on the Laffey and Clamagore special events, and the challenging conditions. They were able to make some contacts from both the Clamagore and the Yorktown. Museum Ships is the next event on June 9-10 from 8AM on the 9th through 8PM on the 10th. David would like 2 people to work a shift - one to operate, and one to record. David noted that hams from all over the world will try to contact WA4USN and that it is great fun to work the pile-ups.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

Ken reported an email from Mike (WA4HVP) reporting that the Gift of Life 5K went well, and thanked everyone for their help. Ken thanked Peggy Thorne (KD8FNK) for her help in coordinating the club's MS Walk support. The director sent a note of thanks for everyone's help.

Emergency Prep: Bill WA4WGP, Charleston; John W4HNK, Dorchester; Vince KI4AOC, Berkeley

Charleston: Bill (WA4WGP) provided some handouts giving information on transportation during an evacuation of Charleston County for those who do not have their own means to leave. There is an emergency exercise in June of an undisclosed nature. Bill reported that there was no amateur radio requirement for this exercise.

Dorchester: David (KI4FSC) reported on a statewide drill from Spartanburg to the coast involving an Earthquake drill on June 6, and a Weapons of Mass Destruction drill June 12. There will be limited participation by Dorchester hams.

Berkeley: There was no report on Berkeley County activity.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce reported that all repeaters were working reasonably well. Some interference is occurring at this time of an unknown source. There was a recent "band opening" on 2 meters that provided some interesting QSOs. Bryce also spoke some about the local HEARTS system, distinguishing from the SCHEARTS statewide system. The SCHEARTS system links hospitals statewide, and uses the

Educational TV (ETV) microwave links to make the links across the state.

NETS: Linda K4MPY - Newcomers Net; Susannah KE4RVF - ARES Net

Linda (K4MPY) reported no problems with the nets. She welcomed new control operators to try their hand at net control.

Interference: Bryce K4LXF
No new information to report.

Newsletter/CARS Carrier/Website: John WA4GPS
Ken (AF4ZV) noted that John has been collecting data on the web site usage so we can continue to improve the site. Ken thanked John for his work on the site.

Education and VE Testing: Sheila KT4YW and Linda K4MPY

Ken (AF4ZV) noted the special VE session last month at DHEC. Bryce (K4LXF) added information about the statewide training and testing, noting that about 79 new hams were licensed in testing by VE teams across the state. Ken expressed his appreciation for both the VE teams from around the state as well as the various teams that helped Elmer the license course. Bryce added that 8 completed the local class and passed the VE exam administered at the DHEC site by the ARRL VE team. The next ARRL VE session will be June 11th at 9:00 AM at Trident Hospital.

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

Ken (AF4ZV) noted the successes of the school club, K4DMS, and thanked Alene for her service for three years and still going. Alene reported that the club activities are complete for this school year.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: Robert Graham, Jr. - KI4UPT
Robert Graham, Sr. - WB4SOF
George Post - KI4UIW
Gregory Amirault - KI4TVA

2nd Reading: Eugene Danielson, KI4RRT
Max Willis, KI4RRY

Gregory Gilbert, KI4UIY
Joe House, KI4UIU
James Gilbert, KI4UIS

Associate Membership:

Mary Anderson (no call)

In a motion by John (WA4GPS), seconded by Dennis (KI4LXG), all 2nd reading applicants and Mary Anderson (associate membership) were approved for membership with the CARS club.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Nominating Committee - Ken (AF4ZV) reported that in accordance with the by-laws he asked Bryce (K4LXF) to chair a nominating committee to bring forth a recommended slate of officers at the June meeting. We will vote on a slate of officers for the next year at the July meeting.

Ken (AF4ZV) reported that he had received a letter from John Langley (K4CSB) asking that someone else take over responsibility as trustee for the club call sign WA4USN, since the club license is coming up for renewal. Ken noted that he had applied for the call sign to be transferred to him until he can meet with the club engineers to determine who best to be the trustee.

Announcements:

Bryce (K4LXF) noted that the club has ball caps with the club logo for \$8.00 each. The caps are burgundy with white writing.

Drawing: The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Tom Petroski (KC2LGS).

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Pennekamp (WA4WGP), and seconded by Linda (K4MPY).

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

FIELD DAY is JUNE 23-24

This is a great fun weekend activity for all of us to participate in together. There are many different activities that each one of us can select from to help with including equipment set up, operating in different modes, several special activities to get bonus points for the club and of course finishing up with equipment tear down. If you have never participated in Field Day before, this is a great time to come and join the group and learn new things while working with other hams. Remember, the more people we have participating, the more fun every one has and, as an extra bonus, you get to see some parts of the USS Yorktown that are not open to the general public including the CARS club room. If you haven't signed up yet, contact Doc, W4MUR, at w4mur@arrl.net or 884-5614 and tell him what your interests are.

FIELD DAY MENU HINTS

For best results hot dogs should be evenly spaced on the RF cooking elements approx. 468/f apart and the cooking temperature set to 100% duty cycle. (Are hot dogs cooked by CW better than hot dogs cooked by SSB?)

With bright sunshine, the food can be slow cooked with solar heat. If it's cloudy, use the generator exhaust.

Do you get extra points for drawing a crowd with the smell then teaching them about radio???

When the food budget gets low use road kill and snails!

Hope the generator has enough power to run the freezer so we can have ice cream and root beer floats!

P.S. Don't forget to get the points credit for operating "MICROWAVE".

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK is the week of June 20-27

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