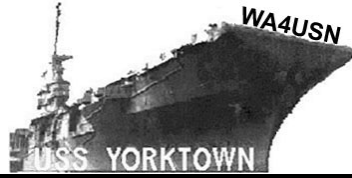


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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

September 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, September 10, 2007*

**DUES FOR THE YEAR
AUGUST 1, 2007 – JULY 31, 2008
are PAST DUE
if you have not already paid.**

\$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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a long, hot summer, which I would think might keep most people close to the air-conditioned comfort of home. Yet, we have had two very well attended club meetings in July and August, with nearly one-third of our members at each meeting, and new members joining each month. These are great statistics for the club! At the past few meetings, Bryce (K4LXF), our membership chairman, has reminded us "dues are due". Please take time to either bring your dues to the next meeting, or mail them in. We have some great momentum in our membership going into the fall. I want to see us keep everyone on the rolls, and in good standing!

As the weather cools, the road race season kicks off for local runners and walkers, and a couple of upcoming events have asked for our help. On September 9th, the club has agreed to support the Charleston Running Club in staging the Charleston 9 Memorial Run. This charity run/walk will benefit the families of the nine Charleston firefighters who lost loved ones in the tragic Sofa Super Store fire on June 18th. All proceeds will go to the South Carolina State Firemen's Association Endowment for the Charleston

Firemen's Fund. On October 6th, the club will assist the Mt. Pleasant and Isle of Palms Exchange Clubs in conducting the Isle of Palms 5K/10K Run that benefits the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. Another great benefit of the IOP run is the chance for some fellowship after the race at the Sea Biscuit Cafe – an island icon with some of the best omelets around.

The remnants of Hurricane Dean have now dissipated, but it was our warning shot for what may be a particularly active Atlantic hurricane season. During Dean, hams were involved in supporting the National Hurricane Center and passing vital traffic from the affected areas. Locally, several agencies have begun to look at amateur radio as part of their disaster preparedness planning. On August 22nd, I was asked by the East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO) organization to come speak about amateur radio, and how it might help coordinate the various church and other volunteer groups involved in this agency's support for food and medical supply distribution in the East Cooper area. It was a great meeting, and had the bonus benefit of being filmed by the local Channel 2 news folks. I didn't plan on an interview, but the reporter was so interested that he followed me out of the room to carry on the dialog, and we got a little bit of media attention on that evening's news to boot! We will again have the chance to expose the public to amateur radio at the upcoming Coastal Carolina Fair. Again this year, CARS will host a booth throughout the Fair.

A lot of activities are coming up. Please join me at our next club meeting at Ryan's Steak House on September 10th to find out how you can help!

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash - 8/1/07	\$1,755.58
Cash Receipts:	
August Raffle	30.00
Jenny Myers – Membership Dues	420.00
Cash Disbursements:	
Jenny Myers – Office Supplies	(46.42)
John Meyers – August Newsletter	(41.03)
Jenny Myers – Stamps	(82.00)
ARRL - George Kerr - August Raffle	(39.00)
Bell South – August	<u>(37.21)</u>
Ending Cash - 8/31/07	\$1,959.92
Savings HT	\$ 27.01
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

MINUTES of AUGUST MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, August 13, 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 August 13, 2007 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 38 members and 7 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Tracey KG4HTW

In a motion by, Bill Pennekamp (WA4WGP), and second by Peggy Thorne (KD8FNK), the July 2007 meeting minutes were approved as published in the August 2007 CARS Carrier with the amendment that the call sign for Elizabeth Zahn be corrected to read KI4RRZ under the membership section.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

The July 2007 Treasurer's report was accepted as information, as published in the August 2007 CARS Carrier.

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

Jenny reported that she had received a letter from the ARRL confirming that the CARS Hamfest was once again approved for the ARRL State Convention.

Flyers for the 2008 CARS Hamfest should go out this week.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR

Doc thanked all who helped with Field Day. He thanked in particular, Tim (KD5YUC) and Linda (K4MPY). Tim was participating in his first Field Day, but compiled the results and assembled them for submission to ARRL. Tim reported that the club completed 270 CW QSOs, 439 digital QSOs, and 694 phone contacts. The club received 1060 bonus points. Our point total for Field Day was 2624. It was noted that the club did not receive any points for the GOTA station due to the rule that each operator must make 20 contacts to qualify for the 20 points. Ken (AF4ZV) thanked everyone for their help, and particularly thanked Doc for being the club's Field Day Captain again this year.

Museum Ships: David KI4FSC

No new information to report.

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

Charleston: No new information to report at this time. Operations continue as normal.

Dorchester: No new information to report.

Berkeley: No new information to report.

Ken (AF4ZV) reported on an invitation he had received to come speak to the East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO) organization which has requested information about amateur radio in emergency services.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce reported extra fun with repeaters since the last meeting. He reported that Saturday night (August 11) there were numerous hang-ups and time-outs on the repeaters. Sunday morning, he realized that the link system was down. He made a trip to the Knightsville repeater site and found that the repeater was staying "keyed up". The repeater was uninstalled and checked out, and it checked out fine. After some additional trouble shooting, it was realized that there was a weak, but good steady carrier being received on the up-link frequency. It was determined that the Seabrook repeater link was locked up on 446.45 Mhz. The problem was corrected by taking down the link.

A new repeater had already been planned and purchased for the Seabrook site, and is ready for installation, which should resolve the problem with the linked system once installed. Ken (AF4ZV) thanked Bryce for the detective work, and diligence in diagnosing the problem. He continued by noting the hard work by the club engineers in keeping the repeater system operational for the benefit of the whole club.

NETS: Linda K4MPY - Newcomers Net; Susannah KE4RVF - ARES Net
No new information to report.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

Ken noted that several groups had approached the club for assistance with events in the coming months: Isle of Palms Connector Run – 5K/10K – October 6th at 8:00 AM; Charleston 9 Memorial 5K Run – new race to benefit Firefighters Association – September 9th at 8:30 AM; MS Walk – April 2008 – seeking CARS support well in advance
A motion regarding support of these events will be requested under New Business.

Interference: Bryce K4LXF
No new information to report.

Newsletter/CARS Carrier/Website: John WA4GPS
No new information to report. Ken (AF4ZV) noted that John has continued to collect statistics on the club web site usage, and that we saw some interesting spikes in usage last month.

Education and VE Testing: Sheila KT4YW and Linda K4MPY
ARRL VEC conducted VE testing on August 11th. Two people passed the Extra class exam. The next ARRL VE test session will be October 13th at Trident Hospital.

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

No new information to report at this time. Ken (AF4ZV) noted that school is about to start, so he looked forward to hearing more as the new school year starts.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce reiterated that “dues are due”, and could be paid in person after the meeting. There are currently 168 members. New rosters were available for members at the meeting.

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: Fred Zahn, KI4RSA
Elizabeth “Beautsie” Zahn, KI4RRZ

Associate Membership:
None

In a motion by Carl Thorne (KD8FNJ), seconded by Tim Russell (KD5YUC), Fred and Elizabeth Zahn were approved for regular membership with the CARS club.

Old Business:

There was no old business brought before the club.

New Business:

JOTA - Oscar Meyer, AI4SS, spoke to the club about the upcoming JOTA activities October 19-21. This is the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts. He encouraged Hams to set up a station to show scouts amateur radio. He also asked those operating to listen or call for “CQ Jamboree” in order to participate. Oscar gave some information on several sites that have regularly set up stations for JOTA. Wadmalaw Island will have a site, and Walterboro is looking for a site and operators. Ken (AF4ZV) noted that David Wilkins has helped in the past in arranging for operations on USS Yorktown. It was noted that arrangements could be made to allow scouts access to Yorktown to operate amateur radio for JOTA.

Races - Ken asked for motions on the races requesting club assistance:

Isle of Palms Connector Run – motion by Peggy (KD8FNK) to support. Seconded by Tim (KD5YUC). Motion was approved.

Charleston 9 Memorial Run – motion by Carl (KD8FNJ) to support. Seconded by Peggy (KD8FNK). Motion was approved.

MS Walk – motion by Tim (KD5YUC) to support. Seconded by Peggy (KD8FNK). Motion was approved.

Coastal Carolina Fair – there was discussion about two booths being made available to the CARS club for the Fair as in past years. The Fair runs from October 25th through November 3rd. There is a need for 40-50 volunteers to ensure that the booth is staffed at all times, which is a requirement of the CCF. Linda (K4MPY) noted that workers usually have approximately three hour shifts at the booth. Also, volunteers receive free parking and entry to the Fair. A motion was made by Jenny (WA4NGV) to support the event. The motion was seconded by Shelia (KT4YW). Motion was approved. Linda (K4MPY) noted that she would coordinate the schedule for volunteers.

Reimbursement request -Jenny (WA4NGV) noted that she and Bryce had purchased stamps in the amount of \$82.00 in order to mail out reminder notices for members delinquent in paying dues. She requested reimbursement for the cost. A motion was

made by Bryce (K4LXF), and it was seconded by Tim (KD5YUC). Motion was approved.

Announcements:

Dennis Zabawa (KG4RUL) spoke briefly to the club about his role as the ARRL Section Public Information Officer (PIO). Dennis noted that he could provide access to information from ARRL, and was working to share information with the state level on our local club activities.

Drawing: The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by George Kerr (KI4UIV).

A motion to adjourn was made by Carl (KD8FNJ), and seconded by JJ (KF4BZH).

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

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