

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

February 2011 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, Feb. 14, 2011



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank heavens January 2011 is behind us and hopefully so is all that bad weather. For the first time in my 10+ years of attending club meetings, we actually had to cancel a meeting. Due to Ryan's wanting to keep their staff & customers safe, they closed early on January 10th. On to good news!

The Charleston Marathon aka the Riverfront Race Festival on January 15th was a success and Charles Fox, KI4UIZ, extended his appreciation for the CARS club assisting with communications and time calling along the course.

And, by the time we are all reading our February issue of the CARS Carrier, we will have completed another Hamfest. We anticipate some great deals with the vendors coming to town and I'm looking forward to that fantastic BBQ!

Happy Valentines Day to all ~ come celebrate with us at the next club meeting that just happens to fall on Monday, February 14th.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

ARES NET REPORT

A question I am often asked is "Why should I participate in an ARES Net?" Let me give two of my top reasons to join the fun. The first is the fact that in today's emergency environment, hams will be asked to do more than ever if an actual emergency occurs. According to our current EMCOM plan, most of our business will occur on nets. Such nets may be used for shelter, hospital, resources, and tactical purposes.

We need to be as professional as possible, we simply won't have time to 'train on the fly'. Checking into our ARES net on a regular basis will keep you familiar with the required procedures and keep your skills sharp.

My second reason is that we always try to make our ARES nets informative. Frequent updates to local events are announced. A dedicated training topic is given. If you stuck around for both our local and statewide net on Jan 23rd you would have heard a great topic about protecting your equipment from EMP and Solar Flares. Something to think about but not so easily researched so I am glad to provide such topics for consideration.

There are lots of other good reasons to join our net. So turn the dial to the CARS repeater system on Sundays at 8 PM and check in!

73 Darrell KB7QVG

DEC. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 12/1/10	\$4,480.53
Cash Receipts: None	
Cash Disbursements: None	
Ending Cash - 12/31/10	\$4,480.53

David Wilkins - KI4FSC

MINUTES of NOV. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society
Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, November 8, 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 Monday, November 8, 2010 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were 28 members and 1 guest present.

Secretary's Minutes: Larry, KJ4GZR

The October 2010 meeting minutes were published in the November 2010 CARS Carrier. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the minutes be accepted as posted.

Treasurer's Report: David, KI4FSC

The September 2010 Treasurer's report was given by David and accepted as information. [Sept., Oct. and Nov. 2010 Treasures reports were published in January 2011 CARS Carrier. WA4GPS]

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

The Hamfest is set for Feb. 5, 2011. Raffle tickets are ready for pickup. 12 tickets for \$10.00

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

Nothing new to report.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Charleston Marathon will be held on January 15, 2011, a signup sheet was circulated. Charles Fox, KI4UIZ, gave an update.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA

No current report.

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

Charleston: The next meeting is November 20 at 9:00 AM at the St. Andrew's Fire Station on Hwy. 61.

Dorchester: Next meeting is November 13 at 9:00 AM at the Law Enforcement Complex on Hwy 78 outside Summerville.

Berkeley: No report.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The .79 repeater is not linked, unsure of the problem at this time but it is being worked on.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

Reported that the Newcomers net was held at the fair grounds in the new communications trailer, Linda NeSmith K4MPY was guest net control.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

Testing was done in Bamberg. 17 took the test and 16 passed.

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

We are getting an average of 10-12 students at each meeting. In the recent Roundup, K4DMS made 155 voice contacts, was on the air over 90 hours and scored 16,190 points. Results of the points will be known sometime in the future.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

No applications for regular membership.

Two applications for assoc. membership: George Khur KI4UIV and Barbara Khur. Motion made, seconded, and passed.

Old Business:

Our Christmas Party will be held in December on our regular meeting night, at the Shrine Temple, at 7:30 PM. A deposit of \$166.00 is needed. The cost is \$16.75 per person, members cost \$14.99 and the club to pickup the difference. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the required deposit, and the club picking up the 2.75 difference for member. A gift exchange was also agreed on for those who wished to take part.

Club computers update: John, WA4GPS

Considering number of computers needed, and what is out there, and comparable computers with 32 bit Windows 7, most new computers have 64 bit Windows 7.

New Business:

A request was received for CARS support for the LifePoint 5K to be held at the James Island County Park of Feb. 26 2011. A motion was made, seconded and passed to support the LifePoint 5K again this year.

Honorary membership: Charles Miller, AE4UX (SCRACES) and Dr. Jim Boehner N2ZZ were nominated and elected to honorary membership in accordance with club by-laws

Drawing:

The drawing for a 1 year membership to ARRL was won by ? ?

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

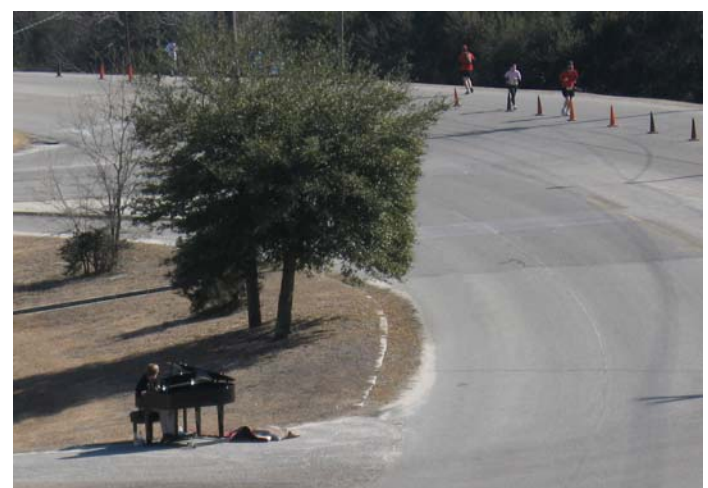
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry, KJ4GZR

MINUTES of JAN. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society
Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, January 10, 2011 - 7:30 PM

The regular club meeting was scheduled but had to be canceled when Ryan's closed at 6:00 PM because of bad weather.





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