

CARS CARRIER



Charleston Amateur Radio Society

March 2005 Newsletter



CARS Web Site --- <http://www.qsl.net/wa4usn>

*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, March 14, 2005*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hearing FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth speak at the Hamfest was definitely a highlight for me last month. Riley is an excellent speaker with a strong message about the future of amateur radio. SC Section Manager Dr. Jim Boehner got permission to tape his presentation, transferred it to DVD format, and offered it to each ARRL affiliated club in the state. I hope we can share it with the club membership at an upcoming meeting.

Riley's message went to a number of themes discussed in this column in the past, most notably the need to engage young people in our hobby. But he also gave some new ideas about how we can engage years of experience nascent in our senior community. I look forward to talking with you about these ideas as we move forward.

Riley went further to punctuate the need to have our everyday amateur radio operations reflect a positive image of the hobby. One thing that resonated with me - his greatest fear is the BAD article in the media on amateur radio. His point? One bad image does more damage than a hundred positive ones.

I am proud to say that our Hamfest sent a powerful positive image of a very healthy event - a point not lost on Riley and SC Section Manager Dr. Jim Boehner. The success of this event is due to the participation of all CARS members - selling raffle tickets, spreading the word across the region, and supporting the event with their attendance. But special thanks are due to Jenny Myers (WA4NGV) for her continued

dedication to the club in chairing the Hamfest Committee.

The new ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold R. Kramer (WJ1B) concedes that there's no single answer to assuring a bright future for Amateur Radio. He notes that an ongoing emphasis on public service is something we need to continue. On April 2nd, CARS will have another chance to portray the hobby in a positive light, and continue our traditions of public service, when we assist with the 28th Annual Cooper River Bridge Run.

Doug Clark (KU4OC) kicked off the sign-ups for this event at our last meeting. We will have a chance to hear more about the planning at our next club meeting on Monday, March 14, 2005 at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61 in West Ashley. Join us to hear a lot more about the exciting activities coming up soon!

73, Ken, AF4ZV

MINUTES of FEBRUARY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy 61
Monday, February 14, 2005 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Kenneth Bible, AF4ZV, at 7:35 PM on February 14, 2005 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 23 members and 8 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Tracey KG4HTW
In a motion by Ed (KC4ED), seconded by Glenn (WB4UIV), the minutes were approved as published in the February CARS Carrier.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY
The January treasurer's report, which was printed in the February CARS Carrier, was accepted as information.

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV
Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help. We had 453 registered attendees. A total of \$5,405.36 in income, and 3,675.98 in expenses, resulted in a net surplus of \$1,729.38. The Hamfest account balances were reviewed (see Hamfest Financial Report). The winners of the major drawing prizes were Ed Walker (1st prize of \$400), Jenny Myers (2nd prize of \$200), and Larry Grant (3rd prize of \$100). It was a good year considering that the Hamfest was competing against the Super Bowl in Jacksonville for that weekend.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR
No new information to report.

Museum Ships: Ed KQ4DC
No new information to report.

Races: Ken AF4ZV
The club received a letter from Julian Smith, Race Director for the Cooper River Bridge Run. This letter, which requested CARS support for communications at the 2005 Bridge Run, was read out loud to the membership. Ken (AF4ZV) has asked club Vice President Doug Clark (KU4OC) to attend Bridge Run subcommittee meetings to represent the CARS club.

Jackets & Shirts: Riley K4HYY
No new information to report.

Emergency Prep/ARES: Glenn WB4UIV
No new information to report.

Yorktown/Repeaters: Bryce, K4LXF
Work is in progress on the Holly Hill repeater. The repeater is operational, but not yet finished. The Seabrook repeater is on the air as the

painting project on the water tank has not yet started.

NETS: Riley K4HYY
No new information to report.

Interference: Glenn WB4UIV
Some work is being done to address possible interference from Cable TV and hotels in Berkeley County.

Newsletter/ CARS Carrier: Ken AF4ZV
John Meyers (WA4GPS) was recognized for publishing the February CARS Carrier. Ken (AF4ZV) expressed his appreciation for having the hardcopy newsletter getting out to the whole membership.

Web Page: Brian K1BPW
The repeater page on the web site has been updated, and a printable version added. A local 2 meter nets page has been updated. Icons have been added to the repeater page to distinguish linked repeaters and CARS repeaters. Brian reported that he is updating the consistency of all of the pages, and will be adding Hamfest photos and the latest CARS Carrier as soon as time permits. The web site is located at URL www.qsl.net/wa4usn.

Education and VE Testing: Ed KC4ED
The new schedule for regular VE Testing will pickup in April and run every other month. Testing will be scheduled on the second Saturday of these months. Testing will continue to be at Trident Technical College – Bldg. 400 – Room 104 [room location may vary] at 9:00 AM. Cost is now \$14 and 2 forms of ID [one with picture] are required.

At the Hamfest, we had 10 candidates who took tests, and 9 out of 10 passed. Ed is reviewing the list of requests from the Coastal Carolina Fair to try to coordinate another license class session.

School Programs: Alene KG4NKD – DuBose Middle School Radio Club – K4DMS
DuBose received their ARRL "Big Project" grant funded equipment. Alene is working with Bryce

to get a team to help set up the satellite tracking antenna.

Packet / APRS: Ken, AF4ZV
No new information to report.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF
The process of purging the roster of past due memberships was reviewed. Bryce reported that 16 memberships have expired, leaving 133 members in good standing, which is very near a peak number for the club at this time of year.

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: Fred Schaffer, KG4YPG
Cathy Smith, KI4ISC
Harold Moon, KB4UTC
Joseph Schmitt, NV4I

2nd Reading: Thomas Evans, NA4U

Associate Membership: None

In a motion by Ed (KC4ED), seconded by David (KI4FSC), the club approved the membership for Thomas Evans (NA4U) by a vote of acclamation.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

2005 Cooper River Bridge Run Support Request:
Glenn (WB4UIV) made a motion for the CARS club to support the request for communications assistance for the 2005 Bridge Run and the motion was seconded by Bob Ramos (W4HGW). The motion carried. Doug Clark (KU4OC) then circulated a sign up sheet, noting the need for more stations on the bridge. A total of 38-40 stations are needed.

Announcements: None

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

Motion to adjourn by Ed (KC4ED), seconded by Roy (KG4KOA).

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ken (AF4ZV) for Tracey, KG4HTW.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash - 2/1/05	\$1,397.39
Cash Receipts:	
February Raffle	25.00
Jenny Myers - Membership Dues	410.00
Cash Disbursements:	
Jenny Myers - Office Expenses	(44.63)
Ending Cash - 2/28/05	\$1,787.76
Savings HT	\$ 26.56
Savings ST - CD	\$1,257.05

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

FROM THE EDITOR

The e-mail version of the CARS Carrier is now being sent as a straight e-mail with no attachments. All members who have e-mail are invited to save the club printing and mailing costs by subscribing to the e-mail version of the news letter. To subscribe, send an e-mail to WA4USN-subscribe@yahogroups.com and just include the word "subscribe" in the subject line. This will place you on the e-mail list for the CARS Carrier as well as any other club-related broadcast e-mail.



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