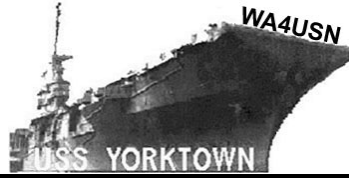


# CARS



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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

October 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, October 9, 2006*

## CARS DUES ARE PAST DUE

Dues for the year 2006-2007 are past due. If you have not paid your dues, please do so right away.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been said that ham radio will always be in a storm, just coming out of a storm, or heading into another storm. We have some practical experience with this adage – spectrum sales fading from memory, Hurricane Katrina disaster recovery winding down, and the Broadband Over Power Line (BPL) controversy heating up.

In my mind, a couple of trends are emerging. First, digital is the wave of the future. And we have to work to find ways to co-exist with rapidly developing digital technologies being marketed by any number of industries, most notably power companies and telecommunications providers. Second, our ability to support increasing public service roles will cement our place in future communications architectures.

From the minutes of our last meeting contained within this newsletter, we read about some challenges in the local response to Tropical Storm Ernesto. The events of this storm punctuated how easily it can be to tax the available amateur radio volunteer cadre. What stood out to me was that many businesses never dismissed their employees in advance of the storm. In hindsight, the many businesses that

chose to operate normally gambled well... this time. However, the situation could have evolved much differently had the storm made any last minute course changes. And because many of our amateur radio volunteers hold positions at such businesses, the amateur radio community was challenged to respond in force.

The situation punctuated for me the need for a more formalized process for engaging the amateur radio community in an emergency. Perhaps a strategy could be developed to phase in amateur assistance structured around the level of local evacuation or various phases of the emergency.

ARRL co-founder Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, is quoted as saying: "Make sure everything you do is for the general good." I think we all want to live up to these words, and will do so if given the chance.

Please join me on October 9 at Ryan's Steak House on Highway 61 for an evening of fellowship with your fellow Hams.

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

## HAMFEST

The Hamfest is 4 Feb. 2007, not far away. The Flyers and Prize Tickets are printed. We are sending flyers to hamfests. Please start talking the Hamfest up any time you can. This is an ARRL State Convention, and we hope to have a speaker from ARRL HQ speak at the ARRL forum and will check DXCC cards as well. With the help of all Club members this can be our best Hamfest yet.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV Co-Chairperson

## SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash - 9/1/06	\$1,879.47
Cash Receipts:	
September Raffle	44.00
Cash Disbursements:	
ARRL - Terry Fox WB4JFI - Raffle	(39.00)
Bell South	<u>(37.33)</u>
Ending Cash - 9/30/06	\$1,847.14
Savings HT	\$ 26.83
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

## MINUTES of SEPTEMBER MEETING

### Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61  
Monday, September 11, 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 September 11, 2006 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

#### Introductions:

There were 22 members and 5 guests present.

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

In a motion by Sam, KX4SAM, and second by David, KI4FSC, the August 2006 meeting minutes were approved as published in the September 2006 CARS Carrier.

#### Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

The Treasurer's report was accepted as information as published in the September 2006 CARS Carrier.

#### Hamfest Report: Ken AF4ZV for Jenny WA4NGV

No new information to report. Flyers are out and the date of Hamfest will be February 4, 2007.

#### Field Day: Doc W4MUR

No new information to report.

#### Museum Ships: David KI4FSC

No new information to report.

#### Emergency Prep: Bill WA4WGP, Charleston; John W4HNK, Dorchester; Vince KI4AOC, Berkeley

Each county engaged in debriefing sessions after Tropical Storm Ernesto passed through.

Charleston – Bill, WA4WGP, reported that the Charleston County EOC had a lower than expected number of volunteers respond to assist with emergency communications. As a result, a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the EOC on Leeds Avenue to discuss ways to improve. Dorchester and Berkeley counties will be invited to attend.

Dorchester – John, W4HNK, noted that the Dorchester EOC also experienced lower than expected volunteer assistance from the ham community. However, due to the fortunate low impact of the storm, it provided a good learning opportunity to test operations. The cell phones used by the EOC would only work outside. Messages were instead passed via amateur radio.

**Repeater Report:** John W4HNK for Bryce K4LXF  
No major issues to report. There has been an intermittent problem on the 79 repeater and the engineers are currently investigating the issue.

**Nets:** Linda K4MPY - Newcomers Net; Susannah KE4RVF - ARES Net

The list of Nets with times and frequencies may be found on the CARS website. To enhance communication in the local community, the TARC & CARS repeaters will be linked on Sundays & Tuesdays five minutes prior to the beginning of the ARES and Skywarn Nets. The systems will stay linked for 45 minutes following the Nets to allow for additional communications.

**Races:** Ken AF4ZV

Ken reminded everyone of the upcoming Isle of Palms Connector run on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. There are still some volunteer opportunities available. Breakfast will continue according to tradition at the Sea Biscuit following the race.

**Interference:** John W4HNK for Glenn WB4UIV  
John noted that there was some interference reported on the 91 repeater. John agreed to email Glenn the information.

**Newsletter/CARS Carrier:** Ken AF4ZV for John WA4GPS

Ken shared that John was presently in the hospital, but sounded real good and hoped to be heading home soon. Please keep him and Alberta in your prayers as he recovers.

**Web Page:** Ken AF4ZV for John WA4GPS

The address is [www.qsl.net/wa4usn](http://www.qsl.net/wa4usn) for the old site and [www.wa4usn.org](http://www.wa4usn.org) for the new site. Ken asked for feedback from the membership regarding any visits to the mirrored website recently. The new site is being hosted by Sam KX4SAM at no cost to the Club and may provide some email & broadcast mail/listserv options.

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

New location for holding VE Testing: Trident Hospital, near the cafeteria. The schedule for regular ARRL VE testing occurs on the second Saturday of even numbered months. The next test session is to be on the second Saturday in October. 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

School is back in session and the first meeting of the year was on Tuesday, August 22nd. Alene hopes to engage the students with a dynamic line up of club activities. The club normally meets weekly on Tuesdays from 4:00PM to 5:30PM at DuBose Middle School. The club plans to participate in both the Fall and Spring "Club Roundup" events. The Fall event is scheduled for October 16th-20th and last year this club came in 3rd place overall. The school radio club is still looking for volunteer speakers to share experiences and present various subjects to the students.

**Membership:** Ken AF4ZV for Bryce K4LXF

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: KI4QFQ – Alvin Anderson

2nd Reading: None

Associate Membership: None

At the October meeting, Mr. Anderson's application will be read for the second time and voted upon.

**Old Business:**

2006 Coastal Carolina Fair booth - Linda K4MPY

Just a reminder to members that volunteers are needed to staff the booth at the Fair. The Fair runs from October 26th to November 4th. In addition, we are looking for ideas to add to our display booth. Please contact Linda with recommendations and to sign-up.

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements:**

JOTA - Jamboree-On-The-Air: Volunteers are still needed to assist with the event, which is scheduled for October 21st to October 22nd. Operations at the Yorktown are scheduled for Saturday only. For information and to sign-up please contact David Wilkins, KI4FSC.

Myrtle Beach Hamfest - The Grand Strand Amateur Radio club is having their annual hamfest on November 11th at the Conway National Guard Armory.

**Drawing:** The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Terry Fox, WB4JFI.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill, WA4WGP, and seconded by Ken, AG4IM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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	146.715- t 123.0
	Radio Club Net	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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