

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

September 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, Sep. 10, 2012



FROM THE PRESIDENT

First off, I would like to apologize for losing my cool at the August meeting. I was very frustrated with being unable to get a volunteer to be the net control operator for our 2 meter CW practice net. I was very disheartened by the response I received from a couple of our veteran CW operators. It seemed as though I was asking the impossible. I guess people like Linwood Sikes (who ran a practice CW net on 2 meters "back in the day") are becoming very rare these days. I have not given up and I am still working on getting a net control operator for this worthwhile endeavor.

JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) 55 is October 20th & 21st. We have traditionally hosted Boy Scouts camping on the Yorktown that weekend in our club room to educate, demonstrate, and allow Scouts to participate in Amateur Radio. We need a couple of volunteers to that end and if you are interested, please contact me or come to the next meeting to discuss the details.

For those of you that have not read the findings of the Congressionally mandated study by the FCC on Amateur Radio's uses and capabilities in emergencies and disaster relief and the identification of impediments to this service, I'll summarize here. The bottom line is that while the FCC recognizes that we have our emergency communications act together and suggests that DHS work with state and local authorities to develop credentialing policies and access to disaster areas for qualified amateur operators they do not see any need to intervene on behalf of amateurs with the impediments imposed by community CC&R's that prevent operators from erecting antennas in their yard. So yeah, we want you to assist with emergency communications but we

think there are plenty of places without restrictions for you to put up an antenna at home. I guess we should petition the FCC for a list of all these places? Better yet, lets put up an antennae that is camouflaged to look like something else and have fun operating!

We are resourceful and ingenious and we can always find ways to enjoy our hobby regardless of the impediments imposed on us. Amateur Radio, Pass it On!

73 de KI4TVA, Greg

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 7/1/12	\$3,279.48
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	23.00
Dues	530.00
Memberships	40.00
Cash Disbursements:	
July Newsletter	(26.63)
AT&T - July	(63.77)
ARRL - 4 months raffle	<u>(148.00)</u>
Ending Checking Balance - 7/31/12	\$3,634.08

Charlotte - KJ4PLX

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 8/1/11	\$3,263.80
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	298.00
Dues	2,833.00
Memberships	480.34
Gifts	30.00
Cash Disbursements:	
Newsletter	(395.55)
AT&T - (Autopatch)	(743.77)
ARRL - (memberships)	(357.00)
Misc. Expenses (printing, stamps, bank, etc)	(147.43)
Christmas Party	(315.22)

Pinckney Carter Co. (Gen Liab Insurance)	(218.00)
US Postmaster (PO Box rental #70341)	(91.00)
Memorials & Flowers for members	(179.51)
Field Day food & gas	(500.00)
Gas for Generator (Marathon)	(20.00)
Website Hosting	(83.40)
Laffey Call Sign renewal	(19.20)
SERA (WA4USN membership)	(69.08)
USB Interface & Cable	(131.90)
Ending Checking Balance - 7/31/12	\$3,634.08
Net Increase for Year - \$370.28	
Savings Account Balance - \$27.39	

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MINUTES of AUGUST MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, August 13, 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, August 13, 2012 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 44 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The July 2012 meeting minutes were published in the August 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 June Financial Report was published in the August newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Tom reports that someone needs to verify that the club room's radios and microphones are operating properly.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA / Tom, AJ4UQ

Tom wants to investigate the use of battery power next year verses generator power. Would appreciate real-world data from anyone operating from battery and an inventory of what batteries are available.

[Note: See August 2012 QST page 41 "Rethinking Electrical Power for the Ham" and September 2012 QST page 43 "Storage Battery Planning for Public Service" - Ed.]

Field Day results are still not showing up in ARRL Database.

Tom would like someone with interest, to step forward and help out with setting up for Field Day next year.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Next event will be the IOP 10K run on Oct. 6th, will vote on CARS participation during September meeting.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

Need to get started getting 2013 Hamfest fliers set up and sent out.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Repeaters seem to be okay. There is a know problem with a volume difference between CARS and SCHEART repeaters. Will investigate given time.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: William Ravenel, AI4VE

Second Reading: John Bulluck, KK4KBQ

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

Emergency Prep: Bill, WA4WGP, (Rick, N8BKN, to take over Bill's duties starting September.) Charleston; John, W4HNK, Dorchester; Dennis, KG4RUL, Berkeley

Charleston: Next ARES meeting is on August 18th at St. Andrews F.D. Hwy 61 & 7. We need a lot more ARES members. Rick asked to use the Club Trailer (For about 3 hours) at the Emergency Expo, at the Air

Base on September 20th. DOD ID's may be required. On October 6th Charleston County plans to conduct Emergency Training Preparations.

Dorchester: Meets 2nd Saturday at EOC Bldg., Hwy 78.

Berkeley: Meets Last Saturday of Month. Activating and checking out their POD's, for training.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

Newcomers net needs net control stations and more of you to check in, Thursdays at 8PM on VHF system.

ARES Net meets at 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. If you don't hear them on the CARS system, QSY to 146.76 or 147.105 or another SCHeart System frequency.

Young Hams net down for summer.

SKYWARN Net meets every Tuesday 9PM on Linked system.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

No report. All okay.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

Five New Generals passed the August 11th test session. Next test session will be October 13th, 2012.

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

Down for the summer.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

At the August Trailer meeting, a motion was passed to reimburse Wess for past trailer towing and maintenance.

Old Business:

Still looking into forming a CW Net and training class. Would like a CW trained Net Coordinator, to conduct the net. Question was raised about transmitting on 2M FM, was answered.

Larry, KJ4GZR: Was talking with some Scouts and perked their interest in CW and started training them.

Christmas Party Discussion, more information to follow.

New Business:

Voted on having a CARS booth at the Fair this year, vote passed. Sign up sheet and more information to follow.

Trailer Committee asked the Club for funds to purchase a Screwdriver Antenna and SWR/WATT meter for the trailer. Request approved.

Trailer Committee asked the Club for funds to purchase two 2000 watt Honda generators, to replace current generators. Request approved.

Suggestion was made to hard-mount best of old generators on Yorktown.

Suggestion was made to participate in the "Rookie Round-up". Possibly Sunday August 19th at the Club Trailer Fire Station. An email letter was sent out describing Rookie Round-up. Contact Tom, AJ4UQ for more details.

Announcements:

Welcomed Jenny, WA4NGV, back to the Club Meeting, wished her a speedy recovery.

Drawing: The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Rodney, KJ4OHH.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.



Rooky Roundup

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