

CARS CARRIER



Charleston Amateur Radio Society

February 2006 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, February 13, 2006

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In this month's QST magazine, ARRL CEO, Dave Sumner (K1ZZ) comments on the international good will engendered by the amateur radio service in his editorial. Since 1949, when FCC rules for the service were drafted, the powerful bond between Hams – transcending even ethnic and political conflict – has been a valuable commodity.

As we approach this year's Hamfest on February 4, I was reminded of a story related to me out of last year's Hamfest. It seems a group of young men of foreign heritage approached the tailgate area. They did not speak English, but fortunately Ed Walker (KQ4DC), who was working with the tailgating team, used his skills in Spanish to ascertain that the men were migrant workers who had an interest in amateur radio.

Imagine the courage it took to approach an event like our Hamfest, where they knew no one. Where they might not even find someone who could communicate in the most rudimentary fashion. Yet, come they did, and much to their surprise, found not only someone who could communicate with them, but someone sincerely interested in their problems in exercising their curiosity about the hobby. It turns out that, not being American citizens, they could not be licensed as Hams in the U.S.

I don't know all of the particulars on reciprocal licensing for these young men, but they apparently found their efforts to become licensed Hams frustrated by their status in the U.S. Still, their interest in amateur radio brought them to our Hamfest, and they found a welcoming gesture and a sincere interest. In reflecting on what Dave Sumner wrote, it struck me that we witnessed one of those instances where amateur radio formed the common ground bridging language and culture.

As time goes along, technology may help us further overcome the boundaries of language – through digital and other advanced processing techniques – however, I contend the success of the amateur radio service is not so rooted in technology as in the individuals who engage in the hobby. It is a treasure as valuable today as it was overcoming the post-world war era tensions in which it was created.

I hope that we will have many Hamfest stories of renewed friendships, "eye ball" QSO's, and a lot of good fun to share at our next club meeting at Ryan's Steak House on February 13th. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

Updates from K4DMS

DuBose Middle School, K4DMS, will participate in the ARRL "School Club Roundup" during the week of February 13th. Since I am required to teach classes that week, I could use other licensed hams to run the club station during the middle of the day especially on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Other times I could use assistance includes 4-6 or 6:30 most days but especially on Tuesday and from

4-10 PM on Thursday. School is closed on Friday. Also amateurs are encouraged and welcome to share their expertise in PSK31, IRLP, echolink, satellite work or any other aspect of amateur radio with young people interested in our hobby at any meeting of K4DMS. Meetings are on Tuesdays from 4-5:30 PM. And anyone who likes to mount antennas - I need help mounting a radio telescope antenna to the roof. I would like to get the antenna mounted by the end of March. Anyone who wants to be involved in any of the above, can reach me at 851-0493 or awilkins@dorchester2.k12.sc.us or orwilkins@cchat.com.

73's, Alene KG4NKD

JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash 1/1/06	\$1,785.57
Cash Receipts:	
January Raffle	23.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - NewsLetter	(58.24)
Bryce Myers	(39.75)
Bryce Myers	(66.69)
ARRL - W4MUR - Raffle	(34.00)
Frank Bainter - Overpaid Dues	(5.00)
Jenny Myers	(100.00)
Bell South	<u>(35.92)</u>
Ending Cash - 1/31/06	\$1,468.97
Savings HT	\$ 26.60
Savings ST - CD	\$1,257.05

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

MINUTES of JANUARY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61

Monday, January 9, 2006 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Kenneth Bible, AF4ZV, at 7:30 PM on January 9, 2006 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 31 members and 1 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Tracey KG4HTW

In a motion by Sam, KX4SAM, seconded by Deborah, KX4DEB, the minutes were approved as published in the January 2006 CARS Carrier. Next, Tracey reported that a thank you note was received from Sheila Frank in memory of Ed Frank and Ken & Tracey Bible in memory of Gladys Bible.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

The treasurer's report for November 2005 was accepted, as information, as published in the January 2006 CARS Carrier.

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

Jenny reported that there was a Hamfest Committee meeting held on Jan 7th and plans are on track for the event this year. The admission fee is \$5 and gates will open at 8:30 am. Additional flyers are available at the meeting tonight. The committee will need additional volunteers to help on Friday for setup and Saturday. Volunteers for Saturday morning should plan to arrive by 6:00 AM. In addition, VEs are needed to help with administering exams on Saturday—contact Riley, K4HYY to coordinate. The CARS Club will have 2 tables during the Hamfest - one with free stuff and one with sale items to benefit the club. With Glenn's, WB4UIV, help, an interview is anticipated during a Channel 4 - Charleston Live program which normally airs between 10-11 AM.

Just a reminder: The hamfest will be Saturday, February 4, 2006.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR

No new information to report.

Museum Ships: Ed KQ4DC

No new information to report.

Emergency Prep: Riley K4HYY

No new information to report.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

The repeaters are functioning and focus has continued to be on assisting the Hospital Repeater network. A meeting was held to test the Hospital network as interfaces with the existing linked

system. The testing went well. John, W4HNC, and Mike, WA4HVP, continue to work on the controller. Bryce also reported that replacement fluorescent light bulbs were purchased for the clubroom on the Yorktown, for a total of \$21.28.

Nets: Riley K4HYY

No new information to report.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

Ken noted that the club had not received any new requests for assistance, then Doug, KU4OC, provided an update on plans for the upcoming 2006 Cooper River Bridge run. The positions may be changing slightly given the new bridge and a change in the race route, with the finish being around Marion Square. A sign-up sheet was passed for volunteers, as the communications plan will likely include 35-40 volunteers.

Interference: Glenn WB4UIV

No new information to report.

Newsletter/ CARS Carrier: John WA4GPS

No new information to report.

Web Page: John WA4GPS

John, WA4GPS, continues to provide updates monthly. The address is www.qsl.net/wa4usn.

Education and VE Testing: Ken AF4ZV for Riley K4HYY

The next test session, scheduled for February, will be during the Hamfest at the Exchange Park in Ladson. The test sessions will resume the usual schedule in April. The schedule for regular VE Testing runs on even numbered months. Testing will be scheduled on the second Saturday of these months. Testing is at Trident Technical College – Bldg. 100 – Room 163 [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 school just recently resumed following the December holiday break. The school club meets each Tuesday, from 4 – 5 PM. Speakers are welcomed.

Appeal for Volunteers: The Annual School Club Roundup [SCR], supported by ARRL, will occur

the second full week in February, which will be Feb 13th – Feb 17th this year. This contest encourages young hams to get on the air. Volunteers are needed to assist during the school day.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF

Any outstanding dues at this point are way over due. Annual CARS dues are to be paid by August 1st each year. The Bylaws call for members to be dropped after 6 months of nonpayment of dues. The roster will not be purged until Feb 5th for anyone wishing to make the deadline.

No new membership applications were received at this time.

Old Business:

CARS Holiday Party: Jenny WA4NGV

Jenny reported that 62 people signed up and all but 5 people attended the dinner. It was another successful year. The total cost of the dinner was \$957.13 – Attendees paid \$774.85 and the club picked up \$182.28, plus additional costs included: stamps - \$74, stationary - \$4.26, copies - \$7.25. Jenny noted that she was provided an advance of \$300 and will be giving a check back, as less than this amount was used this year.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

Afghan Raffle: Alberta Meyers has generously donated a beautifully crocheted afghan to be raffled at the upcoming Hamfest. The afghan was on display during the meeting. Proceeds will go to the CARS club. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5.

Drawing: The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Doc, W4MUR.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doc, W4MUR, and seconded by Bill, WA4WGP.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10M.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

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	145.250- t 123.0
	Emergency	145.410-
	Services Net	146.790-
Tuesdays 9:00 PM	Lowcountry	146.985- t 123.0
	Skywarn Net	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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