

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

January 2013 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, Jan. 14, 2013



DUES FOR THE YEAR AUGUST 1, 2012 – JULY 31, 2013 ARE PAST DUE

Dues must be paid by 1 Feb.2013 or your membership will be dropped. \$20.00/Year, \$10.00 for each additional member in the same household. Please make check payable to CARS. You may pay at the meeting or mail to membership chairman: **Bryce Myers, K4LXF, 2630 Dellwood Ave., North Charleston, SC 29405-6814**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you are reading this, congratulations for surviving the Mayan apocalypse. I hope none of you took *the end of the Mayan calendar means the end of the world* scenario seriously. There are certainly many events witnessed by people that make them feel the end of the world is upon us. Children voluntarily cleaning their rooms, husbands voluntarily doing the dishes, club presidents getting their newsletter contribution to the editor on time and other bizarre events cause a belief that the end of time must be at hand. I submit that we should not worry about this world ending but instead focus on sharing another world that is not in danger of ending anytime soon; the world of Amateur Radio.

We've got a couple of big opportunities to do so over the next 30 days. The Charleston Marathon on the 19th of this month and the CARS Hamfest on February 2nd are two big events to share Ham radio with friends and lead them to a world of endless enjoyment. If you want to sign up to participate, there is still time. I promise that if you have not been participating in club events and decide to get involved now, the world will not come to an end!

My thanks to Jenny and Bryce for organizing another great Christmas party and thanks to all who came to partake of the food and festivities. The gift exchange portion of the night was another big hit. Now that the holidays are behind us, we can finalize the schedules and details for the CW class and HF operations from the club Comms trailer.

I hope those of you interested in these activities will capitalize on the opportunities presented as we continue to promote the world of Amateur Radio. Pass it on!

73 de KI4TVA, Greg

WA4USN WEBSITE ACTIVITY

December 01 - 31, 2012

Unique visitors - 466

Number of visits - 718

Pages visited - 4,699

6.54 pages per visit

OCT. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 10/1/12	\$3,493.20
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	18.00
Refunded from Field Day Advance	245.10
Dues	820.00
Memberships	40.00
Cash Disbursements:	
October Newsletter	(36.15)
AT&T - October	(64.06)
Raffle Tickets	(9.68)
Postage	(0.90)
ARRL - 3 Memberships	(98.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 10/31/12	\$4,407.51

NOV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 11/1/12	\$4,407.51
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	27.00
Memberships	520.00
Cash Disbursements:	
November Newsletter	(49.76)
AT&T - November	(64.31)
Postage	(45.00)
Copying Rosters	(39.00)
Candy and Table Cloths for Fair	(36.55)
Mailing Control Boards for Repair	(34.59)
Postage for Mailing QSL Cards	(65.75)
Install Little Tar Heel Antenna II on Comm. Trailer	(171.85)
Ending Checking Balance - 11/30/12	\$4,447.70

Charlotte - KJ4PLX

MINUTES of NOV. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, November 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, November 12, 2012 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 39 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The October 2012 meeting minutes were published in the November 2012 CARS Carrier. A few mistakes (typos) were noted and a motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded, and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The September Financial Report was published in the November newsletter and accepted as information.

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

No report.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA / Tom, AJ4UQ

Tom is still looking for someone with an interest, to step forward and take over as the new Captain (or perhaps Co-Captain) for Field Day next year.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Three events coming up in 2013, Jan. 19th is the Charleston Marathon, Mar. 1-3 is the MS Walk and Apr. 6th is the Cooper River Bridge Run.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

Hamfest scheduled for February 2nd and looking for volunteers to help with setup. The Hamfest Committee made up two books of prize tickets, for each member. Please support the Club and either sell or buy the enclosed tickets.

Coastal Carolina Fair:

All spots were covered and went well.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The clock board on the Yorktown repeater was replaced, with an updated board. There was a weak audio signal on one of the local repeaters that was adjusted. For some reason the WA4USN repeater call sign is getting into the SC Linked System. Still trying to find and solve that problem.

A new identifier has been added to the CW repeater signals. An identifying letter for what repeater is identifying and a number to show what port is active, should help with troubleshooting problems.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Dues are past due. Still some people have not paid their dues, if you are not sure if you're paid up or not, contact Bryce.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Thomas Lufkin, W4DAX
Neal (Randy) Vanselow, KK4LQT.

Second Reading: None

Applications for Associate membership:
Debbie (Debra) and Brian Bajcz

Debbie (Debra) and Brian Bajcz were voted in as new members and welcomed into the club.

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNK, Dorchester; Dennis, KG4RUL, Berkeley

Rick, N8BKN: They will be moving the EOC around the 13th of Jan. 2013. Had a discussion about the Pre-storm and Post-Storm emergency shelters and the need for Hams.

Bobby, W4KSD: Upcoming Basic Skywarn Class on Nov. 15, 2012 at Charleston EOC off of Leeds Ave. Class should last about 2 hours. Contact James Tarter.

Charleston: Next ARES meeting is on November 17th, 9:00 AM at St. Andrews F.D. Hwy 61 & 7. We need a lot more ARES members.

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

Berkeley: Meets Last Saturday of Month.

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 at 9:30 AM due to conflict with other nets. If you don't hear them on the CARS system, QSY to 146.76 or 147.105 or another SCHeart System frequency.

Young Peoples Statewide Net meets on Mondays at 7:30 PM.

SKYWARN Net meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9PM on Linked system, unless severe weather activated the Net.

Lowcountry Digital Net: meets Sundays at 8:30 PM and Wednesdays at 8:00 PM on 145.000 MHz running Olivia 32/1000.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

No report. All okay. Added a new webpage, have a look at it.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

Next test session will be December 8th, 2012 at 9:00 AM at the Trident Hospital Conference Room off the Cafeteria.

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

School has started and the Club will air on Tuesdays from 4:00 PM to about 5:30 PM. The school participated in the School Club Round-up. The Round-up ran for four days and the club made about 209 contacts and received about 28,424 points. A request was made to repay Alene for club mailing expenses. The request was approved.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

The trailer received a lot of positive comments from people at the Fair. A request was made to repay Wes for his expenses towards the trailer. The request was approved. Wes told story about problem he had getting the trailer out of the old Fire Station.

Old Business:

Christmas Party Discussion - Will be held at the same place (New name Harbor Breeze), on December 10th. This year the cost will be \$13.50 per person. The diner will start at 7:00 PM until... The Dinner money and reservation requests are due by Dec. 3rd. There will also be a \$10.00 limit for a Chinese Gift Exchange, if you want to participate.

New Business:

We are trying to get a list together of what apparel members would like to have, with the Club Logo on them (for example: shirts, jackets, hats, t-shirts etc.). If you would like to have a maroon cap with a white logo, contact Bryce, K4LXF. Send an email to Greg, KI4TVA, (geamirault@sc.rr.com) to let him know what other apparel you would like to have made up.

Announcements:

None.

Drawing: The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Shann, KI4YSR.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.

MINUTES of DEC. MEETING

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society
Club Meeting at the Omar Shrine Temple
Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant
Monday, December 10, 2012**

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order by President, Gregory Amirault, KI4TVA, at 7:05 pm on Monday, December 10, 2012 in Harbor Breeze at the Omar Shrine Temple at Patriots Point in Mt. Pleasant.

Introductions: There were 40 people present.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: None

Second Reading: Thomas Lufkin, W4DAX
Neal (Randy) Vanselow, KK4LQT

Applications for Associate Member:
Nick Hobeika

Thomas Lufkin, Neal Vanselow, and Nick Hobeika were voted in as new members and welcomed into the club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM and the members participated in the annual Christmas dinner and party.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.

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