

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

April 2012 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. 9, 2012*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

No words of wisdom received from the president.

## HAMFEST COMMITTEE & HELPER PARTY

The Hamfest Committee Party will be held Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The party will be at Bryce and Jenny's river house in Orangeburg. The party is for the Committee and those who helped with the Hamfest (family included). Lunch will be served at 2:00 PM. Come as early as you like. Spend a fun day at the river. If you enjoy fishing you may want to bring your fishing equipment. Fish bite better early in the morning. Please let me know by May 14<sup>th</sup> if you and yours plan to attend, so I will know how much food to buy. If you want anything to drink other than soft drinks, tea or coffee, please bring your own.

The committee is invited to come up for the weekend, as long as there is room. Make your reservations early. It fills up very fast, however you can still come for the day. The ones going up for the weekend will go up on Friday. Weekenders should bring their own bed linens, blanket, or sleeping bag, pillow, towels, and wash cloth. We do not have these things up there. Friday night is a covered dish supper. Please bring a covered dish and if you like, a dessert and any drinks other than soft drinks, tea or coffee.

Directions: Take 1-26 West to Orangeburg (Exit 154 A), Hwy 301. Go toward Orangeburg staying on 301. Once in Orangeburg look for the Edisto River. After you cross the Edisto River take a left turn at the first traffic light onto the Cannon Bridge Road. Go approx.

7 miles and watch for the river house sign on the left. The sign reads MRH and the road to the river house is now named Six Sisters Lane. We will monitor our linked repeater system for talk in on the 147.045 T103.5 repeater.

Please RSVP by May 14<sup>th</sup> to Jenny, home: 747-2324, cell: 697- 4109 or Sheila, 871- 4368.

## FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 2/1/12	\$4,098.18
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	22.00
Dues	505.00
Memberships	40.00
Cash Disbursements:	
February Newsletter	(34.64)
SERA for WA4USN membership	(69.08)
Bank charge	(5.00)
AT&T - February	(68.67)

Ending Checking Balance - 2/29/12                      \$4,487.79

Charlotte - KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of MARCH MEETING

### Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61  
Monday, March 12, 2012 - 7:30 PM

### MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Gregory Amirault, KI4TVA, at 7:30 PM on Monday, March 12, 2012 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

## **Introductions:**

There were 43 people present.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Wess, W4RUX, for Susan, KJ4PVN

The February 2012 meeting minutes were published in the March 2012 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The January Financial Report was published in the March newsletter and accepted as information.

**Museum Ships:** Ed, KQ4DC / David, KI4FSC / Tom, AJ4UQ

"Museum Ships on the Air" is the first week end in June. The Laffey is back open and we need to check out the Radio Room. The MARS folks will use the Yorktown again in May.

**Field Day:** Greg, KI4TVA / Tom, AJ4UQ

Field Day will be the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of June. Operators will be needed and a sign-up sheet will be passed around.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

The MS Challenge Walk was again a success. Mary, N4MH, was net control and most ops were from the Charlotte area. Doc Crane, W4MUR, assisted. Handy Talkies did not work well on day 3, as all were on IOP. Suggest they shift to Simplex.

The Bridge Run is March 31<sup>st</sup>. 26 ops have signed up. Need about 10 more. Sign up on line.

**Hamfest Report:** Jenny, WA4NGV

The hamfest committee met on March 11<sup>th</sup>. We still don't have a final account from the Exchange Club but we made around \$2000.00. The committee and volunteer party will be May 19<sup>th</sup>. The hamfest committee made a motion to have a hamfest in the year 2013, and that a new committee be formed, with the authority to use the hamfest funds. The motion

carried and our next hamfest will be February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

Jenny reported that Dave Clark, K4EXA, is in Trident Hospital with a Brain Hemorrhage. Keep him in your Prayers.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

Bryce reported that the repeaters were working well with minor glitches. Tom, AJ4UQ, is helping Mike, WA4HVP. Bryce asked that digital **NOT** be used on the CARS repeater system.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Tim Russell, KD5YUC  
Corrigan Smothers, KK4FCE

Second Reading: William (Bill) L. Corbin, KK4GCH.

Applications for Associate Member: None

Bill was voted in as a new member and welcomed into the club.

**Emergency Prep:** Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HMK, Dorchester; Dennis, KG4RUL, Berkeley

Charleston ARES meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 9AM each month at St. Andrews FD. Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Ron Brown, AB5WF, will give us a talk on Katrina. Ron was there.

Dorchester: Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. 9AM each month. They will be working on FD and EOC new equipment.

Berkeley: Meets the last Sat. 9AM of each month.

**Nets:** George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

George, KI4UIV, says his FD classes are completed and he will be back on the air. All are invited to take a turn as NCS on the Newcomers Net, 8PM Thursdays.

Other nets are: ARES, 8PM Sundays; QCWA, 9AM Saturdays; Skywarn, 9PM on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday until Hurricane Season, then every Tuesday; Young Peoples Net, 7:30PM Monday statewide run by themselves.

**Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

**Education & VE Testing:** Sheila, KT4YW

Bryce and Doc held a Tech Class at Dorchester EOC on Feb.28<sup>th</sup> with testing on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, all 4 passed. Also held a class at the Coast Guard Base for The Auxiliary on March 10<sup>th</sup> with testing on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 passed. Bryce says he is 100% passed. The next VE Test is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in April at Trident Hospital.

**School Programs:** Greg, KI4TVA, for Alene, KG4NKD - DuBose Middle School Radio Club - K4DMS

School Club Roundup, Spring 2012: K4DMS was on the air and made the following contacts: Number of Operators, 9; Hours of Operation, 11.98; Phone QSOs, 163; Number of States, 36; Number of Provinces, 2; Number of Countries, 3; Number of Clubs, 1; Number of Schools, 20; Total SCR Score = 23,309. Great Job.

**Communications Trailer:** Willie, WB4SOG

The trailer will not be used for the Bridge Run. A workday will be scheduled for early April.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Jenny reported that she had talked with the Insurance Company, and that we will have the same coverage and Policy at a cost of \$241.00.

Bill Corbin's wife passed away and Jenny sent flowers. The cost of \$59.53 will be reimbursed to Jenny.

It was suggested that we appoint someone to be in charge of Health and Welfare concerns.

**Announcements:**

Ed Walker, KQ4DC reported that Tom AJ4UQ was having the Laffey trusteeship transferred.

Suggestions were made for new CW training on 2M and also about having Fox Hunts.

**Drawing:**

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Jeff, KI4LLE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wess, W4RUX, for Susan, KJ4PVN.



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