

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

August 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, Aug. 11, 2014



DUES ARE DUE

Dues for the year 2014-2015 are now due. They are \$20.00 per member or, if Family, \$10.00 for each additional family member in the same household.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

No words of wisdom received from the president.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

I would like to **THANK** - Bryce, K4LXF and Jenny, WA4NVG for supporting the success of last month's Charleston County ARES meeting and building of Roll - Up antennas made from 300 Ohm TV twin lead and RG - 58 coax. Everyone at the meeting had a good time and learned how easy and yet precise an antenna this is and how useful it is as a portable antenna.

Remember August and September are the most active months for Hurricanes and for hitting the Carolina's. Also, recent events on the Interstate (Traffic Jams) and the August heat and humidity make staying hydrated an important fact of life in the Low Country. Keep some water in your vehicle, even warm water will quench your thirst and stay hydrated.

Please start looking out for school buses and very attentive and excited children returning to School later this month. Think **SAFETY** when around buses and children.

Anyone wanting specialized training or refreshing emergency training feel free to contact me and I will try and arrange it.

Two events that are upcoming:

September 6, 2014: A 5k race is being sponsored by the Fire department where we store the CARS communications trailer, this is a Saturday and probably 10 communications experts will be enough. Think of this as a public service and thank you for local firefighters. Good practice too.

October 4, 2014: The Isle of Palms Connector Run, again another opportunity to enhance communications skills and demonstrate how we Hams provide a public service.

Next Charleston County ARES meeting will be: August 16, 2014. Hope to see you there.

73, Rick, N8BKN

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 6/1/14	\$4,977.92
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	38.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - June CARS Carrier	(31.36)
AT&T - June	(73.66)
Field Day Advance	(500.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 6/30/14	\$4,410.90

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of JULY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy.61

Monday, July 14, 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, July 14, 2014 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 40 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The June 2014 meeting minutes were published in the July 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 May 2014 Financial Report was published in the July 2014 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

No report.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

Tom thanked everyone that helped out with Field Day. Special thanks went out to Brian, KK4OHS, and Debbie, KK4PCX, for all the work with the food. About 1200 total points were earned, with about 412 QSO's and were 5 states short of contacting all 50 states. There was also about 649 logged contacts, some contacts were unable to be copied from the paper they were written on.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

No Report.

Hamfest Report: Greg, KI4TVA

The Flier was approved, SERA Listing, prelim approval for State Convention Status, need to pay upfront venue reservation fees this week.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

We are having a problem with the repeater announcements, working on finding a solution.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Grady D. Hulon, KA4HQX

Second Reading: David Needham, K8AJA
Frederic (Tom) Clarke, W4OKW

Applications for Associate membership:

The new members were voted on and accepted.

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

The next Charleston ARES meeting is on July 19th at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM. Planning to have a build-a-"J pole" workshop during the ARES meeting.

You can attend all three ARES monthly meetings, you are not limited to your own area.

Berkeley is looking for a new meeting location. They have a website, w4brk.org, that has a lot of useful information on it.

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.

SKYWARN Net meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 PM on the 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.

ARES HF Net: Meets on 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:00 PM on HF 3.990 MHz primary and 3.9935 MHz

alternate. Looking for more HF Logins, to support HF web.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

The wa4usn.org website domain name needs renewed.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled exam will be 09:00 AM on August 9th, 2014 at the Trident Hospital.

The ARRL VEC program is celebrating it's 30th anniversary July 21, 2014.

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

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

Need to discuss servicing the two Honda generators.

Old Business:

Nominations for next years club officers were presented. They are:

President: Greg, KI4TVA
Vice President: Tom, AJ4UQ
Secretary: Warren, KK4EVI
Treasurer: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

All nominations were voted on and approved.

The Sunday "Visit the Yorktown club room" visit went well.

New Business:

Voted on the renew fee (\$44.85) for the wa4usn.org domain name for 3 years.

Voted on continuing to have Charlie Miller, AE4UX, and Dr. Boehner, N2ZZ, kept on the rolls as Honorary Members.

Both votes were approved.

Announcements:

Bobby, W4KSD, presented information on the CoCoRaHS.org rain gauge. The Community

Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network. The cost of the rain gauge was about \$20.00. You would measure the rainfall once a day and enter the amount in the database.

Bryce announced that he acquired a used repeater, if the Club wants to purchase it for the trailer.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by John, KK4UNN.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

WIRELESS HAM RADIO ???

I thought Ham Radio was wireless???

The following two paragraphs are from the article "West Mountain Radio Rigblaster Blue Interface" on page 52 of the July 2014 issue of QST:

"The "Blue" in Rigblaster Blue stands for wireless *Bluetooth* technology. It is the same technology that resides in everything from cell phones to wireless speakers. Bluetooth is perhaps the most popular short-range wireless technology on the planet. It allows you to place cell phone calls through a tiny earpiece while the phone itself remains in your pocket or in your automobile glove compartment. It allows home theater enthusiasts to place loudspeakers throughout their homes without the hassles of snaking wires under carpets or around baseboards. And in the case of the Rigblaster Blue, it allows you to operate your transceiver at a distance without a rat's nest of interconnecting cables."

"With the Rigblaster Blue you can participate in your weekly phone net from the comfort of your easy chair – the one in the downstairs family room. Or, with a laptop computer or a tablet, you can control your radio and operate digital modes from that same easy chair."



Greg, KI4TVA, & Senator Marco Rubio of Florida in Yorktown clubroom on Field Day

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