

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

September 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, Sep. 13, 2010



DUES FOR THE YEAR AUGUST 1, 2010 – JULY 31, 2011 ARE DUE

\$20.00/Year, \$10.00 for each additional member in the same household. Please make check payable to CARS. You may pay at the meeting or mail to membership chairman: **Bryce Myers, K4LXF, 2630 Dellwood Ave., North Charleston, SC 29405-6814**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Looks like the hurricane season is bringing the activity a little closer to our latitude. By the time the CARS Carrier goes to press, Hurricane Earl is forecast to turn up the East Coast [away from SC] traveling closer toward the Outerbanks of North Carolina. Right behind Earl is a possible Fiona -- let's hope she fades quickly.

Speaking of hurricanes --- the media is buzzing as the reports of "Katrina 5 Years Later" are being delivered by radio, tv, and various internet sites. We saw how important amateur radio was in this horrific disaster.

Please join us at the next CARS meeting to hear more about what is happening with our Lowcountry emergency communication teams among other topics of interest to local amateurs.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

ARES NET REPORT

Here we are, once again deep into Hurricane Season. As I write, Hurricane Danielle is moving westward and another possible storm is on her heels. I can't think of a better reason to prepare yourself for a disaster. As part of those preparations I would like to encourage everyone to participate in their local ARES nets. Some might say, "I can run HF like the wind, so why listen to a 2M net?" First, when was the last time you turned on all your VHF/UHF rigs and tested them? Batteries charged? Next, DX-HF is different then 2M Emergency Nets, so some practice might be a benefit. For my final answer to the question, the ARES Nets often give some pertinent local information and hold training topics on many subjects.

Our Lowcountry ARES net is held every Sunday evening from 8:00 – 8:20 PM on the CARS system. After our local net ends, the system is linked to the entire statewide ARES net where you can also hear more good information from a state perspective. Hope to hear you check-in!

73, Darrell, KB7QVG

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 7/1/10	\$1,919.71
Cash Receipts:	
April Raffle	39.00
May Raffle	21.00
June Raffle	23.00
Jenny Myers - Membership & Dues	505.00
Returned Check	90.00
Bank Fees	20.00

Cash Disbursements:
 John Meyers - July Newsletter (33.34)
 AT&T - June (52.42)
 Ending Cash - 7/31/10 \$2,531.95
 Savings HT \$ 27.39
 Savings ST - CD \$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY (Final Report)

MINUTES of AUGUST MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

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

Monday, August 9, 2010 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Tracy Bible, KG4HTW, at 7:30 PM on August 9, 2010 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 30 members and 0 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Larry, KJ4GZR

The July 2010 meeting minutes were published in the August 2010 CARS Carrier. A motion was made seconded and passed to accept the minutes as posted.

Treasurer's Report: Linda, K4MPY

The June 2010 Treasurer's report was in the Aug. 2010 CARS Carrier and accepted as amended (to correct the line under cash disbursements that reads: Sam Shuford - Time Calling Program - \$85. to read: Sam Shuford - 1 year web hosting - \$85.). A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report as amended.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

The Hamfest will be the first Saturday in February 2011 (02/05/2011). Jenny still has not had an appointment at the fair grounds but has been assured that we are on the calendar. For the last 3 or 4 years we have hosted the state convention. This year Spartanburg beat us out as host. The Roanoke Division Director called stated that he had sent the request in as approved, but the Board of Directors had

already given it to Spartanburg. We will host the Section Convention since, in South Carolina there is only one section, it amounts to the same thing.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

A reminder that in Oct. we will host JOTA on board the USS Yorktown. Sign up sheets will be out at the next meeting. JOTA is a scouting event "Jamboree on the Air".

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Tracy, KG4HTW reported that she had received a call from the IOP race people requesting CARS help with communications and time calling. A motion was made, seconded and passed to support the event.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA

A thank you was extended to Joe Cannon W1ILB and his company for again donating the use of their generator and gas to run the generator.

Greg, KI4TVA, was unable to make the meeting due to work commitments so no update report on Field Day.

Emergency Prep: Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HNK, Dorchester; Vince, K4AOC, Berkeley

Bill is looking for people interested in taking classes on the WinLink 2000 system. Anyone interested should contact him. The classes have not yet been scheduled as they are currently in the operation and planning stages. The equipment required is a computer, modem, and transceiver that will operate in the proper freq. range. The modem costs approx. \$1400. There will be 10 stations set up in the state and Bill is working on getting one here in Charleston. He believes that because of our location we have a good chance of getting a station in this area. He also thinks the number of people who sign up for the classes will affect our chances of getting a station here, so the more people who sign up, the better. The Charleston ARES meets the third Saturday of the month at the St. Andrews Fire Station on HWY 61.

David reported that Dorchester ARES will be starting ICS classes at the Sheriff's Complex at EOC.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The .79 repeater has, on at least two occasions, gone off frequency on the link side becoming unlinked from the system. The transceiver gets off frequency with the link back to Knightsville. Not sure why this is occurring. This caused a problem on the local Sunday night ARES net.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Regular Membership:

First Reading: None

Second Reading: Larry A. Byerly, KJ4UET
John King, KO4NB
David Beatson, W4LNY

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Larry, John and David as regular members in CARS.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

No report (reminder this net is always looking for new members to take net control, it is a good training net).

Bobby, W4KSD, spoke of the different nets that are operated on a regular basis. Sundays at 8 PM the ARES net, Tuesdays Skywarn net at 9 PM, and Newcomers net on Thursdays at 8 PM. All of these nets are on the two meter band.

Secretary's note:

Also of interested on Thursdays there is an SCHEARTS net that alternates between 9 AM one week and 9 PM the next.

There is also a HF ARES net on the 80 meter band that comes up on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

John had nothing new to report, but the club extended a well deserved thanks for keeping up the newsletter and web site. (not mentioned but should be keeping everyone who needs to send in reports for the CARS Carrier on their toes)

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next testing will be this coming Saturday, August 14 at 9:00 AM at Trident Hospital.

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

Alene was not present but David, KI4FSC, reported that school had started and Alene's class room was not changed so there is no need to move radio equipment.

Old Business:

Communications Trailer - Willie Bennett, WB4SOG

Communications Trailer Committee Report 8/9/2010 (note a full copy of this report is on file with secretary)

The committee met three times and presented the following recommendations:

1. That a 12x6 foot trailer be ordered with factory installed insulation and a roof mounted air conditioner with optional heat strips installed.
2. That, as suggested by the insurance carrier for the Club, the club "self-insure" the trailer and contents against damage/theft.
3. That the club accept the offer from Charles Fox to store the completed trailer inside one of his warehouses on West Montague Ave. until the Mayor's office of the City of North Charleston is able to provide a permanent storage location.
4. That the trailer be equipped with donated items and equipment already owned by CARS. A needed materials list will be published and all club members will be encouraged to help secure the needed items either by self donation, or by helping secure donations from local businesses or government agencies.
5. That all work necessary to outfit the trailer be performed by volunteer members of CARS, utilizing the vast amount of skills and experience present in our membership.
6. That the services of a sign company be used to design and install the proper images depicting the public service nature of Amateur Radio and of CARS.

Funding for the project will come from the hamfest account. The members were assured that there are sufficient funds available and adequate funds for the continuation of the hamfest.

Committee motion:

The communications trailer committee made a motion to the club membership that \$5000.00 of CARS funds be allocated to be used to purchase a 12x6 foot trailer and also used to provide the trailer with proper signage. The motion was passed.

A hearty thanks for a job well done was extended to the committee: Earl, KJ4OXF; Wayne M., KJ4ULI; Mike, WB4ZOE; Wayne G, WB4SOF; Bill, WA4WGP; Bryce, K4LXF; Jenny, WA4NGV; Wess, W4RUX; Bobby, W4KSD; Greg, KI4TAV; Willie, WB4SOG.

New Business:

Signers on the checking account:

A motion was made by David Wilkins, KI4FSC, Treasurer, that the signers of checks be the CARS Officers, and that there be two signers on any checks over \$50.00 after approval by the membership in accordance with the by-laws that state any expense over \$50.00 must be approved by the membership. The motion was seconded and passed.

Christmas Party:

The club approved having the party at the Shrine Temple on our regular meeting night in December. Jenny will follow up and report.

Announcements:

Skywarn beginners spotters class will be held Aug. 18 at Channel Two supported by Channel Two and National Weather Service.

The TARC will hold a tailgate this coming Saturday.

M-W-F breakfast/brunch group meets at approx. 10 AM until...currently at Bojangles on Ashley Phosphate in North Charleston.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one-year membership in ARRL was won by Larry Byerly, KJ4UET. Larry stated that he was an ARRL member and donated the membership back to the club to be used by someone who might need it. A hearty thank you was extended to Larry.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry, KJ4GZR

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