

# CARS CARRIER



Charleston Amateur Radio Society

July 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, July 10, 2006*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I wrote last month about the opportunity presented by our June 24-25 Field Day activities to provide a concentrated dose of amateur radio experience for one and all. And it was gratifying to have so many from the club turn out to help. Many thanks to Doc (W4MUR), who did an excellent job, as usual, in getting all of the right folks together to make Field Day a success.

Given the important role of amateur radio in emergency and supplemental communications across the state, I approached the governor's office to see if he might stop in on our Yorktown operations. It turns out he was in Iraq visiting soldiers from South Carolina fighting the Global War on Terror. Just prior to Field Day though, I got a call from the governor's office asking if we would like a proclamation for the event. And on June 23, I received a document proudly proclaiming the week of June 18-25 as "... **Amateur Radio Week in the great State of South Carolina.**"

There were a lot of opportunities to learn during this Field Day, as we ran into some interesting antenna problems near starting time. Of course, we were able to diagnose and fix these... in plenty of time to ensure I didn't miss my "appointment" with the exercise bike powering our early contacts on human power! All kidding aside, the human power contacts went fine - as did my legs - but we did have a lively discussion about other alternative power possibilities for next year.

Tom (K4WJC) added a PSK 31 station to our usual complement of our usual side band (SSB) and CW (Code) stations, giving us a 3A exchange (three stations on emergency power). This meant additional

antennas, power cables, and equipment to transport. But all was operational come 2:00 PM on Saturday.

Anyone who stuck around for more than a couple hours got drafted into helping. There is no doubt this was a smooth, well run organization, where folks stepped up when asked to help. We got the stations on the air on time, and kept them running throughout the contest. Everyone should be proud of this Field Day. I appreciate your support.

Come join us on July 10 at our next club meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Highway 61. We will have some good stories from Field Day, and details on upcoming club events. I hope you will make plans to attend, and look forward to seeing you there.

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

## JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash - 6/1/06	\$807.24
Cash Receipts:	
June Raffle	35.00
Jenny Myers	65.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - June Newsletter	(42.86)
Jenny Myers - Office Expense	(53.20)
Jenny Myers - Field Day Advance	(350.00)
ARRL - K4PNB - June Raffle	(39.00)
Bell South	<u>(36.13)</u>
Ending Cash - 6/30/06	\$386.05
Savings HT	\$ 26.69
Savings ST - CD	\$1,257.05

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

# MINUTES of JUNE MEETING

## Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61  
Monday, June 12, 2006 - 7:30 PM

### MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order by President, Ken Bible, AF4ZV, at 7:30 PM on June 12, 2006 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

### Introductions:

There were 29 members and 4 guests present.

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

In a motion by Sam, KX4SAM, seconded by Avery, W4QYV, the minutes were approved as published in the June 2006 CARS Carrier, with one correction. The May 8, 2006 minutes misstated the convention to be hosted at the 2007 CARS Hamfest: it read "2007 ARRL Convention" and should have stated "2007 SC ARRL State Convention". Ken, AF4ZV, read a note from Larry and Debbie Struck thanking Tom, K4WJC, for helping these mariner hams with their radio prior to setting out on a cruise.

### Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

The treasurer's report for the period ended May 31, 2006, was accepted as information as published in the June 2006 CARS Carrier.

### Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

No new information to report.

### Field Day: Doc W4MUR

Doc noted that Field Day is coming up fast. Doc asked Ken, AF4ZV, if he would ride the bike again and Ken did confirm he would take the bike. Volunteers are needed to help setup on Friday, beginning 2 PM and tear-down after 2 PM on Sunday. The event begins at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 24th and ends at 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 25th. In addition, volunteers are needed to operate CW, contact Bob, W4HGW who is coordinating the CW station. We are still looking for assistance in getting an elected official to visit our activities and someone to copy the W1AW bulletin. Please contact Doc to sign-up or to obtain additional information.

A motion will be made under new business regarding funds needed for Field Day operations.

### Museum Ships: Ed KQ4DC

The annual museum Ships On The Air event was held June 3rd – June 4th and Ed extended thanks to David, KI4FSC, for coordinating activities and the others who helped work the event. There were 595 contacts and only 12 other ships were participating. There have been many requests for CARS QSL cards and we have also received the same. There are no new events scheduled at this time.

### Races: Ken AF4ZV

No new requests received. The next race is normally the IOP Connector Run in October.

### Emergency Prep: Bill WA4WGP, Charleston; David KI4FSC – Dorchester

Bill reported on the simulated event, which took place on June 6th, where a hurricane was to make landfall. Local hospitals participated and 8 shelters were able to test communications with the EOC. It was noted that there was a problem at the state EOC level with communications during the event.

David noted that they were called on the scene to a simulated wreck on Hwy 78 and this took most of their time during the event. The amateur radio operators received positive feedback for their responsiveness to the simulated event.

### Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce noted that work continues with the Hospital Repeater network. In addition, the engineers are working in Walterboro and will look at the Georgetown site next. The Seabrook repeater has been unlinked due to the fact that it had been picking up some interference. All else is ok.

### NETS: Ken AF4ZV for Susannah KE4RVF

No new information to report. The list of Nets with times and frequencies may be found on the CARS website.

**Interference:** Glenn WB4UIV  
No new information to report.

**Newsletter/ CARS Carrier:** John WA4GPS

Ken thanked John for securing the new QSL cards for the club. In addition, John noted that information on how to subscribe to the Yahoo Groups list and new pictures are posted on the website.

**Web Page:** John WA4GPS

The address is [www.qsl.net/wa4usn](http://www.qsl.net/wa4usn). No additional information to report.

**Education and VE Testing:** Sheila KT4YW and Linda K4MPY

A special testing session was held at Trident Hospital as part of the Hospital Repeater network project. Seven candidates tested and six passed. Thanks to Doc, W4MUR, & Bryce, K4LXF, for helping. The schedule for regular VE Testing occurs on the second Saturday of even numbered months. The next test session is to be on the second Saturday in August. Cost is still \$14 and 2 forms of ID [one with picture] are required. Contact Sheila at 871-4368 or Linda at 552-3106 for more information or visit the CARS website.

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

Alene reported that the school club did receive the computer through the PTSA. They are looking forward to operating PSK31 next school year.

**Nominating Committee:** Ken AF4ZV

Ken noted that he had asked Bryce, K4LXF, to form a nominating committee to select new officers for the upcoming year. The nominating committee members this year are: Bryce, K4LXF, Sonja WA4WVD, and John K4CSB. The committee is proposing that the existing officers continue to serve for next year: Ken Bible, AF4ZV, - President; Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP - Vice-President; Linda NeSmith, K4MPY, - Treasurer; and Tracey Bible, KG4HTW, - Secretary.

Additional nominations will be accepted at the next meeting and then the club will vote.

**Membership:** Bryce K4LXF

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: Dennis O'Leary, KE5IDW

Associate Membership: None

In a motion by Doc, W4MUR, and second by John, WA4GPS, the club approved the regular membership of Dennis O'Leary, KE5IDW.

**The following memberships statistics were also presented:**

Total Members in Club - 145  
Regular members - 131  
Associate members - 14

Charter members - 3

52.67% of regular members are ARRL members  
1 Regular member - unknown status of ARRL membership

26.20% of the membership constitutes a quorum

**Classes of Licenses**

46 - Technicians  
28 - Generals  
9 - Advanced  
55 - Extras  
7 - No License  
145 - Total

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

In a motion by Doc, W4MUR, and seconded by Sam, KX4SAM, the club approved \$350 to be appropriated for 2006 Field Day expenses, such as goods, food, and other related supplies.

**Announcements:** None

**Drawing:** The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Phillip Blaha, K4PNB.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sam, KX4SAM, and seconded by Avery, W4QYV.

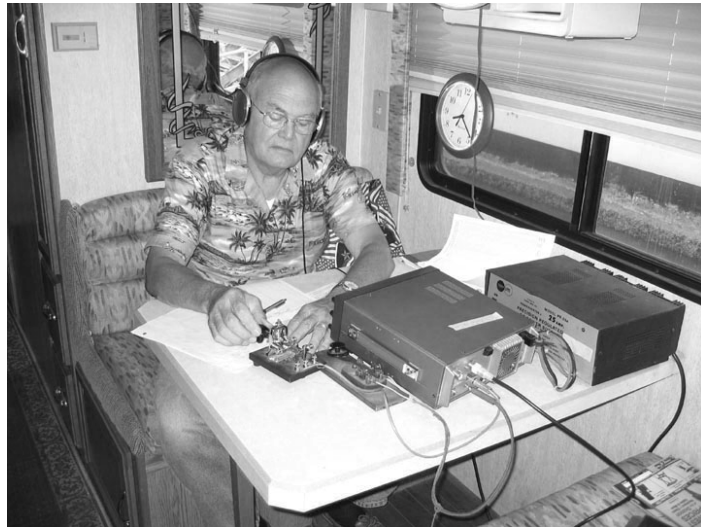
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.



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### Field Day Pictures



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