

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

April 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, Apr. 11, 2011



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mark Twain once wrote: In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours. For those of us living in the Lowcountry, in addition to sunshine, we can look forward to the proverbial "April showers..." which for those suffering from pollen allergies may bring much needed relief. And, right around the corner on June 1st is the start of the Atlantic hurricane season.

Weather related events, which result in emergencies, often highlight how important amateur radio is in maintaining effective communication and the flow of information to those affected or trying to provide aid. We've just witnessed the unimaginable trilogy of events in Japan [earthquake, tsunami, & nuclear plant failure] which were not weather related but certainly a massive disaster and hams are still engaged in the communication support. Contrast this with a much smaller event, pulled from the ARRL headlines: a sailor and his dog were rescued just this week because a Texas ham was monitoring the Maritime Mobil Services Net and responded to a distress call from this sailboat stranded 120 miles off the coast of Mexico in rough seas.

Thank you to everyone who is monitoring the local nets and frequencies! You never know when you might be the one to hear a call of distress or just someone in need of assistance. A few months ago during a club meeting, several members shared their personal experiences regarding helping others or relaying traffic during an emergency situation. With the upcoming club supported events: Cooper River Bridge Run, After the Bridge Run Ride, and Field

Day, there will be plenty of opportunities for folks to practice some of the communications skills which aid in times of emergency. Please join us at the next CARS club meeting on April 11th to hear more about what's happening.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

JAN. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 1/1/11	\$4,480.53
Cash Receipts: None	
Cash Disbursements: None	
Ending Cash - 1/31/11	\$4,480.53

David Wilkins - KI4FSC

MINUTES of MARCH MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, March 14, 2011 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by Vice President Greg Amirault, KI4TVA, at 7:30 PM on Monday, March 14, 2011 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were 38 members and 3 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Larry, KJ4GZR

The Feb. 2011 meeting minutes were published in the March CARS Carrier. The minutes were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: David, KI4FSC

The Treasurer gave a verbal report for January and February. The report was accepted as information.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

A final report is still pending, as Jenny has not received a final bill from the Exchange Club.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

Museum Ships on the air will be June 4th and 5th, 2011. Sign up sheets will be started next month.

The Yorktown, when in active service 41 years ago, had a MARS station. A request was received to reactivate the station for one day on May 14th, 2011. The group will be given assistance by CARS as needed. Permission has been given by Patriots Point and, at the same time, permission was given to CARS to operate Field Day on board the Yorktown.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

The up coming Cooper River Bridge Run, April 2nd, can still use a few more operators, contact Doug Clark, KU4OC.

A sign up sheet was passed around for the After The Bridge Run Bike Event which will be held April 3rd.

Contact George Post, KI4UIW, to help with the Tri Charleston Half Iron Man event on April 30th, starting at the KOA Campground in Mt. Pleasant.

Ed Walker, KQ4DC, gave an update on the recent Life Point 5K run/walk held at James Island County Park. Simplex was used and worked well for communications thus not needing to use the repeater. Ed extended thanks to Greg, KI4TVA, net control; Tom, AJ4UQ, mile marker 1; Larry, KJ4GZR, Mile marker 2, David (little red wagon), KI4FSC, mile marker 3; Carrie, KJ4LPN, George, KI4UIW, water; John, WA4GPS, time calling; and ED, KQ4DC, start and finish lines.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA

Field Day is the fourth full weekend in June and Greg, KI4TVA, is looking for members to be a part of the Field Day Committee, to assist with requirements to run a successful event.

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

Charleston: Bill WA4WGP reported that the next meeting will be this coming Saturday at St. Andrews Fire Station starting at 9:00 AM. The ARC will open shelters for a drill in Goose Creek on March 26th. No ARES participation. The Hurricane Expo will be held on May 14th at the Lowe's Parking lot on James Island. We have been asked to take part.

Dorchester: David, KI4FSC, reported that an antenna project is under way.

Berkeley: George, KI4UIW, had nothing to report.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The repeater at Knightsville has been changed out and is operating on 146.940- tone 123.0

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

Newcomers net is up and running every week and always looking for new hams who would like to experience operating as net control in a friendly atmosphere. New hams are especially encouraged to at least check into the net to experience the proper protocol on a net.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report, every thing is going well.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next testing will be April 9th, at Trident Medical at 9:00 AM.

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

Alene is always looking for help from anyone who is free on Thursdays from 4 - 5:30 PM. Also, if you can be up on 20 meters at that time, listen for them mid band.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Lester Rozier, KJ4LPO

Second Reading: James (Buddy) Akins, AB4SN
A vote was taken and Buddy Akin was welcomed into the club.

Old Business:

Trailer Committee: Work is still ongoing on the communications trailer. A discussion was started on utilization of the trailer and will be continued at the next meeting.

From the Secretary: Some things to keep in mind in regards to the communication trailer.

a.) The minutes of the club note that at the first proposal of looking into the idea of the trailer, it was stated that the trailer was for the use of the CARS Club/Members and its primary purpose was to support and promote amateur radio.

b.) As the fitting and completing of installation of equipment, etc. in the trailer is still ongoing it remains under the stewardship of the current committee. Any use of the trailer at this time will still be their decision.

c.) The committee has been discussing a certain proposal to be made to the club, and will be presented

when the project is either near completion or completed.

d.) I draw your attention to Article XVII of our by laws. Rules: Roberts Rules shall govern proceedings not in conflict with all articles I- XVI. Under Roberts, the President is a member of all committees by virtue of office.

Ad Hoc Computer Committee: The study will be divided into two sections, one dealing with time calling and the other dealing with log keeping and field day. It appears that the computer time calling that CARS is doing may be unique since we are not aware of any other group doing this.

Christmas Party Report: Jenny WA4NGV

Actual cost of meal	\$16.75
Members cost	\$14.00
Number present 38	\$532.00
Deposit	100.00
To Grill	\$617.00
minus	532.00
Club cost	85.00

Report was accepted as submitted.

New Business:

A motion was made seconded and passed to support the Hurricane Expo on May 14th.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Dennis Powell, W4LXG.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry, KJ4GZR



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