

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

March 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, Mar. 14, 2011



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I think I can sense Spring in the air. The days are getting longer, and the past few weeks have brought some nice warm days and mild evenings. I for one am ready!

This time of year gets us all thinking about getting active and getting outdoors. Hopefully that translates into more opportunity to enjoy the hobby of Ham radio.

For the CARS club, we'll have a few opportunities coming up. The Cooper River Bridge Run on April 2nd is just around the corner, followed the next day by the After the Bridge Run ride. Lots of Spring events upcoming. We'll hopefully be able to get on the air with the museum ships, and planning for Field Day won't be far behind. This and so much more lies ahead.

Come join me at our next CARS club meeting on March 14 at Ryan's Steak House. We need your help to plan the coming months, and your engagement to make them successful.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

HAMFEST

The Hamfest was a success again this year. We don't know how much we made because we still don't have all the bills in yet.

On behalf of the Hamfest Committee, we would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped with the hamfest in anyway, whether it was buying or selling your prize tickets or helping set up on Friday

or helping the day of the fest. It takes the combined effects of us all to put it on. Thanks again.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV & Mike, WA4HVP Co- Chairs

JAN. FINANCIAL REPORT

January Financial Report was not received.

MINUTES of FEB. MEETING

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

Monday, February 14, 2011 - 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, February 14, 2011 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were 29 members and 3 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Larry, KJ4GZR

The Secretary's minutes were published in the Feb. 2011 CARS Carrier. The minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of the last name of George and Barbara Kerr. Pending the name of the Nov. 2010 ARRL membership.

Treasurer's Report: David, KI4FSC

The Dec. 2010 Treasurer's report was in the Feb. 2011 CARS Carrier and accepted as information.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

At this time all the bills are still not in yet, we did make some money, but we did not do as well as last year. The registration this year was way down. Jenny expressed her disappointment of the lack of apparent support of CARS members at the Hamfest, she did complement the members of the Trident Club for there support. She reported that she spoke with all the dealers and they reported that they had a good day. A full report will be given when all the bills are in.

A special thanks was given to Jenny and the committee for all the hard work they do one the Annual Hamfest.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

Museum Ships on the Air will be the first week end in June.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

1. Feb. 26 Life Point 5K 9:00 AM at the James Island County Park.

2. MS Challenge Walk a three day 50 mile walk, A request for help on March 4, 5, 6, first day 20 miles need 7 operators, second day 20 miles need 6 operators, third day 10 miles need 3 operators to provide radio communications at rest stops.

3. C.R.B.R. April 2, 2011 sign up sheets ready.

4. Tri-Charleston event will be held on April 30, 2011 at the KOA campgrounds in Mt. Pleasant. George KI4UIW will coordinate this event. You may contact him at KI4UIW@hotmail.com

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA

No current report.

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

Charleston: Things are quite and peaceful at the EOC at this time. Next ARES meeting will be Sat. March 19, at 9:00 AM at the St. Andrew Fire Station Hwy's 7 and 61. Bill reported that BOEING is currently

looking for any ham operator who is working there, as they are setting up an EMD department. Not hiring at this time, must currently be working there.

Dorchester: No report.

Berkeley: No report.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Reported that they are having a problem with one of the controllers from time to time. Mike Wells is working on an occasional problem with the auto meeting announcement.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

ARES Net Report was published in Feb. CARS Carrier.

Newcomers: George reported that this net continues to run smoothly. This is an informal net for new Hams to experience getting on a net and affording the opportunity to work as a net control which is good training should you be called on during an emergency. He encourages all new Hams to take part.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report, every thing is going well.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

Next testing will be in April at Trident.

At the Hamfest there were 4 who passed and upgraded to General, and 3 who passed the Tech exam.

School Programs: David, KI4FSC for Alene, KG4NKD - DuBose Middle School Radio Club - K4DMS

This week is School Roundup Week. The school club will be on the air from 4:30 to 6:00 PM Tuesday thru Thursday and until 7:00 PM on Friday. Will primarily be working 20 meters, occasionally 40, 10 and simplex 2 meters.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

In accordance with club by-laws, the roster has been purged. Membership is now 163 with a loss of 17. This usually happens this time of year but usually recovers with some additional new members. New rosters, both short and long form, have been printed and are available.

Applications for regular membership:
First Reading: James Akins, AB4SN
Second Reading: None

Old Business:

There will be a report/update at the next meeting on the Christmas party held in December.

The Ad Hoc computer committee will give an update at the next meeting.

Comm. Trailer Update: Work continues on the trailer, two #27 marine batteries were donated by Ralph Phillips (a thank you letter was sent to Mr. Phillips, a copy is on file). There have been a great deal of donations in time, items, material made to the trailer, anyone wishing to do so please feel free.

Financial report on trailer. The sum of \$5,000.00 was voted by the club to be allocated. Expenditures this far: \$3,743.00 Trailer, \$96.00 to have carpet properly laid, \$64.03 for chairs, \$516.00 for sign/logo, total \$4,419.03

New Business:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to support the Tri-Charleston event.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to provide any assistance possible to the MS Challenge Walk, the time frame being to short to give full support.

Question on The After the Bridge Bike Ride that is usually held the Sunday after the CRBR. Nothing is known at this time, no request has been made. A check with Tom Glover will be made.

Announcements:

A brief report was given on Mike McCormick, WB4ZOE.

Charles Fox KI4UIZ expressed his thanks for everything to club did to support the Charleston Marathon.

Drawing:

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry, KJ4GZR

Life Point 5K/2K Run - Feb. 26, 2011





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