

# CARS CARRIER



Charleston Amateur Radio Society

October 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, October 10, 2005*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

When the amateur radio community loses one of its own, we have a quaint and respectful way of acknowledging the passing. The individual is referred to as a "silent key" – or SK - referring to the days when the skill of keying Morse code ruled the airwaves. This month we mourn the loss of a couple of active CARS members.

Former CARS President, Ed Frank (KC4ED), SK, led the local ARRL Volunteer Examiner team, and taught numerous ham radio classes. I don't think I would be exaggerating to say that literally hundreds of new hams were influenced by his enthusiasm and willingness to share his knowledge. Ed was a man of action, not content to do things half way. In his passion for the hobby and personal commitment to the pursuit of teaching amateur radio, Ed converted a portion of a storage building in his back yard into what became affectionately termed the "Backyard Schoolhouse" for amateur radio classes. I will always remember the wonder in the eyes of those hospitalized children listening to Ed as Santa on the Christmas time Santa Claus Net. The jingling bells and belly laughs of KC4" hOhO"Z helped make these children's lives a little easier. Ed was truly a man with hands of steel, but a heart of gold.

Roy Smith (KG4KOA), SK, was one of those folks you could always count on. Whether helping with a road race, working in a hurricane shelter, setting up for Field Day, or any other place you needed help, you could count on Roy to volunteer. He took a great interest in helping at the Red Cross - particularly in helping families after fires had devastated their lives. He was an all around good guy, without any hint of pretension. He was a decorated Marine, having

received two purple hearts in Vietnam. But he was also a regular guy – quite, mild mannered, and to the point. In relative terms, he was pretty new to amateur radio, but he had already made an impression, and influenced many with his desire to learn, and spirit of cooperation.

The value of community service is one we don't often hear emphasized in this day and age. These two individuals represent in many ways the spirit of amateur radio. Their stories hearken us to remember an era when men and women dedicated their lives to principle, to honor, and to service. We may honor them as "silent keys", but the airwaves will hardly be silent thanks to their work. Their influence will resonate for years with the voices of the many people they helped, educated, and mentored. They will be missed.

Coming up in October, we have the Isle of Palms Connector Run on October 1, and the Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will be held on the USS Yorktown on October 15. The DuBose Middle School Club will continue to have their sessions on amateur radio operations through the school year. And we will begin planning for our annual Holiday party in December.

These are great opportunities to get more involved in amateur radio and in the CARS club. I invite you to get involved. Please make plans to attend the next club meeting on October 10 at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy 61. I look forward to seeing you there!

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

# MINUTES of SEPTEMBER MEETING

## Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61  
Monday, September 12, 2005 - 7:30 PM

### MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP, at 7:30 PM on September 12, 2005 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

### Introductions:

There were 21 members and 5 guests present.

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

In a motion by Riley, K4HYY, seconded by David, KI4FSC, the minutes were approved as published in the September 2005 CARS Carrier.

### Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

Linda read the treasurer's report for August 2005. In a motion by Glenn, WB4UIV, seconded by Riley, K4HYY, the report was approved as read. Report follows:

Beginning Cash - 8/1/05	\$254.26
Cash Receipts:	
August Raffle	32.00
Membership Dues	1,410.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - Newsletter	(44.57)
E. Frank - Memorial	(65.00)
B. Ellison - Memorial	(25.00)
ARRL - David Wilkins - Raffle	(39.00)
Bell South	(35.86)
Ending Cash - 8/31/05	\$1,486.83
Savings HT	\$ 26.60
Savings ST - CD	\$1,257.05

### Hamfest Report: Ken AF4ZV for Jenny WA4NGV

No new information to report. Reminder that the Hamfest will be Saturday, February 4, 2006.

### Field Day: Doc W4MUR

No new information to report.

### Museum Ships: Ed KQ4DC

The Boy Scouts' Jamboree on the Air [JOTA] will take place on October 15, 2005. Ed noted that he and Doc, W4MUR, are both out of town during the event this year. Ed appealed for a club member to volunteer

to coordinate the event this year. The volunteer will need to make contact with the local Scout office to obtain paperwork. Anyone interested should contact Ed as soon as possible.

### Emergency Prep: Riley K4HYY

Riley encouraged those who volunteer with the Red Cross shelters to continue to monitor the storm, Ophelia, and be prepared to assist if the call should be issued.

Glenn, WB4UIV, provided information on local Red Cross and Ham efforts to assist Katrina victims. Discussion continued regarding the use of amateur radio to assist in disaster communications and the potential for raising the awareness of its value to agencies aiding in relief efforts.

### Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

No new information to report.

Gregg, W1GRE, noted that John, W4HNC, had been working on the link at the 145.25 site. Work continues on the hospital network project. Presently Trident hospital is online.

### Nets: Riley K4HYY

Riley reported that the Sunday night emergency services net is up to nearly 25 check-ins. This is a great net to test communication / practice relaying information before a disaster occurs.

### Races: Tracey KG4HTW for Ken AF4ZV

Tracey noted that the Exchange Club's 2005 IOP Connector Run will be on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8 am. Thanks to everyone who has signed up so far. Anyone who did not get the chance to sign up should contact Ken at 958-8816 in order to participate.

### Interference: Glenn WB4UIV

No new information to report.

**Newsletter/CARS Carrier:** Anyone wishing to provide materials for the newsletter should contact John for the deadline.

### Web Page: Brian K1BPW

No new information to report. Thanks to John WA4GPS for updating information on the site. The web site is located at URL [www.qsl.net/wa4usn](http://www.qsl.net/wa4usn).

**Education and VE Testing:** Riley K4HYY

No classes are scheduled at this time. Riley noted that 17 hospital staff recently passed the Technician exam, as the hospital network project continues to move forward.

The schedule for regular VE Testing runs every other month on even numbered months. 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.

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

Alene reported that eleven students are currently participating in the club. She is looking for volunteers to speak and share experience at the meetings. Meetings are each Tuesday from 4:00pm – 5:30pm. Contact Alene for additional information.

**Membership:** Bill WA4WGP for Bryce K4LXF

**Dues for the 2005-2006 year are due.**

The following applications for membership were read:

**Regular Membership:**

1st Reading: K4KDH – Jack Keeter

2nd Reading: None

Associate Membership: None

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Coastal Carolina Fair:** In a motion by Linda K4MPY, second by Ed KQ4DC, the club approved hosting a booth at the Fair. The dates for this year are October 27<sup>th</sup> through November 5<sup>th</sup>. Linda noted that

volunteers will be need to work various shifts each day of the Fair.

**Annual CARS Holiday Party:** In a motion by Tracey KG4HTW, second by Sam KX4SAM, the club approved having a holiday party in December 2005. Jenny WA4NGV was nominated to coordinate the event.

**Announcements:**

**Dues are due:** Linda K4MPY is collecting any dues tonight.

**Drawing:** The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Riley Stone, K4HYY.

A motion to adjourn was made by, Tim KD4YUC, seconded by David KI4FSC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

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73, John, WA4GPS, CARS Carrier editor  
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LOCAL AREA REPEATERS			
Location	Frequency	Tone	Links
Adams Run	147.345+	123.0	T
Awendaw	147.300+		L
Dorchester	147.180+	123.0	K
Dorchester EOC	147.270+	123.0	T
Georgetown	147.375+		
Knightsville	145.250-	123.0	K
Moncks Corner	147.150+		
Mt. Pleasant / East Cooper	443.800+	123.0	
Orangeburg	146.880-	118.8	L
Rutledge Tower / MUSC	145.450-	123.0	T
St. Francis Hospital	444.775+	123.0	K
St. George	147.045+	103.5	K
Santee	147.225+		
Seabrook Island	145.410-		K
Summerville (I-26)	146.835-		
S'ville Medical Ctr	146.985-	123.0	K
Trident Medical Ctr	147.390+	123.0	K
USS Yorktown	146.790-		K
Walterboro	145.390-		L
Walterboro	147.135+	156.7	L
Walterboro	444.550+	156.7	L
Whitehall	146.910-		L

K = Repeater is part of the system linked via the Knightsville Hub  
 L = Repeater is part of the Low Country Repeater System  
 T = Repeater is part of the system linked via the Trident Hub

LOCAL 2 METER NETS		
Day/Time	Name	Frequencies
Sundays 8:00 PM	Lowcountry Emergency Services Net	145.250- t 123.0 145.410- 146.790-
	Lowcountry Skywarn Net	146.985- t 123.0 147.045+ t 103.5
Thursdays 8:00 PM	Newcomers Net	147.180+ t 123.0 147.390+ t 123.0
Tuesdays 8:00 PM	Trident Amateur Radio Club Net	146.715- t 123.0 147.270+ t 123.0 147.345+ t 123.0
Wednesday 8:00 PM	Berkeley County Ragchew Net	147.150+
Thursdays 9:00 PM	Coastal Amateur Radio Assoc.Net	146.910-

SOUTH CAROLINA HF NETS		
Day/Time	Name	Frequencies
Daily 7:00 PM	South Carolina SSB Net	3.915 MHz
Daily 8:00 PM	Carolinas Slow Net (CW)	3.695 MHz

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