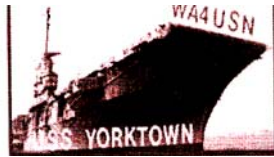


# CARS



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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

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*The CARS club meets the second Monday of each month at Ryan's Steak House on Highway 61  
The next club meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Monday, January 10, 2005*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a great turnout for the annual CARS Holiday Party. Thanks go out to Bryce (K4LXF) and Jenny (WA4NGV) for their help in making arrangements with the Omar Shrine Temple and managing the collection of funds and reservations. And my thanks to all who joined us for an evening of fellowship amongst friends.

The party was a great respite for Tracey and me. As we entered the holiday season, we were just getting unpacked from our recent move into a new "75-year old" home. We still don't have the antennas back up, but the piles of boxes are slowly receding, and I'm looking for a quiet afternoon to run some coax.

One activity I am enjoying more is my morning run. During these few weeks of cold weather, tights, gloves and a cap are the rule, but worth the price. A brisk solo morning run recently revealed to me many reasons to enjoy our short spell of cold weather in the Lowcountry. As I made my sunrise jaunt around downtown, I was inspired by the fog rising off of Colonial Lake, as the morning sun just peaked over the rooftops along Rutledge Avenue. Further along, as I made my way along the Battery, the glassy surface of the Ashley River and Charleston Harbor mirrored a few puffy clouds against a beautiful crisp blue sky. I braced against a cold breeze as I turned toward high battery at White Point garden, and chuckled at what I call the "Battery Paradox" - how the wind always seems to be in your face on the Battery no matter which way you're running. These simple things reminded me how lucky we are to live in such a city.

The next major club event is Hamfest 2005. And I'm sure we will be hearing much more on this major fundraising event at our next meeting on January 10.

Also on the horizon is the 2005 Cooper River Bridge Run, for which I have asked Doug Clark, as club Vice President and our Net Control operator, to represent the club. This will greatly assist me since my role on the race's Executive Committee creates a tension between my role in "governance" and my role as a volunteer. That said, I did sit down with the Bridge Run staff to discuss opportunities to publicize amateur radio because it is important to me. They welcomed my submission of an article on amateur radio for the Bridge Run magazine, which will have a circulation of over 40,000. In addition, the CARS logo, which was inadvertently left off the calendar last year, has been restored with their apologies. My suggestion to the staff to look at developing a standardized list of volunteer agencies (including CARS) so that the media gets a complete listing at every opportunity to publicize participation from the community was also received well.

I look forward to kicking off the New Year with our club meeting on January 10, 2005 at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy 61 in West Ashley. I'll see you there!

'73, Ken (AF4ZV)

## HAMFEST

The Hamfest is Feb.5th 2005, just a month away. Everything is going well. This month will be a busy one getting last minute things done. As in the past we will need the help of all our members to make it a success. We will need help on Friday before the hamfest to set up the tables and get everything ready.

We will also need help Saturday. Please try to come to the Jan. club meeting and sign up to help as much as you can. If you have not sold or brought your prize tickets please do so and get you money in. If you need more tickets let me know and I will get them to you. We need to sell as many as we can. As you all know the money we make from the hamfest is used to keep up the repeaters and buy new equipment as needed. Good selling and hope to see you at the club meeting. My phone # is 747-2324 73, Jenny. WA4NGV

## MINUTES of NOVEMBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy 61

Monday, November 8, 2004 - 7:30 pm

### MINUTES

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Ken Bible, AF4ZV, at 7:30 PM on November 8, 2004 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

#### Introductions:

There were 21 members and 7 guests present.

#### Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Tracey KG4HTW

In a motion by Ed, W4NSC, second by Ed, KQ4DC, the minutes were approved as published in the electronic version of the CARS Carrier.

#### Treasurer's Report: Tracey KG4HTW for Linda K4MPY

Tracey read the October treasurer's report, which was accepted as information. Note: Beginning Cash on 10/1/04 was \$1699.67 with deposits of \$18 and expenditures of \$138.01 for an ending balance of \$1579.66 on 10/31/04.

#### Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

Jenny noted that plans are going well for the 2005 Hamfest. A group recently worked on the tickets in order to make them available at this meeting. She

requested that members pickup their tickets that evening as it would save the club the postage. Each member will be mailed their Hamfest tickets, if they were not picked up at the meeting.

#### Field Day: Doc W4MUR

Doc reported that for Field Day 2005 we will not be able to use Ed's motor home for the CW station. In addition, we will need an alternative power source. However, on the positive side, there is interest in running a PSK31 station, which would receive similar scoring as CW. A reminder: Field Day is the last full weekend in June.

#### Museum Ships: Ed KQ4DC

No new museum ships activities are scheduled.

#### Newsletter/ CARS Carrier: Ken AF4ZV

Ken noted that we have a member who has expressed an interest in filling in as editor. Also, this time of year, the invitation to the annual holiday party is sent to members in lieu of the monthly newsletter. The newsletter then picks back up in January.

#### Web Page: Ken AF4ZV for Brian K1BPW

No new information to report.

#### Education and VE Testing:

There are no classes scheduled at this time. Congratulations were conveyed to new ham, Alice - KI4HKY, from the October test session. VE Testing will resume on a new schedule starting in 2005. Testing will be scheduled on the second Saturday of every other month. Testing will continue to be at Trident Technical College - Bldg 400 - Room 104 [room location may vary] at 9:00AM. Cost is currently \$12 and 2 forms of ID [one with picture] are required.

#### School Programs: Doc W4MUR for Alene KG4NKD - Dubose Middle School - KI4GWM

Doc reported that the grant application for the Dubose Middle School radio club has been submitted to the ARRL for support.

#### Packet / APRS: Ken AF4ZV for Charlie KF4AOT

No new information to report.

#### Emergency Prep/ARES: Glenn WB4UIV

Glenn noted that the recent storm activity this year provided several opportunities for testing the activities that take place during emergencies. Glenn has invited Liz Sharpe, Director of Disaster Services for the Red Cross to come speak at one of the club meetings.

**NETS:** Ken AF4ZV for Linda K4MPY

No new information to report.

**Interference:** Glenn WB4UIV

No new information to report.

**Races:** Ken AF4ZV

Ken reported that the club had received a request to help with an upcoming bike race, and had invited the event coordinator to be available for the club meeting. He then introduced Ken Fox, Ride Director, of the Festivelo de Charleston. Mr. Fox provided a brief description of the race activities, noting that they are planning for 500 cyclists. He noted that the race needs a reliable communication method for the island areas of Kiawah and Seabrook. They have a need for 7 volunteers but could make it through with 3 volunteers. The event is scheduled for the first Saturday in December, which is Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30am to 3:00pm.

**Jackets & Shirts:** Riley K4HYY

No new information to report.

**Yorktown/Repeaters:** Bryce K4LXF

Bryce reported that everything seems to be working. The Seabrook repeater site work by the water company is anticipated to start within the next 2 weeks. APRS at the 146.79 Mhz repeater site is off the air due to the need to relocate the antenna due to other non-club projects at the site. Weather Radio and Amber Alert capability was installed at the 145.25 Mhz repeater and the 146.18 Mhz repeater is now linked.

Bryce also noted that Ryan's management had apologized for double booking the regular meeting room at the restaurant that evening and would not let it happen again.

**Membership:** Bryce K4LXF

Note that dues are due on August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. In February of each year, the roster is purged of past due memberships.

## **Regular Membership**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Chris Christ – W3TWW

Beth Christ – KA4GGM

Alice Shuford – KI4HKY

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Butch Butler – K4NAU

Associate Membership: None

In a motion by Ed, W4NSC, second by Riley, K4HYY, the club approved the membership of Butch Butler by a vote of acclamation.

## **Old Business**

Coastal Carolina Fair – Jenny WA4NGV reported that the club booth at the Fair was a success. There was \$47 in raffle tickets sold on behalf of the upcoming Hamfest. The club spent a total of \$22.53 for booth supplies of table clothes and candy to hand out.

Annual Holiday Party – Jenny WA4NGV reported that the party was planned for December 13, 2004 at the Omar Shrine Temple in Mount Pleasant. Jenny noted that the price per person went up 50 cents to a total of \$15.38 per person this year. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Jenny WA4NGV to have club members pay \$12.50 per person with the club paying the balance, as has been done for the past several years. The motion was seconded by Riley K4HYY. The motion was approved by the membership.

## **New Business:**

Support for Festivelo de Charleston – A motion for the club to support the event with communications was made by Bryce K4LXF and seconded by Ed KQ4DC. The motion was approved. Following approval, Ken AF4ZV requested a volunteer to coordinate for the CARS club. Ed Walker KQ4DC

volunteered, and several members expressed verbal interest in helping upon a show of hands.

**Announcements:**

None

**Drawing:** ARRL membership was won by Glenn Little, WB4UIV.

Motion to adjourn by Glenn WB4UIV, second by Doc, W4MUR. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

**New Business:**

Riley K4HYY presented a “First Contact” certificate to Alice Shuford KI4HKY in recognition of her first QSO with him shortly after receiving her call sign.

**Membership:** Bryce K4LXF

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**MINUTES of DECEMBER MEETING**

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society**

**Annual Holiday Party at Omar Shrine Temple in Mount Pleasant, SC**

Monday, December 13, 2004 - 7:30 pm

**MINUTES**

A short business session of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society was called in advance of the club’s Holiday Party. Club President, Ken Bible, AF4ZV, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM on December 13, 2004 at the Omar Shrine Temple, in Mt.Pleasant, SC.

**Introductions:**

No formal introductions were held. The president welcomed all in attendance. There were 56 people signed up to attend, and 56 attendees present.

**Regular Membership**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Tiffany Stolarik – KB8UBY

James Sineath – WD4JHF

Linda Sineath – WD4JHG

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Chris Christ – W3TWW

Beth Christ – KA4GGM

Alice Shuford – KI4HKY

Associate Membership: None

In a motion by Ed, KC4ED, second by Riley, K4HYY, the club approved the membership of Chris Christ, Beth Christ and Alice Shuford as new club members by a vote of acclamation.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Ed KC4ED, second by Bryce, K4LXF. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.



Christmas Party Pictures



## CARS PARTICIPATES IN FESTIVELLO BIKE EVENT

On December 4, 2004 fourteen hams associated with CARS wearing golden T-shirts assisted for the first time in the Festivello bike event on Wadmelow, Johns, Seabrook and Kiawah Islands. Three weeks before the event the club was approached by the event director, Charlie Fox, to assist them in fixed station communication associated with rest and food stops for the bikers. Due to the uncertainty of the Seabrook repeater's operation, Bryce K4LXF, with assistance from new member Chris W3TWW, had a back up repeater system available located at Chris' trailer home which served as our base station. After the bikers had left the base area Bryce turned Base operation over to Chris who also had an HT supplied to the event by Charleston County that was used by the mobile support group. Bryce then rode with the event director passing on the information generated by our net.

Net Control for the event was Ed KQ4DC assisted by a newcomer from Ohio, Tiffany KB8UBY. They were located at the start at the Frierson School on Maybank Highway. When the event staff left they became the major source of information for the ninety riders or so who arrived late for the start. Our net handled several emergencies, however, the SAG drivers dealt with most of the problems that our net was not aware of since they were communicating directly with each other with county radios.

Another newcomer Beth KA4GGM was stationed at the Camp HoNonWah dining hall where there was daycare being offered. Fortunately, there were no emergencies that she had to deal with. Near the Stono River Bridge on River Road Sam KX4SAM, Debbie KX4DKS and Alice KI4HKY [a brand new ham] assisted at the rest stop furthest from the base. He was later recruited to pull the trailer used by the support group for refreshments back to Charleston. Ed W4NSC, Wes W4RUX, and Roy KG4KOA had interesting experiences at rest stops at crucial points along the 100 mile route. Mike WA4HVP at the Bears Bluff Fish Hatchery and Doc W4MUR at Beach Walker Park on Kiawah were located at turn around points that had neither refreshment nor rest stop facilities. They each had very different experiences since Doc only saw the long distance riders while Mike saw a majority of the riders. We learned at the start of the event that people would be free to change routes and a significant number must have changed based on the number of wrong turns taken and requests for information from the hams. In some instances the CARS maps were the only source of information. Jenny WA4NGV was located at Rockville boat landing. She had the "very difficult" task of providing communication for the shrimp and grits and potato soup stop which was the last stop before the end of the tours. After the net was closed many CARS volunteers found their way to that stop. Mark KG4ORA had a most interesting view of the event following various routes on his motorcycle. Most will remember that that Saturday started out very cold and Mark needed a lot of coffee. At the next meeting ask these folks for more anecdotes. A survey after the event indicated that all would do it again if asked.



Festivello Bike Event Pictures

LOCAL 2 METER NETS			
Day	Time	Frequency	Name
Sundays	8:00 PM	145.045- 145.250- 146.790- 147.045+	Lowcountry Emergency Services Net
Tuesdays	9:00 PM	145.045- 145.250- 146.790- 147.045+	Skywarn Net
Wednesdays	8:00 PM	147.150+	Berkeley Net
Thursdays	8:00 PM	145.045- 145.250- 146.790- 147.045+	Newcomers Net
Thursdays	9:00 PM	146.910-	Coastal Amateur Radio Association Net

AREA REPEATERS			
Location	Call Sign	Frequency	Tone
Adams Run	KF4CDR	147.345+	
Awendaw	K4LWS	147.300+	T 103.5
Charleston	N7GZT	146.940-	T 123.0
	W4ANK	147.270+	
Mt.Pleasant	WA4USN	146.790-	
	K4ESG	146.760-	
	W4HNC	443.800+	T 123.0
St. George	K4ILT	147.045+	T 103.5
Seabrook Island	WA4USN	145.410-	
Summerville	WA4USN	145.250-	
	W4HNC	147.180+	
Moncks Corner	WD4NUN	147.150+	
North Charleston	N4SJW	442.150+	T 123.0
Walterboro	KG4BZN	145.390-	
	KG4BZN	147.135+	
White Hall	WA4SJS	146.910-	

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