

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

May 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, May 9, 2011



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I can't help but continue the weather theme this month. It seems like we had a very brief spring and are rolling right into summer-time temperatures in Charleston. How about that hail storm last week?

With higher temperatures there are fewer local race events and consequently the CARS club does not receive requests for communication support during this time of year. However, we do have Field Day coming up on June 25th – June 26th. This event provides an opportunity to test emergency operating skills, which will be helpful as we head into the 2011 Atlantic Hurricane season. By the way, hurricane season starts June 1st and Scientific American is reporting a forecast of 8 named hurricanes, 3 of which are anticipated to be major category 3+ storms.

Please join us at the next CARS club meeting on May 9th to hear more about plans for Field Day as well as other information regarding the club's activity.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

ARES NET REPORT

Preparation – it is a concept advocated by everyone from Boy Scouts to the Military. The trouble with preparation is twofold. First, people get bored if nothing happens. Second, it often costs in time, effort, or money, all of which people seem so short of these days. So how do you prepare, but not sacrifice everything else? Easy, do a little at a time. Build up a survival kit a piece every week and soon you have a backpack full. The same goes with the training and knowledge of procedures that emergency groups must

use now. The days of the un-trained ham showing up at a disaster site are gone. Only those with the proper credentials and training will be allowed in. One way to stay current on issues and requirements needed is to check in to our ARES Net. We try hard to make announcements and current events. We also hold a short training session that covers required training.

We welcome all hams to listen and check in. 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

CORRECTED DEC. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 12/1/10	\$4,480.53
Cash Receipts:	
Jenny Myers - Membership & Dues	404.00
Cash Disbursements:	
AT&T - December	(54.31)
Ending Cash - 12/31/10	\$4,830.22

David Wilkins - KI4FSC

MINUTES of APRIL MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society
Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, April 11, 2011 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Tracey Bible, KG4HTW, at 7:35 PM on Monday, April 11, 2011 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were 26 members and 2 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Larry, KJ4GZR

The March 2011 meeting minutes were published in the April 2011 CARS Carrier. A motion was made seconded and passed to accept the minutes as published.

Treasurer's Report: David, KI4FSC

A report was given there is currently approximate. \$4,000.00 in the account. An updated report will be submitted.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

As Jenny was not able to be present at the meeting no report was given. Her last report stated that she was still waiting on the final bill from the Exchange Club.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

On May 14th, 2011 the Navy MARS station will be reactivated on board the USS Yorktown. (There was a MARS station prior to decommission.) The station will be reactivated for this special event using (with permission) the ships navy call sign NWKJ. Bryce Myers will be the point of contact person for CARS. The set up will be done on Friday May 13.

Museum Ships on the air will be June 4th and 5th, 2011. A sign up sheet was started. More information to follow.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Cooper River Bridge Run: There were a few late and last minute problems but for an event this size it went well.

After the Bridge Run Bike Ride: Unfortunately the club was unable to take part this year. Doug stated that because of his involvement in the bridge run, that this event should be coordinated by someone else in the future who can spend more time in the coordination.

Tri-Charleston Half Iron (Person?): (I saw a lot of both males and females taking part in the event last year.) The event will be held on April 30, 2011, with the assembly point being the KOA campgrounds off US 17 in Mt. Pleasant. The event will run from approx. 6:30 AM until 3:00 PM. George Post, KI4UIW, still needs 4 or 5 more operators to insure the events run smoothly. There will be a cookout for volunteers and HAM operators at the campground on the 27th, at 6:00 p.m.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA

Set up day for Field Day will be Friday June 25. A sign up sheet was started. (Secretary's Note: To new members, new HAMS, as a member of CARS you have free access to the Yorktown for Field Day. Just inform the gate that you are there for Field Day and a CARS member. Just to be sure have your CARS membership card with you. Also note that there is a fee for parking, I've been informed it is \$3.00)

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

Charleston: Meets the third Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM at the St Andrews Fire Station on Hwy 61. ARES Net is Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m. local area then at approx. 8:20 PM is linked up for statewide net. You do not need to be an ARES member to check in. The Sky Warn Net will start coming up every Tuesday night at 9:00 p. m. The SCHEARTS net comes up on Thursdays and alternates times 9 AM one week then 9 PM the next.

Dorchester: No report.

Berkeley: No report.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Bryce, being unavailable for the meeting, no report was given.

Trouble with the 79 repeater on the Yorktown was noted. Currently at the time of this posting the 79 is off the air, pending further investigation.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

Show no fear. You can also learn to be a net control. George will walk you through the entire procedure. You never know, you may some day find yourself in a position where you may need to assume net control. The Newcomers Net is an easy informal way to gain that experience.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

All is well.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

One person took and passed at the last testing. The next testing will be June 11th, at Trident Medical at 9:00 AM.

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

The program for this school year is winding down with only three more weeks. The club meets on Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p. m. and can usually be found on the 20 meter band.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Carl Dinge, WD4CXW
William M. "Mike" Culnon, KJ4ZMK

Second Reading: The second reading for Lester Rozier, KJ4LPO, was tabled by Club President until next meeting, because of low attendance at the April meeting. She was unsure if we had enough members for a quorum.

Old Business:

Computers: John Meyers, a final presentation should be ready and presented to the club next meeting.

Trailer: The preparation of the trailer is nearing completion, two HF radios and one VHF/UHF radio have been installed. The N. Charleston home for the trailer should be finalized soon. Questions were raised about liability, usage, plates, all will be addressed in final report after the Ad Hoc committee meets, most likely next month (May).

Hurricane Expo May 14, 2011, Lowe's James Island from 9 to 1. Contact Bill WA4WGP

Announcements:

Reminder that nominations and election of officers for the 2011-2012 year will be coming up soon. Think about running for an office.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP.

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

Susannah enjoying after-bridge-run party - April 2, 2011



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