

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

May 2014 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 12, 2014



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone enjoyed Doc's newsletter article on the Pseudo-Brewster angle as much as I did. We are fortunate to have an operating platform that confirms how a favorable Pseudo-Brewster angle contributes to excellent transmission conditions. Unfortunately there are a great many members who have not operated from our clubroom aboard the Yorktown.

Tom, AJ4UQ, approached me about setting up a regular operating day so that all club members can have an opportunity to enjoy working stations around the world. I know many members who have the operating privileges but don't have an HF rig or live in a community that limits their ability to construct an effective antenna, that would love to spend some time working the HF bands. Even those with license classes that restrict their available operating frequencies can work in tandem with a licensee with the appropriate license class. We discussed this further at our last meeting and are working on a day and time that will work best. Thanks Tom, for the suggestion!

I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their encouragement and support as I transition into my new role on the Hamfest Committee. Many of you have offered helpful suggestions and provided insights that will help to ensure our continued success. Jenny, you are going to be a tough act to follow.

73 de KI4TVA, Greg

HAMFEST COMMITTEE & HELPER PARTY

The Hamfest Committee Party will be held Saturday May 10th, 2014. 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 May 5th 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 the Orangeburg 147.880 T123.0 repeater for talk in.

Please RSVP by May 5th to Jenny, home: 747-2324, cell: 697- 4109.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Next Charleston County ARES meeting will be at: Lowe's Store Parking lot on James Island, C.A.R.S. Communications Trailer 0900 local time May 17, 2014.

All ARES members and HAMS are invited to attend. This is the first of many Preparedness Expositions or events ARES will be invited to demonstrate Amateur Radio and the skills Hams provide to the communities we live in. This is also a good time to interface with other organizations that help the community in a disaster. Remember also that "Hurricane season" begins on 1 June so now is the time to start getting ready and checking your personal supplies and equipment.

Our other low country ARES groups meet on the following days:

Dorchester County on the second Saturday each month at 0900 local at Dorchester County EOC off Hwy-78 on Deming Way in Summerville.

Berkeley County ARES meets on the last Saturday at 0900 local at Berkeley County EOC on Live Oak Rd in Moncks Corner. (Berkeley County Sheriff's Office)

I want to thank ARES and club member Joe Lane, K4LTF, for donating to the Communications trailer several items including extension cord and multiple outlet adapters these have been or will be put to use, again Thanks, Joe.

With good weather here anyone thinking of checking out the winters damage to antennas PLEASE think about safety both ladder and tower safety. Falls hurt!

Hope to see as many members as possible at the James Island LOWE's store on May 17th.

Remember to recruit new and experienced Hams to ARES. New members are ALWAYS needed and appreciated especially LADIES (YL's) are encouraged to join.

Thanks for all of the support and I hope we have NO disasters this year.

73, Rick, N8BKN

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 3/1/14	\$4,507.58
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	1,015.00
Memberships	140.00
Raffle Proceeds	48.00

Cash Disbursements:

John Meyers - March CARS Carrier	(26.22)
U.S. Postal Service - 1 Yr Box Rent	(80.00)
AT&T - March	(73.64)
ARRL - 3 Memberships	(111.00)
Memorial for Jack Stinson, Sr.	(25.00)
Charlotte Groves - Postage	(4.90)
Ending Checking Balance - 3/31/14	\$5,389.82

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of APRIL MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy.61
Monday, March 10, 2014 at 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 14, 2014 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 33 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The March 2014 meeting minutes were published in the April 2014 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 2014 Financial Report was published in the April 2014 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Museum Ships on the Air is June 7th & 8th. If you are interested in helping to make contacts, contact Tom, AJ4UQ, or sign-up on line.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

Field Day is June 28th and 29th. Still looking for someone to step forward and take over as Chair person or even Co-Chair person. Tom would sure like

the help. Sign up sheet will come out next month. Will also be setting up N1MM logging program.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

The Cooper River Bridge Run dinner is on April 15th and the Charleston Marathon dinner will be held on April 30th. Now that runs are over, Doug is going to take a needed rest now.

There was some unknown source of interference at the Bridge Run on the 79 repeater?

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

The Hamfest Committee Party is to be held on May 10th. The Party is for Committee members and helpers. Hot Dogs to be served Friday night and BBQ Dinner for Saturday.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Doing normally.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Christopher M McClellan, KG4BEK
James Hartnett, KK4YSD
Dennis J Lloyd, KV4WM

Second Reading: Homer Powell KK4WWX
William M Culnon KV4LX
Macon R Cobb KJ4QEO
Susan J Vaughan, KK4ZXO

Applications for Associate membership:
Valerie Fleischman

The new members were voted on and accepted.

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

Charleston: Next ARES meeting is on April 19th at the Old Fire Station (where the CARS Trailer is kept) at 09:00 AM.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

Newcomers Net meets on Thursdays at 8:00 PM. If you are interested in trying to conduct a net, send

George, KI4UIW, a note and he will get you the information.

ARES Net meets at Sunday 8:00 PM. Local area 5 meets from 8:00 - 8:20 PM then joins the statewide link up at 8:20 PM.

QCWA Net meets on Saturday at 9:30 AM. Chapter 89 is now in Charleston. Dues are \$5.00/year and National dues are \$20.00/year.

SKYWARN Net will start meeting on the First and Third Tuesdays at 9:00 PM on linked repeater systems.

Lowcountry Digital Nets: meets Sundays at 8:30 PM and Wednesdays at 8:00 PM on **145.700** MHz running Contestia 32/1000.

TARC CW Training Net: meets every Tuesday at 7:30 on linked repeater systems.

SCHEART Net: meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 AM.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

Then next test session will be at 09:00 AM on June 14th, 2014, at the Trident Hospital.

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

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

No report.

Old Business:

New Business:

The follow motion was presented: "The Hamfest Committee makes a motion to have the Hamfest in the year 2015, and that a new committee be formed, with the authority to use the Hamfest funds." Motion was passed.

Announcements:

There were new club rosters available. The full roster (Complete listing of information) and a short roster (just callsigns, name and telephone numbers).

Plan to make use of the CARS club room, on Sundays on the Yorktown, to allow people to use the radios to make contacts. Jim, KK4REM, will be making up a schedule.

There will be a TARC Tail Gate Hamfest on Saturday April 19th. at the Goose Creek Masonic Lodge #401.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Glenn, WB4UIV.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

ARRL Membership Benefits for Newly Licensed Amateurs and Members

The following 2 paragraphs are from an article published by ARRL in May 2014 QST page 13.

How does a newly licensed Amateur Radio Operator purchase the necessary equipment, assemble a station, learn proper operating techniques, and actually get on the air? How does he or she learn about transceivers, antennas, operating modes, propagation, repeaters, and how to connect with local emergency preparedness groups? It may seem like an overwhelming task, but the ARRL has programs, services, and volunteers to help with all of these things.

Resources: Online and in Print

Along with QST, the best resource for new amateurs is the ARRL website www.arrl.org, which is jam-packed with information about all aspects of Amateur Radio. If a new amateur would like to “test drive” the ARRL website, he or she can sign up for a 90-day Online Guest Account that gives prospective ARRL members limited access to the ARRL’s web services. The link to this service is on the ARRL website’s home page.

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