

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

August 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, Aug. 10, 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 YOUR PRESIDENT

First I want to thank Greg, KI4TVA, for a job well done. Next thank you to Tom, AJ4UQ, Warren, KK4EVI, and Charlotte, KJ4PLX for the great job they have done and for continuing in the position in 2015-16.

I know I have very big shoes to fill. I will try my best to fill them. Thank you for electing me to be your president.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

## EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS

Important Date: According to "Farmer's Almanac" the first recorded hurricane to strike Charleston is after 14 August. Guess what, it is now August. Please prepare!

We still have the Sunday evening "Low Country ARES net" at 2000 local time. (8 PM) on the linked repeater system, All hams are welcome and encouraged to check in. We link in with the SC ARES net at 2020 local time (8:20 PM).

We have the Low Country ARES meetings by county: Second Saturday is Dorchester County, Third Saturday is Charleston County, and Last Saturday is Berkeley County. All hams are welcome to attend and learn about emergency service.

South Carolina Emergency Tactical Plan has listings for each county's communications during disasters. Please review your individual County's frequencies and have them available in your radios. The list is by county and has several items: Wide Area Repeater, County Tactical Repeater, County Simplex Frequencies, and District Simplex Frequencies.

We have a new State Emergency Coordinator: Joe Markey, AJ4QM, from Conway. If you hear him on the nets, welcome him.

Everyone stay safe and remember, heat illnesses can still occur so take precautions.

Till next month,  
73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 6/1/15	\$4,020.50
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	29.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - June CARS Carrier	(32.10)
AT&T - June	(79.66)
Web Site Renewal	(83.40)

Bryce Myers - Roster Copies, Receipts (52.87)  
Ending Checking Balance - 6/30/15 \$3,801.47

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## **MINUTES of JULY MEETING**

### **Charleston Amateur Radio Society**

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

**Introductions:** There were 45 people present.

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

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

**Museum Ships:** Tom, AJ4UQ

Nothing to report.

**Field Day:** Tom, AJ4UQ

Recap of Field Day – 1,572 Total points. 145 CW contacts, 77 digital contacts, 342 phone contacts. For reference, in 2014, there were 1720 contacts, 2013 there were 3470

contacts, 2012 there were 1186 contacts and in 2011 there were 1670 contacts.

Tom also wanted to thank the food service and other volunteers for all their time and help.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

No races coming up.

**Hamfest Report:** Greg, KI4TVA

Next years fliers are made up and plan on having a Hamfest meeting perhaps later in July.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

Happy Birthday to Bryce... 82 years young.

The Rutledge Tower (MUSC) 444.825 (?) repeater is acting up? Outgoing calls seem to work correctly, but incoming calls are not being received.

Still trying to find the noise on the repeaters.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Anthony Dietrich, KM4CIM  
Nicholas Reno, KW4KR  
Russell Hagen, KK4ZOB

Second Reading: Chris Varner, KK4BRO  
Marla Hulon, KM4CSB  
David Peel KC9UTX  
Mark A. Johnson, KM4LCI  
Steven Saef, AA2BB

(Steven was renewing membership)

All of the second reading personnel were accepted into the club.

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

Next ARES meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 9:00 AM.

Trying to find a way to get one ARES badge accepted for all three counties. Check out your to-go kits.. replace old batteries.

**Nets:** John, KK4KBQ

**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 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.

**DMR Net:** Meets Sundays at 8:00 PM.

**Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

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

The next scheduled exam will be 09:00 AM on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Trident Hospital conference room near the cafeteria.

There will be a Technician Training class on Friday (7/17) and Saturday (7/18) in Moncks Corner. VE Test will be held on Saturday 7/18 at 1:00 PM. For more information contact Bryce, K4LXF or Rick, N8BKN.

During June VE Test, 3 people took the Technician test, all 3 passed. One went on to pass the General test and then went on to pass the Extra test. Congratulations to all.

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

No report.

**Communications Trailer:** Willie, WB4SOG

Will be working on installing the new rack and system 7/16 and 7/17.

**Old Business:**

Jim, KK4REM, is still having working sessions on the Yorktown. Contact him for more information and dates.

**New Business:**

Nominees for next years club officers were voted on and passed. The officers for the coming year will be:

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

### **Announcements:**

There is a wide selection of "T" shirts on the table. Free to a good home.

### **Drawing:**

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by John, KD4TXX.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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