

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

July 2009 Newsletter

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

CARS meets the second Monday of each month at Ryan's Steak House on Highway 61.

Our next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM, Monday, July 13, 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This will be my last article for my term in office. I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and having patience with my trying to guide and give the office its proper attention which all the members deserve. It has been a very educational experience. My vocation did not have this type of format since it was more of guidance and giving duties to personnel. Manufacturing and service organization do not have the Roberts Rules to guide you. I know it helped when I got on the wrong track someone was there to give me a hand and keep the meetings on track. The officers that served with me were excellent and kept me on track also. The incoming officers whoever is elected will do a great job with the same excellent support of the membership that I received.

I want to thank everyone again for putting up with me.

See y'all at the next meeting July 13 same place same time 7:30 PM.

73, Bill, WA4WGP

ARES NET REPORT

We are now in Hurricane season and since we live in hurricane areas, we need to work on being prepared. We should know these terms so that we can start to take precautions of any impending dangers.

TERMS TO KNOW:

Hurricane Watch: Hurricane conditions are *possible* in the specified area of the watch, usually within 36 hours.

Hurricane Warning: Hurricane conditions are *expected* in the specified area of the warning, usually within 24 hours.

Tropical Storm Watches and Warnings: Take these alerts seriously. Although Tropical Storms have lower wind speeds than hurricanes, they often bring life-threatening flooding and dangerous winds. Take precautions!

We would like to thank Phil, KI4SIW for running the June ARES nets on Sunday evenings at 8:00 PM. We had some great training topics and just to let you know, this was Phil's first time running and scheduling the net. He sounded like an old pro. Thank you very much, Phil.

If you are interested in getting involved in your county's team, here is the list of those whom you should contact: Darrell, KB7QVG, Berkeley County; Ed Steeble, K3IXD, Dorchester County; Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP, Charleston County. I hope you consider getting involved.

73, Susannah, KE4RVF

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 5/1/09	\$2,162.65
Cash Receipts:	
April Raffle	50.00
Cash Disbursements:	
ARRL - April Raffle - Phillip Blaha	(39.00)
John Meyers - May Newsletter	(40.36)
Bell South - May	(49.13)
Ending Cash - 5/31/09	\$2,084.16
Savings HT	\$ 27.25
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45
Linda NeSmith - K4MPY	

MINUTES of JUNE MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61

Monday, June 8, 2009 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP, at 7:30 PM on June 8, 2009 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 43 members and 3 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/Report:

Alene KG4NKD
Motion to accept the May minutes as published in the CARS CARRIER was made by Greg Amirault, KI4TVA and 2nd by George Post, KI4UIW.

Treasurer's Report:

Linda K4MPY
Published in the May CARS CARRIER for information.

Hamfest Report:

Jenny WA4NGV
Jenny, WA4NGV, has been in touch with the Fair Grounds about a contract for the Hamfest next year – the 1st Saturday in February.

Museum Ships:

Ed Walker, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC
Occurred last weekend. Went very well!- there were 169 contacts with the Ingram, 93 with the Laffey, 67 with the Clamagore, and 317 with the Yorktown.

Field Day:

Doug Clark, KU4OC
2 pm, June 27 to 2 pm June 28th. . Location is still not determined – most likely Marion Square or Brittle Bank Park. Need CW workers, and dipoles. Also need to rent a port-a-let. And CARS is responsible for providing food – anyone interested in helping Jenny, WA4NGV, is asked to contact her. Request for funds to purchase food for Field Day will be made during the new business phase of this meeting.

PIO / Races:

Ken, AF4ZV
No requests at the moment.

Emergency Prep:

Bill WA4WGP, Charleston;
John W4HNK, Dorchester; Vince K4AOC, Berkeley

Charleston: Busy week with training – Hurricane Drill, and a Defense Operability exercise. Next week is another Hurricane Drill.

Dorchester: Next meeting there will be training on WebEOC.

Berkeley: No Report.

Repeater Report:

Bryce, K4LXF
The 79 repeater is down – a request from the engineers to buy a Kenwood repeater to match the other repeaters with a cost of \$1,200 + \$55 for shipping, using Hamfest fund money, will be made during the New Business section of the meeting.

Nets:

Linda, K4MPY & Susannah, KE4RVF
Please see website for specific dates & times for nets at www.wa4usn.org. Could use new operators for Thursday nights.

Newsletter/Website:

John, WA4GPS
Website issue - our 1 year subscription was up in May and our website was shut down. We are temporarily using Sam Shuford's site, KX4SAM with Gator Host. Putting the website on Gator Host would cost \$13 more than the current carrier, approximately \$84.40/year. Request for funds will occur during the new business section of this meeting.

Education & VE Testing:

Sheila, KT4YW
VE testing occurs on the second Saturday of even months of the year at Trident Hospital. Sheila, KT4YW, reported that the next testing session will be June 13th.

School Programs:

Alene, KG4NKD - DuBose Middle School Radio Club - K4DMS
Out for the summer – No Report.

Membership:

Bryce, K4LXF
There are 173 members.

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: Charles Lee Weeks, KD4TXM

2nd Reading: None

Associate Membership: None

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Engineers Committee motion to buy a new repeater for the Yorktown, using the Hamfest funds to the sum of \$1,255. With a Vote to repay Bryce, K4LXF for his purchase of said repeater. Vote to accept.
2. A motion was made by Jenny, WA4NGV, to provide funds of \$300 for food for field day. The motion was seconded by Doug, KU4OC. After discussion a motion was made to amend the 1st motion to \$500. The amended motion was made by Bobby, W4KSD and 2nd by Robert, WB4SOF. Vote to accept.
3. Motion was made to provide money, not to exceed \$100, to continue the website with a new carrier for another year was made by Bryce, K4LXF and seconded by Greg, KI4TVA. Vote to accept.
4. Nominations for 2009-2010 officers were made by the nominating committee –
 - a. President – Tracey Bible, KG4HTW
 - b. Vice-President – Gregory Amirault, KI4TVA

- c. Secretary – Mark Caragher, KE4KMD
 - d. Treasurer – Linda Nesmith, K4MPY
5. A motion was made by John, WA4GPS, seconded by Ed, KQ4DC for the club to purchase the ARRL PR-101 computer course for \$25. Vote to accept.

Announcements:

A BIG Thank You and APPLAUSE to Brad, KG4JQG who has contributed generously to the club on several occasions including –

- a. Returning the 1st place prize money from the Hamfest 2 years ago.
- b. Recently \$202 from his tips.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Sheila, KT4YW.

A motion to adjourn was made by David, KI4FSC, and seconded by Bob, W4HGW.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alene (KG4NKD).

Field Day at Marion Square, June 27, 2009, photos below:





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