

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

March 2015 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, Mar. 9, 2015*



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Coming Events: Operation Vigilant Guard, The South Carolina National Guard and South Carolina State Guard will be supporting DHEC on March 7,8,9, and 10. Expect to hear them on the air.

Charleston County ARES meeting: March 21,2015 at the Fire Station where the Comms trailer is housed. Fire Station is at: 6390 Dorchester Rd. by Gate 5 of Air Base.

Cooper River Bridge Run: March 28, 2015. See Doug Clark, KU4OC to get your name on the list to help. This is a good event to practice Emergency Communications and situations.

Remember this time of year has a very unpredictable weather which calls for constant attention and care. Also spring tornadoes do occur and other areas and neighbors may ask for aid so prepare accordingly.

A recall of 5 million disposable fire extinguishers by KIDDE company. They were sold between August 2013 and November 2014. 31 models have been recalled and they were sold at Home Depot, Walmart, and Menard's.

The meeting covered "Every Day Carry" items (EDC), things like a working flashlight, cutting tool, a way to recharge your HT, etc. Next we covered having food on hand in case weather prevents a trip to the grocery store or just folks come by. All good things to have just in case.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

73. Rick N8BKN

## JAN. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 1/1/15	\$5,112.04
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	49.00
Cash Disbursements:	
Christmas Party	(385.60)
ARRL - 1 Membership	(24.00)
AT&T - January	(79.48)
Ending Checking Balance - 1/31/15	\$4,671.96

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of FEB. MEETING

### Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy.61  
Monday, February 9, 2015 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, February 9, 2015 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

**Introductions:** There were 47 people present.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Warren, KK4EVI

The January 2015 meeting minutes was published in the February 2015 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The December 2014 Financial Report was published in the February 2015 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Plan on participating June 6 & 7.

**Field Day:** Tom, AJ4UQ

May have CW help from Aikens, South Carolina. Had a volunteer interested in running the CW station.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

Charleston Marathon had a few glitches.. There was a problem with the time calling and someone had to go back to the old manual time calling, until problem with automated program was fixed.

For those of you that borrowed the flags, please make sure to return them to Doug, so they can be used next year. The flags worked very well, getting through police lines.

LifePoint Race on 2/28/2015 needs about 7 or 8 people to support it. It is 10K and a 5K race. Should start around 8:15.

Cooper River Bridge Run is on 3/28/2015. Plan ahead.

**Hamfest Report:** Greg, KI4TVA

Thanked everyone for their help in making the Hamfest a success.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

Repeaters are doing pretty good. The Trident Hospital repeater (442.150) is acting up and they are working on a fix.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

10<sup>th</sup> of February is the drop date, for non payment of dues.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Linda Selleck, KJ4EUV  
Donald Langdon, KK4WWV

Second Reading: Michelle Mantooth, KK4WQO

Application for associate membership:

Rose Marie Lloyd (no call)

Michelle Mantooth and Rose Marie Lloyd were both voted on and welcomed into the club

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

Next ARES meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM.

Here are the latest man-hours for the ARES team:  
2013 - 128 events with about 1145 man-hours  
2014 - 145 events with about 1522 man-hours

They have updated the SC ARES Tactical Plan, for information go to their website: [www.ares-sc.org](http://www.ares-sc.org) contains lots of information about frequencies to use during emergencies.

**Nets:** Warren, KK4EVI - Newcomers Net

**Newcomers Net** meets on Thursdays at 8:00 PM. If you are interested in trying to conduct a net, send Warren, KK4EVI, 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 first and third 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 64/1000.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Nothing new. If you send John information to update the club's database, please include your name and call sign, so he knows who the information is from. He received an email to update someone's information, but they didn't include their name or call sign?

**Education & VE Testing:** Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled exam will be 09:00 AM on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Trident Hospital conference room near the cafeteria. During the Hamfest, 16 people took and passed their test.

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

No report.

**Communications Trailer:** Willie, WB4SOG

No report.

**Old Business:**

Jim, KK4REM will be opening the Yorktown Club Room on Saturday from about 12 to 4. Still working on setting up a digital station.

**New Business:**

The Ride After The Bridge Run would like Ham Radio support again. Their request was voted on and passed.

**Announcements:**

**Drawing:**

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Larry, KJ4GZR.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI





Proof that Bryce is in his second childhood, he has to sit in a little wagon and have someone pull him around!

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