

CARS CARRIER



Charleston Amateur Radio Society

November 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, November 12, 2007*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall brings us a lot of good things, not the least of which is the end of hurricane season! It was a very uneventful season in the Atlantic, and you will hear no complaints from me on this fact. As fires raged through parts of the San Diego area and other areas in Southern California, we were enjoying the cooling weather during the best time to be in the Lowcountry. That we are not faced with the challenges of our brethren in California is enough to be thankful for as we approach the holidays.

The cooler weather also ushers the Coastal Carolina Fair to town at the Ladson Fairgrounds. Thanks to the hard work of Linda (K4MPY) and Susannah (KE4RVF) in putting together a schedule, our booth will be staffed up throughout the fair. We really benefit from such opportunities to communicate to the public the value of ham radio. I look forward to hearing about the folks who came to visit the booth. In past years, we have not only passed along information about the value of our service, but also attracted more than a few folks to try their hand at the hobby.

We also have our ARRL Big Project school club (K4DMS) at DuBose Middle School in full swing. They will have completed participation in the ARRL School Club Roundup by the time of our next meeting. And I am sure there will be some good stories of their operations during the event. On October 30, I will be going up to speak to a roomful of inquisitive kids from the club as part of one of their regular meetings. I encourage everyone to take a turn helping the club with your time and talent.

Our December meeting will be our annual Holiday Party at the Shrine Temple in Mount Pleasant. The business session will be very brief so that we can

focus on the fellowship. I hope that every club member will join us in the festivities.

Since the December newsletter will be pre-empted by the holiday party announcement, let me take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best during the holiday season. I look forward to picking up this column again in January.

Please join me at our next club meeting at Ryan's Steak House on November 12th. We will hear a lot more about our activities of the past month, and learn more about our busy holiday season ahead.

73, Ken (AF4ZV)

OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash - 10/1/07	\$1,879.44
Cash Receipts:	
Jenny Myers - Membership Dues	390.00
October Raffle	32.00
Cash Disbursements:	
Jenny Myers - Xmas Party Advance	(200.00)
Bryce Myers-Tech Manuals-K4DMS	(120.00)
Jenny - Office/Club Room Supplies	(40.54)
ARRL - Sam Shuford - Oct. Raffle	(39.00)
Bell South - October	(40.53)
Ending Cash - 10/31/07	\$1,861.37
Savings HT	\$ 27.05
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

HAMFEST

The Hamfest will be here soon, Feb. 2nd 2008. As in the past years we need your help selling the prize tickets. These tickets are our best money maker, so the more tickets sold the better we will do on the Hamfest. We will give the tickets out at the Nov.

meeting and hope that most of you will be at the meeting since this will save the Hamfest Committee the cost of postage to mail them to you. Thanks for your help. See you at the meeting.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

MINUTES of OCTOBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 41
Monday, October 8, 2007 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order by President, Ken Bible, AF4ZV, at 7:35 PM on October 8, 2007 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 43 members and 6 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Tracey KG4HTW

In a motion by Timothy Russell, KD5YUC, and second by Bobby McBride, W4KSD, the September 2007 meeting minutes were approved as published in the October 2007 CARS Carrier, with the following amendment under "Announcements: Club member, Ed Astle, N1MMX, donated two Radio Shack HTX-100 10-meter rigs to the club."

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

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

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

Jenny reported that everything is on schedule and flyers are printed and shall be sent to Shelby and other events. The 2008 Hamfest is set for Saturday, February 2nd – Jenny expects to call a Hamfest Committee meeting when the tickets arrive and these should be ready for distribution at the November club meeting.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR

No further information to report on Field Day.

JOTA Reminder: Doc reminded everyone of the upcoming "Jamboree On the Air" event for the local Scouts. Doc is coordinating operations at the Laurel Hill Plantation site and David Wilkins, KI4FSC, is coordinating operations at the Yorktown site. The event dates are October 21st – October 22nd.

Museum Ships: David KI4FSC

No new information to report.

Emergency Prep: Bill WA4WGP, Charleston; John W4HNC, Dorchester; Vince KI4AOC, Berkeley

Charleston: Bill noted that he has shared recent ARRL information regarding Winlink and PSK31 with the EOC, and hopes to see these modes of communication added to the operating capabilities. Follow-up continues with applications submitted for RACES membership.

Dorchester: No new information to report.

Berkeley: No new information to report.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

The repeater network is functioning well. On Sunday night, the state ETV repeater in Awendaw was linked to Columbia via microwave and connected to our local repeater system. As a result, there were check-ins from as far away as Columbia and Elgin. Bryce extended thanks to Mike Wells, WA4HVP, for assistance with the programming.

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

Linda reminded club members that we are always looking for new Net Control operators for the "New comers" net on Thursdays at 8:00PM.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

Ken reported that the Isle of Palms Connector Run went very well and the communications support was a smooth process. The race director expressed appreciation for the continued communication support lead by the CARS club. Ken thanked those who gave their time to volunteer.

Interference: Bryce K4LXF

Bryce noted that just before the Sunday night Net, some interference started. The interference was traced to something getting into the Yorktown repeater, so that repeater was unlinked so the Net could proceed. The noise, which lasted all evening, eventually went away. It was reported that some interference has been heard in West Ashley, near the Walmart store. Bryce asked folks to note the day, time, and frequency of the interference, and then send this information in an email to Ken Bible and Bryce

Myers. With this information additional research can be done to attempt to locate the source.

Newsletter/CARS Carrier/Website: Ken Bible, AF4ZV, for John WA4GPS

Ken discussed the possibility of adding a new section to the CARS website to highlight the DuBose Middle School radio club, K4MDS. In addition, this would be an opportunity to get visibility for the school club's support needs to the club membership.

Education and VE Testing: Sheila KT4YW and Linda K4MPY

ARRL VE testing is held at Trident Hospital—check with front desk for room location. The schedule for regular testing occurs at 9:00 AM on the second Saturday of even numbered months. The next test session is to be October 13th. Cost is \$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 Roundup is coming and starts October 15th and runs Monday – Friday. This is a national event that fosters contacts with and among various school-based radio clubs. There are currently 12 kids [grades 6th, 7th, and 8th] involved this year at Dubose. In addition, the K4DMS club has received support from the TARC club, which has agreed to cover the cost of VEC exams for the K4DMS kids who wish to take the tests for licensure. Ken reported that he had been in touch with Vince Lombardo, President of the TARC club, to talk about how we can best support DuBose and other school programs.

Membership: Ken AF4ZV for Bryce K4LXF

Bryce reiterated that “dues are overdue” at this point and may be paid at the club meeting. In addition, there are still club ball caps available for sale for \$8/cap.

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: Wes Ratterree – KI4ZOO

2nd Reading: R. Vance Butts – KI4YSN

Linton Stevens (Steve) Chastain – KI4YSO
Shann Ladiser – KI4YSR

Associate Membership:
None

In a motion by Carl Thorne, KD8FNJ, seconded by Timothy Russell, KD5YUC, R. Vance Butts, Linton Stevens Chastain, and Shann Ladiser were approved for regular membership in the CARS club.

Old Business:

Coastal Carolina Fair: Linda NeSmith, K4MPY, reminded everyone that the club was in need of more volunteers to assist with staffing two booths at the annual fair in Ladson. Experienced hams are needed to help some of our newer hams who have signed-up. The dates are October 25th to November 3rd. Volunteers receive passes for free admission and parking for the days they staff the booth. Please contact Linda to volunteer or for more information.

Patriot's Point Agreement: Bryce Myers, K4LXF, gave a brief update on dialog with Patriot's Point Authority regarding a formal agreement regarding the use of the club room space by CARS.

New Business:

Holiday Party – Jenny Myers, WA4NGV

Club President, Ken Bible, had asked Jenny if she would gather information for the annual holiday party. Jenny reported that she had checked on the Shrine Temple near Patriots Point and the dining room is available. In a motion by Sam Shufford, KX4SAM, second by Timothy Russell, KD5YUC, the club voted to have a holiday party on the regular meeting date and time in December. This would make the party on Monday, December 10th at the regular meeting time of 7:30PM at the Shrine Temple.

Jenny read aloud the menu, and the buffet items were very similar to last year, including turkey, glazed ham, sweet potatoes, salad, rolls, dessert, iced tea and coffee. Historically, the club has agreed to cover part of the cost of the event. For this year, the cost is estimated at \$17.43 per person. In a motion by Timothy Russell, KD5YUC, and second by Carl Thorne, KD8FNJ, the club voted to appropriate \$200 for a deposit on the Shrine Temple location and that the club would charge \$13 per person to attend the

holiday dinner, as the club would pay the difference. Spouses are welcomed to attend and it was agreed that in lieu of a December newsletter, invitations to the holiday party will be sent to club members.

To make reservations, checks should be made payable to "Bryce Myers", who along with Jenny coordinates the payment for the dinner with the Shrine Temple.

Manuals for Dubose Middle School Radio Club: In a motion by Bryce Myers, K4LXF, and second by Timothy Russell, KD5YUC, the club appropriated \$120 to purchase six technician class license manuals for the K4DMS school radio club.

Announcements:

Silent Key: Doc Crane, W4MUR, shared that Phil Favaro had passed away last week.

Skywarn Class- will be starting soon at the Lonnie Hamilton Building on Bridgeview Drive. The class is scheduled for 7pm – 9pm. Please contact Jim Tarter at 202-7405 for more information.

Drawing: The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Sam Shufford, KX4SAM.

A motion to adjourn was made by, Avery Hill, W4QYV, and seconded by Peggy Thorne, KD8FNK.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.



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