

CARS WA4USN CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

May 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, May 13, 2013



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mega thanks to everyone who participated in the Cooper River Bridge Run. You were once again a credit to your club and amateur radio [so was our president, he did a great job as net control, especially the way he handled a medical incident - WA4GPS]. We have more events upcoming to give you opportunities to shine and I know you won't disappoint.



If you haven't already, please give some consideration to helping Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ with Field Day. It really is more than one person can manage and having a co-captain would sure make things easier. If you just volunteered to head up an operating station and flesh out the time slots for operators, that would make a huge impact. We can maximize our participation in this event with just a little effort from a few volunteers. Please think about it.

If you didn't come to the Hamfest Committee appreciation outing this past weekend, you missed a

great time. As I sat by the fire pit talking with old friends and new, I realized how much I enjoy socializing and taking time to get to know everyone better. There are people in our club from all walks of life and in different stages of life. Young and old, novice and extra, husbands and wives, sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, all coming together to share our common interest in amateur radio.

We discussed many topics; some hobby related, and many totally unrelated to amateur radio. Regardless of topic or interest we enjoyed each others company, learned more about each other, and strengthened bonds of friendship. They say membership has its privileges and I would agree as my life has been greatly enriched by knowing you, the members of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society. Thanks for sharing your time, your expertise, and your enthusiasm with me. Amateur Radio, Pass it on!

73 de KI4TVA, Greg

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 3/1/13	\$4,606.24
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	46.00
Dues	50.00
Memberships	40.00
Re-deposit January Check	20.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - March Newsletter	(25.50)
Jenny Myers - Postage	(46.00)
AT&T - March	(68.60)
U.S. Post Office Box Rental - One Year	(78.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 3/31/13	\$4,544.14

Charlotte - KJ4PLX

MINUTES of APRIL MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, April 8, 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, April 8, 2013 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 30 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The March 2013 meeting minutes were published in the April 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 February Financial Report was published in the April newsletter and accepted as information.

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

May 18th is the MARS Crossband test.

The Museum Ships contest is on June 1. A sign-up sheet will be sent around at the May meeting for operators and loggers.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

Start making plans for the June 22nd and 23rd Field Day contest. 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.

Tom can't do it all himself, he needs assistance in handling all of the above tasks, so please step forward and volunteer.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Very good job by all at the Cooper River Bridge Run. Race Management was very pleased with our support. They will have another dinner Thursday (April 11) at James Island Park for the volunteers.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

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. Please RSVP by April 19th to Jenny, home: 747-2324, cell: 697- 4109.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

May be closing in on finding and fixing some problems and still updating repeater firmware and announcements.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Brian Bajcz KK4OHS

Debra (Debbie) Bajcz KK4PCX

Both Brian and Debbie were Associate members and have applied for regular membership.

Second Reading: None

Applications for Associate membership: None

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HMK, Dorchester; Dennis, KG4RUL, Berkeley

Rick, N8BKN: Still setting up new EOC. Could use more people logging into HF SC ARES Net, on 3.993.5 MHz or 3.990 MHz, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:00 PM.

Charleston: Next ARES meeting on April 20th 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 is working on upcoming classes.

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.

TARC CW Training Net: Training on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on linked repeater system.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

No report. All okay.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW
Then next test session will be at 9:00 AM on April 13th, 2013 at the Trident Hospital.

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

Would like some help with getting the digital equipment set up and getting them on the air.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

Rick, N8BKN requested to use the trailer on May 18th from 11 to 2 PM at the James Island Lowes and on June 1st from 11 to 2 PM at the Northwoods Lowes, for Hurricane EXPO's.

Old Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

A thank you card was received from the family of SK Alvin Olasov, AD0AO.

There will be a TARC Tailgate Party April 13th at the F.O.P. building on 17A on the way to Moncks Corner.

Drawing: The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Jenny, WA4NGV and Bryce, K4LXF.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.





Hamfest Helper Party

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