

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

June 2010 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, June 14, 2010



FROM THE PRESIDENT

This Memorial Day, as we remember our veterans and those who serve our country today, I am reminded that amateur radio is a hobby that provides us an opportunity to serve. One of the first pillars of the ARRL focus is public service – ARES, RACES, the NTS are just few examples of the formal ways this ‘pillar’ provides support within our communities. At one of the recent club meetings, several members spoke about some of their experiences with message handling to assist families trying to connect in the middle of a crisis or disaster.

We have a wonderful opportunity this coming Field Day to get back on the USS Yorktown and remember our veterans as well as test our emergency operating skills.

Please join us at the next club meeting on June 14th, at Ryan's Steakhouse to hear an update on 2010 plans for Field Day and Museum Ships On the Air.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

ARES NET REPORT

HAMS beware! It is that time of year again. We are in the season where severe storms develop and hurricane season is just beginning. We often speak on our ARES nets of ways to prepare for and react to catastrophic events. In case you haven't made it to our nets lately, here are a few key tips. 1) Get yourself and family prepared now. That includes making plans to stay or evacuate, getting a small go bag for quick response. 2) Make sure your radio equipment is in good condition. Make those small

changes that would make your station easy to disassemble, secure, or relocate. 3) Join an ARES group and receive the training and up to date information you would need to assist during a disaster. 4) Practice. Take every opportunity to participate in the local drills and join our net on Sunday nights at 8pm. You would be surprised at how much a few minutes difference can make.

73, Darrell, KB7QVG

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 4/1/10	\$3,437.27
Cash Receipts:	0.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - April Newsletter	(41.52)
Bryce Myers - Roster Copies	(38.70)
Bryce Myers - Time Calling Equipment	(385.89)
AT&T - April	(52.26)
Ending Cash - 4/30/10	\$2,918.90
Savings HT	\$ 27.36
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

MINUTES of MAY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

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

Monday, May 10, 2010 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Tracy Bible, KG4HTW, at 7:40 PM on May 10, 2010 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 36 members and 4 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Larry, KJ4GZR

The April 2010 meeting minutes were published in the May 2010 CARS Carrier. The minutes were accepted with one addendum; to reflect "Scotty Jeter's full name. Munford S. Jeter WB4FEU

Treasurer's Report: Linda, K4MPY

The Treasurer's report for March 2010 was published in the May CARS Carrier. The report was accepted as information.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

Bryce Myers, K4LFX, gave the report for Jenny. The status on the final report remains unchanged since we are still waiting for the pending bill from the Exchange Club.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

Museum Ships On The Air will take place on Saturday June 5th from 8:30 AM until late afternoon and on Sunday June 6th from morning until early afternoon. For anyone interested a sign up sheet was circulated.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA

Greg reported that the event will be on the Yorktown. Setup will be Friday June 25th at 2:00 PM. The event will kick off at 2:00 PM on Saturday the 26th of June and will run until 2:00 PM on Sunday June 27th at 2:00 PM. Anyone who is interested in working a particular mode, setup, or ideas, please contact Greg. Currently a plan is in the works for a satellite hook up. A plan is in the works to raise and operate a 160 meter antenna with a balloon. Sign up sheet continues to circulate.

Races: George Post, KI4UIW for Doug, KU4OC

Follow up report on TRYCHARLESTON Event: The event went well for a first time event, there were a few minor problems. It is the hope of the planners to make this an annual event.

Cycle South Carolina, a six day bike ride event that will begin and end in Mt. Pleasant running from June 13th through June 18th. Two representatives from the event were present, Sherry Hering and Milton Ortiz. They gave an overall view of the event and requested any communication assistance that the club could possibly provide. After a period of discussion along with Q & A with regard to supporting the event as much as possible, taking into consideration the short notice for any planning and logistics for a event of this length, a motion was made to support the event as much as possible. The motion was seconded and passed.

Emergency Prep: Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HNC, Dorchester; Vince, K4AOC, Berkeley

Bill reported that the next meeting will be on Saturday at St. Andrew's Fire Station Hwy's. 61 and 7. Topics: status of ID badges that are being made at this time. On June 5th at the Lowe's parking lot on James Island, off Folley Rd. near the connector, there will be a Hurricane Expo, that ARES could be a part of. The event will run from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Further information is still pending. On June 15th EPD will run an After Hurricane event from 8:00 AM until around 4-5 PM.

Dorchester: Drill on the 16th of June for amateur radio in conjunction with the state wide Hurricane Drill that will run from the 13 - 16th, amateur participation will only be on the 16th.

Berkeley: George reminded everyone of when they meet.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Before the Repeater report Bryce gave an update on Jenny's condition following her recent surgery. That she was progressing well, and thanked everyone for their well wishes.

The Knightsville 145.25 repeater will be replaced with the 146.94 but new developments with the controller, which is being worked on, will delay placement, no fixed date at this time.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

George reported the Newcomers Net is continuing to go well and encouraged anyone who was interested in working as net control to contact him.

See the May CARS Carrier for the latest ARES Net report.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

It is time to renew the web site host for another year. A motion will be made under new business.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next testing will be the second Saturday in June at 9:00 AM at Trident Hospital.

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

The club has finished for this school year.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Regular Membership:

First Reading: David Alverson, KD7LIP
Veronica Frazier, KJ4GZQ

Second Reading: None

The first reading applicants will be voted on at the next meeting after the second reading.

Old Business:

A thank you letter was received from the City of Charleston Chief of Police, Gregory Mullen, to acknowledge the YEASU FT 7800 radio and antenna. The letter is on file with the secretary along with pictures, that were included, of the placement in the emergency communication trailer.

New Business:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to allocate \$85.00 to renew the web site host for another year.

Discussion was held on the need to file with IRS as a non-profit. The discussion will continue with club president, Tracy Bible KG4HTW and Charlotte Groves KJ4PLX, CPA, following the close of the meeting.

Announcements: None

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Susan Brooks, KJ4PVN.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry, KJ4GZR



Cooper River Bridge Run - Net Control



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