

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

February 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 7:00 PM, Monday, Feb. 11, 2013



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2013 Charleston Marathon is now history with my profound thanks to all who participated. It was a long day for many of our members; some of which had to move their station not once but twice to cover most of the course. We could have used another 6 to 8 people to make it an easier day. The event was successful by all accounts and there were only a few stations calling in with requests to treat and or transport runners who were injured or just too tired to complete the race. The benefit to our club was three-fold.

The first benefit is the exposure our club receives from supporting these races which in turn generates interest in amateur radio and potential new members. The second benefit is the opportunity for club members to come together and enjoy the comms facet of our hobby. But the biggest benefit I see is the insight into emergency communications support we gain every time we support an event of this nature.

Much like an emergency operations coordinator, Doug Clark our race coordinator, has to look at the scope of the event and determine what assets he will need. He then needs to determine how best to deploy those assets to provide the best overall coverage for the event. He creates a comms plan that outlines everyone's duties and a timeline for the sequence of events that needs to occur to have a successful outcome. Having solicited volunteers from the club to participate and having developed the best plan given the resources that have committed to participate, Doug adjusts the plan numerous times as members drop out or step up at the last minute to help. On the day of the race he had to deal with potential no shows (of which we had 2 this year) and with the course changing from last year, Doug had to make sure

everyone knew where their stations were and had the equipment they needed. Regardless of what challenges befall him he makes it work with what we have. How is this any different than how we would perform in an emergency situation? You may not realize it, but every time we participate in a race, we are rehearsing for an emergency situation. Despite the challenges, we succeed every time and I have no doubt that when the next disaster strikes our community we will succeed in that time. Amateur Radio, Pass it on!

73 de KI4TVA, Greg

ARES REPORT

On 1 March 2013, DHEC will change from 8 areas to 4 areas, a new map and SCHEART net check-in procedure will be posted on SCHEART webpage. (www.scheart.us).

In an actual emergency Hams are requested to monitor frequencies in the following order:

- 146.790 repeater (USS Yorktown)
- 146.76 repeater (SCETV Awendaw)
- 146.790 Simplex
- 146.190 Simplex
- 146.570 Simplex

New item: The Feb digital issue of QST has a major article on ARES operations during Hurricane/Storm SANDY. A good read and information for all.

73, Rick, N8BKN

SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP

K4DMS - DuBose's Amateur Radio Club will be participating in the Spring School Club Roundup during the week of February 11th. We will meet

everyday from 4-6pm. We will operate mostly on 20 meters. We will also try to operate on simplex at 146.52 - 2 to 3 times during the week. Please look out for us on 20 meters and simplex and come back to our CQ. Anyone who would like to come out during the week is more than welcome. If anyone would like to help during the day, please contact me, KG4NKD, at wilkinsdms@gmail.com and/or awilkins@dorchester2.k12.sc.us so we can set up days and times.

73, Alene, KG4NKD

WA4USN WEBSITE ACTIVITY

December 01 - 31, 2012

Unique visitors - 466 Number of visits - 718
Pages visited - 4,699 6.54 pages per visit

January 01 - 30, 2013

Unique visitors - 938 Number of visits - 1,463
Pages visited - 9,625 6.57 pages per visit

DEC. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 12/1/12 \$4,447.70
Cash Receipts: None
Cash Disbursements:
 AT&T - December (64.22)
Ending Checking Balance - 12/31/12 \$4,383.48

Charlotte - KJ4PLX

MINUTES of JAN. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, January 14, 2013 - 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, January 14, 2013 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 38 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The November and December 2012 meeting minutes were published in the January 2013 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded, and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The October and November Financial Reports were published in the January newsletter and accepted as information.

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

No report.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA / Tom, AJ4UQ

We need to start making plans for Field Day. 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 on Friday and Saturday for setup and cleanup. Volunteers need to get badges.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

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.

The TARC repeaters have been tied into the system.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Dues are past due. If not paid you will be dropped from the roll. The payment window will stay open until the February 2nd Hamfest.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Frank Ruopoli KK4NMG
Robert Wilhite KK4NMH

Second Reading: None

Applications for Associate membership: None

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. On March 1st, DHEC will be re-
defining the SC areas.

Charleston: Next ARES meeting usually held on
January 19th at 9:00 AM at St. Andrews F.D. Hwy 61
& 7 will not be held, to support the Marathon Run.
We still need a lot more ARES members.

Dorchester: Meets 2nd Saturday at EOC Bldg., Hwy
78. EOC operating and D Star Training.

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.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

Then next test session will be at 1:00 PM on February
2nd, 2013 at the Hamfest.

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. Would like some
help with getting the club on the air.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

Working fine.

Old Business:

Christmas Party Recap – 50 people signed up. It cost
the club about \$450.00 to cover cost.

We are still 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.

New Business:

Ryan's has started closing at 8:30. To accommodate
them we'll start the February meeting at 7:00 PM
instead of 7:30 PM.

Dan Kelley asked for support for a BikeRide, a vote
was taken and approved. He needs 6 to 8 volunteers
who will be assigned to one of two SAG vehicles
(Support and Gear), stationed at one of several rest
stops along the way, or stationed at the command
center. The date is April 7th from the morning to early
afternoon. The ride will be taking place in Francis
Marion between Awendaw, McClellanville and
Jamestown. His email
dan@trekbikesofmountpleasant.com is the point of
contact. Email is the best way to contact him.

TARC Club is having a Fox-and-Hound hunt on 23
Feb. in Goose Creek at 10:00. They plan to use
146.580.

Motion was made to make Dr. James (Jim) Boehner and Charlie Miller Honorary Members. Motion was Approved.

Announcements:

Alvin Olasov went Silent Key ... _._ on Jan. 10, 2013.

Drawing: The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Brian Bajcz.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.



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