

# CARS CARRIER



Charleston Amateur Radio Society

July 2007 Newsletter



**CARS Web Site --- <http://www.wa4usn.org>**

*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 9, 2007*

**DUES FOR THE YEAR  
AUGUST 1, 2007 – JULY 31, 2008  
ARE DUE**

## PLEASE PAY ON TIME

\$20.00/Year, \$10.00 for each additional member in the same household. You may pay at the meeting or mail to membership chairman:

**Bryce Myers, K4LXF  
2630 Dellwood Ave.  
North Charleston, SC 29405**

## JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash - 6/1/07	\$1,021.51
Cash Receipts:	
June Raffle	15.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - June Newsletter	(48.83)
Jenny Myers - Postage & Office Sup.	(90.93)
ARRL - Tom Petroski - May Raffle	(39.00)
ARRL - Douglas Clark - June Raffle	(39.00)
Jenny Myers - Field Day Advance	(450.00)
Bell South - June	(37.51)
Ending Cash - 6/30/07	\$331.24
Savings HT	\$ 27.01
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

## MINUTES of JUNE MEETING

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society**  
Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61  
Monday, June 11, 2007 - 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 11, 2007 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

### Introductions:

There were 40 members and 6 guests present.

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

In a motion by, David KI4FSC, and second by Tim KD5YUC, the May 2007 meeting minutes were approved as published in the June 2007 CARS Carrier.

### Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

The May 2007 Treasurer's report was accepted as information, as published in the June 2007 CARS Carrier, with the following additional information: Linda reported that the \$350 payment to David was for the butternut antenna for the Yorktown.

### Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

No new information to report.

### Field Day: Doc W4MUR

Doc appealed for additional volunteers, especially to operate the CW station. Several sign-up sheets were circulated at the meeting. Help is also needed with identifying a contact with the Media or to assist with publicity of Field Day activity. Under new business, a motion will be made to appropriate operating funds for Field Day activities.

Ken, AF4ZV, reported on his correspondence with the Governor's Office. While Governor Sanford could not attend the event this year, he did issue a Proclamation declaring June 18<sup>th</sup>-June 24<sup>th</sup> as Amateur Radio Week throughout the state. Ken read the proclamation to the members present.

**Museum Ships:** David KI4FSC

David reported that over 650 contacts, including 45 different states, were made in 2 days. Several technicians were able to participate and everyone enjoyed the event. There were many positive comments about the new antenna, as WA4USN was really booming compared with many of the other museum ships.

**Races:** Ken AF4ZV

No new information to report.

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

Charleston: Bill reported on the Earthquake Drill. The scenario had Charleston wiped out. The EOCs operated on simplex. The event was a good test as many messages were relayed to the State and the test showed some difficulties in connecting with Dorchester County. Also, the National Guard was on duty during the event, so a briefing on Amateur Radio capability was provided. There are plans to have Amateur Radio stations setup at both the Police department on Lockwood and then the Fire Department. The County is expected to pay for the equipment.

The EOC is now requiring that volunteers take several free online training modules to learn about the National Incident Management System [NIMS] and the Incident Command System [ICS] which are managed by FEMA. Upon successful completion of the online training module, a certificate may be printed. Certificates for completion of IS-100 [Introduction to the ICS] and IS-700 [Introduction to NIMS] will be needed in order to obtain a badge and driving passes from the EOC. To access the training and learn more, go to <http://training.fema.gov/NIMS>.

It was noted that all the tri-county EOCs will require volunteers to complete the NIMS training in order to obtain badges and driving passes.

Dorchester: A "weapons of mass destruction" drill is scheduled for tomorrow beginning at 5PM in Summerville. The scenario includes a bomb exploding during a Summerville football game and the planning includes closure of some roads and access points to simulate an actual response.

Berkeley: There was no report on Berkeley County activity.

Presentation on Served Agencies: Bobby W4KSD

Bobby presented a chart to illustrate the various agencies that are served in times of emergency by local ARES/RACES volunteers. Local agencies include the Red Cross, hospitals, the National Weather Service, and Emergency Services [police, fire, EMS]. In order to provide basic coverage for shelters and the various served agencies in the Lowcountry we need at least 50 volunteer amateur radio operators. In addition to providing details of local operations, highlights were provided on long distance communications during emergencies. Some long distance sites include State Government and the National Hurricane Center.

Discussion continued regarding the possibility of scheduling a time at the local EOCs to facilitate an opportunity for anyone who wishes to learn more or become involved.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce K4LXF

Bryce noted that the engineers are using Arcom 210 controllers in the repeaters, especially in the HEARTS system. While it has been a great device, it can be a little tricky to work with. Overall the link system is working well and believed to be fairly hurricane tolerant.

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

Just a reminder that the Lowcountry Skywarn net is every Tuesday at 9PM now that it is officially hurricane season.

**Interference:** Bryce K4LXF

No new information to report.

**Newsletter/CARS Carrier/Website:** John WA4GPS  
John noted that the website has a list of equipment for sale on the "Items for Sale/Wanted" page and a notice for equipment wanted.

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

Linda reported that at the last session there were two present and both passed their exams. The next VE test session will be at Trident Hospital at 9am on the second Saturday in August.

**School Programs:** Ken, AF4ZV, for Alene KG4NKD - DuBose Middle School Radio Club - K4DMS

Ken reported that school is out for the year. In addition, he provided a letter in support of leaving the DuBose club station in its present location.

**Membership:** Bryce K4LXF

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: Charles Fox, KI4UIZ

2nd Reading: Robert Graham, Jr. - KI4UPT  
Robert Graham, Sr. - WB4SOF  
George Post - KI4UIW  
Gregory Amirault - KI4TVA

Associate Membership:  
Janet Miller

In a motion by Tim KD4YUC, seconded by John WA4GPS, all four 2<sup>nd</sup> reading applicants were approved for regular membership and Janet Miller for associate membership with the CARS club.

Bryce also noted that “dues are due.” Members may pay this evening. And, there are more CARS Club ball caps available for \$8/cap.

**Old Business:**

Nominating Committee – Bryce (K4LXF), chair, reviewed the nominating process and then proposed the following slate of officers on behalf of the Nominating Committee: President - Ken Bible, AF4ZV; Vice-President - Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP; Treasurer - Linda NeSmith, K4MPY; and Secretary - Tracey Bible, KG4HTW. At the July meeting, the club is scheduled to vote on the officers for the next year.

**New Business:**

Field Day Appropriation – In a motion by Tim KD5YUC, second by Bobby W4KSD, the club approved Doc’s recommendation for \$450 to cover Field Day operation supplies to include food, gas, and other items required to support the event.

**Announcements:**

Club T-shirts & Jackets: Jenny WA4NGV noted that there is a vendor at the Ladson Flea Market who will stitch embroidery on a variety of clothing, including jackets, t-shirts, and golf/polo shirts. The charge is \$6 and the vendor already has the club logo on file. You need to provide the clothing item and the vendor places the embroidery on the item. For more information contact Jenny.

**Drawing:** The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Doug Clark, KU4OC.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim KD5YUC, and seconded by Linda K4MPY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 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 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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