

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

July 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, July 13, 2015

DUES ARE DUE

Dues for the year 2015-2016 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 VICE PRESIDENT

As I write this, another thunderstorm is passing through the area. Just like the thunderstorm that hit the USS Yorktown five minutes before the start of Field Day 2015. Our operators quickly moved their stations to safety, and we were on the air within an hour, going for another 23 hours until the event ended Sunday afternoon.

Thank you to all the operators who signed up, showed up, and worked. You make these club events successful. Thank you to those who came unannounced and worked. You filled important gaps. And to those who signed up but couldn't make it, we understand. In a real emergency, plans are the first casualty. Field Day is a team activity, and everybody who contributes makes us successful. Special thanks go to Brian, Deb, and Paulette (KK4OHS, KK4PCX, and KJ4AIK), who had other things to do this weekend, but came through with the food service; and to Rick (N8BKN) who stayed on the ship monitoring operations for the full event.

How did we score? I don't know yet -- there are a lot of things to count. The operators

embraced electronic logging, and the Broadband-Hamnet network allowed each station to know where the other was, avoiding interference. It also ensured we always had two copies of the log file. We will also claim credits for: emergency power, GOTA station, public information table, educational presentation, Section Manager message traffic, Governor's Proclamation, FD bulletin, and public location. I should have our submitted score by the next club meeting.

Our "big" events on the USS Yorktown are done for the season, but we plan on more HF operating days. Maybe we'll time some to operate in contests and further improve our operating skills.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 5/1/15	\$4,776.29
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	7.50
Memberships	40.00
Raffle Proceeds	35.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - May CARS Carrier	(35.25)
AT&T - May	(79.76)
WIE - Rack for Trailer - for Repeater	(473.28)
Pinckney Carter Insurance	(250.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 5/31/15	\$4,020.50

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of JUNE MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy.61,
Monday, June 8, 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, June 8, 2015 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 39 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

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

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ

The event went well. The Clamagore claimed 8 museum ship contacts, the Laffey claimed 5 museum ships contacts and the Yorktown claimed 20 museum ship contacts.

The official credits will be sent out soon.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

About 2 weeks to go. The sign up sheet is going around again and the TinyURL is available. Looking for someone to help Doc with the GOTA station.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Doug has some extra race "T" shirts to give out. He will bring them to the next meeting.

Hamfest Report: Greg, KI4TVA

A thank you was given out to everyone that helped make the Hamfest Party a success.

Work has already begun working on fliers and getting permission approved for next year.

Plan on a Hamfest Committee meeting perhaps sometime later this month.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Back in May, the 79 repeater went down. The power supply quit working. Replaced the power supply and installed a separate power supply for the Digipeater. On or around June 4th, all of the Knightsville repeater systems went down. Found breakers tripped? Suspect a close lightning strike may have caused the breakers to trip. Reset the breakers and systems came back up. Still hunting for the cause of the noise on the system.

A question was asked about how long would the repeaters stay up, on a power loss? Most hospital repeaters can use hospital backup power, the SCHEART repeaters have their own power backup system. The only real problem is the 79 repeater. The repeater backup batteries are dead and trying to find a way to get the 100 plus pound battery up to the repeater room.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Chris Varner, KK4BRO
Marla Hulon, KM4CSB
David Peel KC9UTX
Mark A. Johnson, KM4LCI

Second Reading: Jim Gruschow, KB3IOZ

Jim was voted on and accepted into the club.

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

Next ARES meeting is on June 20th at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM.

Rick wanted to thank everyone that checked into the drill on Wednesday Jun.3rd.

Just a reminder.. Hurricane season has started. The Skywarn Net will be running weekly, until the end of the season. Tornado and earthquakes may occur without warning, be prepared. Check your "To Go Kits".

Nets: Warren, KK4EVI

Newcomers Net: meets on Thursdays at 8:00 PM. If you are interested in trying to conduct a net, send John, KK4KBQ, a note and he will get you the information. John is also looking for more participation and Net Controllers to help out. 10 to 15 people have been checking in.

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 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.

DMR Net: Meets Sundays at 8:00 PM.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

It is time to renew the website host.

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.

Tested 8 people on May 30th and all passed. Welcome to the world of Ham.

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

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

The trailer will be used for Field Day. The new rack has arrived and will install the rack, repeater, controller, power supply and duplexer sometime in July.

Old Business:

Jim, KK4REM, is still having Yorktown Visits.

New Business:

Voted on web host renewal fee, \$83.40, approved for another year.

Time to nominate new club officers. Greg, KI4TVA, has asked to be replaced. So far the following have been nominated. If you wish to apply for one of the positions, submit your name at the July meeting. Here are the current nominations:

President – Jenny, WA4NGV
Vice President – Tom, AJ4UQ
Secretary – Warren, KK4EVI
Treasurer – Charlotte, KJ4PLX

Bryce, K4LXF asked to be re-paid for printing supplies, request was approved.

Announcements:

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Debbie, KK4PCX.

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

ZIP Code Change

July 1, 2015, the ZIP code changes from 29483 to 29486 for everyone living north of I-26 with a Summerville mailing address.

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