

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

May 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, May 11, 2015



HAMFEST COMMITTEE & HELPER PARTY - May 16, 2015

The Hamfest Committee Party will be held Saturday May 16th. The party will be at Bryce and Jenny's river house in Orangeburg. The party is for the Committee and those who helped (family included) with the Hamfest. 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 best early in the morning. Please let me know by May 10th if you and yours plan to attend, so we will know how much food to buy. If you want anything to drink other than soft drinks, tea or coffee, please bring your own.

Please email me at: geamirault@sc.rr.com with a head count.

DIRECTIONS: Take 1-26 West to Orangeburg (Exit 154 A), Hwy 301. Go toward Orangeburg stay 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 aprox. 7 miles and watch for the river house sign on the left. The sign reads MRH. We will monitor our linked repeater system. For talk in switch to 146.88 CTCSS 123 repeater.

COMMITTEE: The committee is invited to come up for the weekend. Bryce & Jenny 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 filled Covered Dish and, if you like, a Dessert. Also, if you want anything to drink other than soft drinks, tea or coffee, Please bring your own. Hope to see you there.

RSVP BY WED. MAY 10TH

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MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 3/1/15	\$4,556.09
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	685.00
Memberships	60.00
Raffle Proceeds	32.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - March CARS Carrier	(32.46)
AT&T - March	(79.58)
Jenny Myers - Copies of Rosters	(23.19)
US Postal Service - 1 Year Box Rent	(80.00)
Ann Hatcher Memorial	(25.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 3/31/15	\$5,092.86

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of APRIL MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy.61,
Monday, April 13, 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, April 13, 2015 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 36 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The March 2015 meeting minutes were published in the April 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 February 2015 Financial Report was published in the April 2015 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

June 6 & 7th – Will use the club room on the Yorktown and will transmit from the pier for the Clamagore and the Laffey. A sign up sheet will be passed around during the May Meeting.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

June 26th to the 28th – Would like to get more people to help out with support. Sign up sheet will be passed around during the May Meeting.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Excellent job handling the Cooper River Bridge run.

Hamfest Report: Greg, KI4TVA

The Hamfest Committee submitted the following motion:

The Hamfest Committee makes a motion to have a Hamfest in the year 2016, and that a new Committee be formed, with the authority to use the Hamfest funds.

The Motion was voted on and approved.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

There is some noise on the frequency. Suspect one or more of the repeaters has a problem. Unlinked the .94 Knightsville repeater and noise seemed to go away. The noise came back and then found out someone linked the .94 Knightsville back in. Will troubleshoot some more.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Rachelle Perry, WB2DGE
John S. (Steve) Van Sickle, WB2HPR

Second Reading: Raymond L. Miller,
KM4FRG

Raymond, KM4FRG, was voted on and was welcomed into the club.

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

Next ARES meeting on April 18st at 0900 at the St. Andrews Public Service Building.

On April 25th – The Disaster Awareness Expo will be held at the Goose Creek Lowe's store from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Berkeley County ARES will be there.

On May 9th – A hurricane Expo will be held at the James Island Lowe's store from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Charleston County ARES will also have a meeting at Lowe's and will conduct try to connect to the Red Cross net from there.

A Red Cross shelter will open in North Charleston from 9:00 AM until... Larry Groves, KJ4GZR, will set up a Red Cross station at the building and will try to connect the James Island Red Cross net. Will try using repeaters and simplex.

On June 3rd – Charleston County will conduct a full scale drill from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, simulate a one day hurricane.

On September 1st to the 3rd, Berkeley County will be hosting a Wide Area Search Class, contact Rick, N8BKN for more details and registration info.

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 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

John read a message about a new credit card scam going around.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled exam will be 09:00 AM on June 13th at the Trident Hospital conference room near the cafeteria.

Two people took the test on April 11th and both passed.

There will be a Technician training class held at the James Island Town Hall on May 29th and 30th. There will also be a testing session on May 30th at 1:00 PM.

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

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

Would like to know if Mr. Lane could attend a Committee meeting on April 18th.

Old Business:

The Signalink USB device has arrived and plans are being made to set-up the digital station on the Yorktown.

Found out some QSL cards are being returned to sender... Found the cards were being sent to the wrong address – corrections have been made and hopefully the QSL cards are being delivered.

New Business:

Announcements:

The spare repeater, used at Hamfest's has been taken back to John Place, W4HMK.

Bryce has a repeater to sell to the club, using the 145.250 frequency and tone of 123.0 to mount in the club's trailer. The trailer's mounting bracket is loose and needs some work first.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Jenny, WA4NGV.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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