

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

April 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, Apr. 8, 2013



FROM THE PRESIDENT

No words of wisdom received from the president.

HAMFEST COMMITTEE & HELPER PARTY

The Hamfest Committee Party will be held Saturday April 27th, 2013. 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 April 19th 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 April 19th to Jenny, home: 747-2324, cell: 697- 4109.

ECHO TEST

I recently found out about a feature that has apparently been available on most, if not all, of our local repeaters for some time. It is called an "Echo Test". It records your voice and transmission quality and then transmits (echoes) what was recorded back to you so you can hear what your transmission sounds like to other people. To use this feature, key your transceiver, speak your "call sign" and the word "testing" (or whatever), press the numbers 4 4 on your keypad and then un-key your transceiver. The repeater controller will ID and then say "ready". Key your transceiver again, speak whatever you want echoed back and then un-key. The repeater will then transmit what it has recorded and you can listen to your transmission quality. If you have never had your voice recorded and played back before, you will find that what other people hear is not the same as what you hear in you own head when you speak. If the quality of the echoed message is not what you would like it to be, most likely you will have a clue about what to change to improve it.

There are two other special functions. If you think there might be problems with your keyboard, there is a similar DTMF test that can be activated by pressing 5 5. You press several keys and the repeater controller speaks the numbers of the keys you pressed in the sequence you pressed them if they are working correctly. If you forgot your watch, the other special function will tell you what time it is if you enter 3 3. WA4GPS

FEB. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 2/1/13	\$4,373.32
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	35.00
Dues	280.00
Memberships	60.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - February Newsletter	(27.03)
Jenny Myers - Copy Rosters & By-Laws	(46.66)
AT&T - February	(68.39)
Ending Checking Balance - 2/28/13	\$4,606.24
Charlotte - KJ4PLX	

MINUTES of MARCH MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, March 11, 2013 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Gregory Amirault, KI4TVA, at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 11, 2013 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 40 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The February 2013 meeting minutes were published in the March 2013 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

May 18th MARS Crossband test. We have asked Patriots Point for permission to activate all three ships on 1-2 June 2013. While the event runs from 8pm Friday to 8pm Sunday we normally only activate from Saturday morning through late evening. A sign-up sheet will go out at the April and May meetings for operators and loggers.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

We have asked Patriots Point for permission to work from the Yorktown, and if we don't get it we have an alternate site in mind. Tom is looking for people to take the lead in the following areas:

- Food: Plan menus, buy food, deliver, and clean up.
- Gas: Keep the generators running.
- Media: Write and send press releases and other letters that earn us easy points.
- Scheduler: Identify key operators for the weekend and coordinate Yorktown access as needed.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Apr. 6th is the Cooper River Bridge Run. Looking for a few more volunteers, to help.

Tom, K4WJC, is looking for 6 to 8 volunteers to help with After Bridge Run bike ride support.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

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Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Repeater announcement problem - may be closing in on finding and fixing some problems and updating repeater firmware.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: None

Second Reading: Bruce Roberts, KI4YST
Joseph (Joe) Lane, K4LTF
Dean Webb, KK4DRQ

Applications for Associate membership: None
Bruce, KI4YST, Joe, K4LTF, and Dean, KK4DRQ, were voted in as new members and welcomed into the club.

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HKN, Dorchester; Dennis, KG4RUL, Berkeley

Rick, N8BKN: On March 1st, DHEC will be re-identifying the areas. The old region 7 will become Lowcountry region.

Charleston: Next ARES meeting on February 16th at 9:00 AM at St. Andrews F.D. Hwy 61 & 7. 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. If you don't hear them on the CARS system, QSY to 146.76 or 147.105 or another SCHeart System frequency.

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. John made computer generated voices for Net announcements.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

Then next test session will be at 9:00 AM on April 13th, 2013 at the Trident Hospital.

The Seabrook training class went well and 16 people were present.

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

Their School Round-up went well, they received 34,000 points, talked with 36 states including Alaska and even managed to contact Australia.

The club was asked to purchase a Signalink USB interface and cables, to increase communications capabilities. (approved)

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

No report.

Old Business: Dan Kelley still needs 6 to 8 volunteers for the After The Bridge Run Bike Ride 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.

New Business:

Jenny, WA4NGV made the follow motion: "The Hamfest Committee makes a motion to have the Hamfest in the year 2014, and that a new committee be formed, with the authority to use the Hamfest funds." The motion was approved.

Announcements:

The Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim Congregation sent a thank you letter to the club, for the donation in memory of SK Alvin Olasov, AD0AO.

Listen for CW training on Tuesdays from 7:30PM - 8:00PM, on linked repeaters, or on the 147.270 repeater.

The club was given a thank you, for their support of the LifePoint Run. Good job to everyone.

Drawing: The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by George, KI4UIW.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.



Seabrook tech class

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