

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

June 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, June 11, 2012



FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems like we just finished putting away the radios, antennas, cables, extension cords, tarps, tables, chairs, logging laptops, operating band charts, batteries and generators from last year, but it is time again for Field Day. This is the club's largest operating event of the year. Some might say that the Cooper River Bridge Run or the Charleston Marathon are larger events in terms of total participation but Field Day is the larger event in terms of continuous radio operations in a contest format. I think most would agree that it is by far the more grueling operating environment. The end of June in Charleston is typically hot and humid and operating on an aircraft carrier seems to make it doubly so and partly explains why more operators sign up to operate at night.

Field day is an opportunity for amateurs of all operating classes to make contacts across the country and Canada in a simulated emergency environment. It should be obvious to those who have lived in the Charleston area for any length of time why this type of event is of particular importance in preparing for the times when emergency operations will not be simulated. There may come a day when the knowledge and skills derived from this event will become useful and maybe even critical to your survival after a major hurricane or other natural disaster. That being said, you won't find a better opportunity to make all the contacts you could ever want in whatever mode of operation you want to communicate. Even though as a club we are not contest oriented you can still test your operating skills to make the most contacts in a given time period, make the longest distance contact, or pull in that weak signal contact out of the noise.

There is still time to sign up for this event and we need as many operators as possible to man the stations for this 24 hour event. We need help to set up Saturday morning and help to take it all down on Sunday. We need help with setting up food and beverages in support of this event. Having free food and drinks available for the entire time is a benefit many clubs can't afford but it doesn't just magically appear. We need help to purchase, prepare and deliver the food and drinks to the club room.

We also need help with the public relations portion of this event; getting the word out to the community about the event and it's significance in terms of the contribution amateur radio makes in times of disaster. Don't forget about GOTA (Get On The Air)! The Yorktown will have its usual crowd of daily visitors who will be able to come to our table on the hangar deck and talk on the radio without a license through the GOTA station. You never know who might get bitten by the ham bug through their exposure to Field Day.

When it is all said and done, Field Day is another opportunity for club members and visitors to come together and enjoy this great hobby of ours, Amateur Radio. Pass it on!

73 de KI4TVA
Greg

CARS e-mail ADDRESS

The e-mail address currently being used for CARS is CARSinfo@wa4usn.org This is a forwarding type of e-mail address and currently forwards e-mail to Greg, KI4TVA. The plan is to change the forwarding address as needed to always have CARS e-mail forwarded to the CARS president.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 4/1/12	\$3,954.56
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	30.00
Cash Disbursements:	
April Newsletter	(28.38)
AT&T - April	(63.81)
Bank Charge	(5.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 4/30/12	\$3,887.37

According to Heritage Federal, the bank charge is for not using on-line bill pay. I have been paying the AT&T bills on-line, but needed to do it in a different way. This should be straighten out starting with the May statement.

Charlotte - KJ4PLX

MINUTES of MAY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, May 14, 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, May 14, 2012 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were 44 people present.

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

The April 2012 meeting minutes were published in the May 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 March Financial Report was published in the May newsletter and accepted as information.

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

"Museum Ships on the Air" will be June 2 & 3. We will use the Yorktown and are trying to get the Laffey ready. The Clamagore will not be used. We need loggers and operators. A sign up sheet is being passed around.

The Military Cross Band exercise was last weekend and was manned by Karl and his MARS Group. Over 500 contacts were made.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA / Tom, AJ4UQ

Field Day will be June 23 & 24. Sign up for Field Day on: <http://tinyurl.com/2012-CARS-FD> (see web page). We need loggers and operators for this also, help with generators and gas, etc. and Jenny needs help with food. She will give directions for this but will not be able to help. Friday 2PM is Set up. FD operation is 2PM Sat till 2PM Sun. If we pass any messengers via the Traffic systems, we will get credit. Satellite and weak signal operators are desired - free stations.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

No races scheduled until October. George, KI4UIW, reported that we were not invited this year to assist in the Tri-Athlon. They used the Charleston Rescue Squad.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

Good news, we will have a new location next year, the Armory Hall Rec. Bldg. (Used to be Natl. Guard Armory) located in the Park Circle area of N. Charleston near Danny Jones Pool, Montague and Mixon Avenues. The building has rooms for testing and meetings and has a kitchen. Cost is \$500.00. Free chairs are available but we will have to rent tables at a reasonable cost.

The hamfest committee party will be May 19th at the River house in Orangeburg. All committee members welcome but sign up.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Bryce reported that he and Jenny were just back from their Caribbean Cruise and Bryce showed off his new tan. Oh! And the repeaters are working as normal.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Ann Graham, KK4ILZ
Robert Powell, KK4IUK
Chris Dease, N4WCD
Keith McLaren, KF5PAX
Ken Cook, KE4OTB

Second Reading: Joe Chapman, KJ4BNC

Applications for Associate Member: None

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

Emergency Prep: Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HNC, Dorchester; Dennis, KG4RUL, Berkeley

Charleston ARES will **NOT** meet this month. Bill, WA4WGP, reported that we were at the CERT Hurricane Expo last Saturday, 12th. There were small crowds this year.

Joe, KJ4BNC, reported Dorchester met 2nd Sat. and did some work around the EOC.

George, KI4UIV, reported Berkeley will meet on 1st Sat. in June instead of 4th Sat. in May.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

Bobby, W4KSD, was net control last week. Warren, KK4EVI, volunteered to help as NCS. Everyone is invited to check in and take part.

ARES Net: Sunday 8PM. Local area 5 meets from 8-8:20PM then joins the Statewide link up at 8:20PM.

QCWA Net meets 9AM on Saturdays. Young Hams meet at 7:30 PM Mondays on the statewide VHF system. Age 16 and younger. Run by and for the youngsters.

CW Net: Greg, KI4TVA, said we were still working on establishing a 2 meter CW net and suggested putting QSOs in newsletter and get on the air.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

John, WA4GPS, requested \$83.40 to renew the website. Approved.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

Next test session is June 9th at Trident Hosp. Last test had 4 new hams passed and one upgrade.

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

Now shutdown for the summer.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

Still checking on some windows for the three doors.

Wes, W4RUX: I-TAC radio installed and time calling radio/ps reinstalled. Bearings in wheel hubs regreased. Trailer will be used for FD June 23 & 24.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jenny, WA4NGV, requested \$91.00 to renew P.O. Box. Approved.

Announcements:

Bobby W4KSD reported their would be RRT training on May 31st. on Bridgeview Drive opposite the County Bld. Bring radios and manuals. 8AM-4PM. Sign up on web page; www.scheart.us. On Air hurricane prep gobox begins June .

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Doug, KU4OC.

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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