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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

October 2008 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, October 13, 2008

DUES FOR THE YEAR

AUGUST 1, 2008 – JULY 31, 2009

ARE PAST DUE

\$20.00/Year, \$10.00 for each additional member in the same household. Please make check payable to CARS. You may pay at the meeting or mail to membership chairman: **Bryce Myers, K4LXF, 2630 Dellwood Ave., North Charleston, SC 29405-6814**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I recently attended a debriefing on Hannah at the Red Cross Headquarters. I signed in before the meeting and took a seat while waiting for the meeting to start. I got comfortable and just then a lady sat down beside me and asked if I was an amateur radio operator. I was at the number one spot on sign in and a stranger so she thought that I may be the right person. The lady immediately introduced herself and expressed her appreciation for the support that Hams have and are giving to disasters and other events. She was at the Katrina disaster and talked to me about the support that Hams gave them there. It turned out that Hams were the only communications in the area. There was no power, cell phones were out and communications were nil except for, you guessed it, HAMS. Like they say, "WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS". I was, at that moment, very proud to be in this fraternity of people who make it happen regardless of the odds. The people that supported Hannah in shelters and helped keep the EOC's informed deserve a huge credit. They are the people that give Hams their reputation. Everyone who supports these events and their families deserve the highest praises. So keep up the excellent work, we are coming to light more and more.

See every one at the next meeting.

73's, Bill WA4WGP

ARES NET REPORT

Here it is October and we got through September without a major hurricane in the area. We are very grateful but we are all very sorry about Texas and the other areas affected by Hannah and Ike. I understand the hams helped out quite a bit in those areas. Of course, we are not out of the woods as yet so it's not time to say "WHEW!" just yet. Stay prepared because, as we all know, it could be an earthquake or any disaster.

Then net controllers have been doing a great job even under failure of the system not getting linked up. Greg, KI4TVA, ran one of the nets and, unbeknownst to him, the link was not up. Mike, WA4HVP, checked in and let Greg know that John, KC4YI, was simultaneously running the ARES net on the 146.760. This turned out to be a training topic in itself since neither knew the other was running the net. So finally they did get together and Greg relinquished the net to John to complete the check-ins proving the resourcefulness of getting the job done. I sincerely hope all the extra effort the ARES members put into the training, that they have opted to study, never has to be used but, as you can see, they are proving they are ready for anything. Each time there is a mistake in the net, it is talked about and remedied. Better to solve it in these times rather than have it happen when there is trouble. Ed Steeble, K3IXD, coordinated the month of September and we thank him for that.

If you are interested in getting involved in your county's team, here is the list of those whom you should contact: Darrell, KB7QVG, Berkeley County; Ed Steeble, K3IXD, Dorchester County; Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP, Charleston County. I hope you consider getting involved.

73, Susannah KE4RVF

MINUTES of SEPTEMBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, September 8, 2008 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP, at 7:30 PM on September 8, 2008 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 38 members and 5 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/ Report: Alene KG4NKD

Correction to the minutes was made concerning the date of the 2009 Hamfest, which should have been recorded as February 7th, not February 2nd. In a motion by Tracey Bible, KG4HTW and second by JJ Lewis, KF4BZH, the July 2008 meeting minutes were approved with correction to that published in the September 2008 CARS Carrier.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

The August 2008 Treasurer's report was in the September 2008 CARS Carrier and accepted as information.

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

No report.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR

1. A new field day captain is needed for 2009.
2. The Yorktown will be unavailable for Field Day 2009, alternatives were discussed including:
 - a. John Welton, N4SJW, offered the use of the MUSC site for field day
 - b. James Island County Park
 - c. Oscar Meyer's place on John's Island
 - d. Laurel Hill Camp
 - e. Dorchester County EOC

Tracey, KG4HTW, suggested tabling the discussion for the next meeting when more information can be obtained by members of the club as to the availability of each site.

Museum Ships: Ed Walker, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

No report.

JOTA – Jamboree on the Air: A yearly Scout event: David Wilkins, KI4FSC, and Doc Crane, W4MUR

Will occur on Saturday, October 18th at two sites, the Yorktown and Laurel Hill Camp. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Anyone interested in helping on the Yorktown is encouraged to contact David Wilkins, KI4FSC, and anyone interested in helping at Laurel Hill is encouraged to contact Doc Crane, W4MUR.

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

Charleston: Bill, WA4WGP,

A discussion ensued concerning the emergency response to Hurricane Hannah. Some information about the success and the problems were brought up. Greg Johnson, WA7TSP, who works for the Red Cross thanked everyone, encouraged anyone who has problems at a shelter in the future to call him and held a "hashout" about Hurricane Hannah activities after this meeting.

Dorchester: Meetings on 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at the County Sheriff's complex on Hwy 78.

The second Saturday will be this week end, all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The Dorchester County was activated on Friday until 11:30 pm in response to Hurricane Hannah.

Berkeley: Meetings on the last Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM – please see website at www.w4brk.org for details. Activated all night and opened three shelters.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

No report.

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

Please see website for specific dates & times for nets at www.wa4usn.org. Nets are running fine. There was an interesting and successful drill on the Thursday night net, which was organized by Ed Steeble, K3IXD.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

1. Isle of Palms Connector Run on October 4th has four openings, contact Ken if interested in helping.
2. MUSC 2-mile Wellness Run on September 20th. Interested parties should contact Ken, AF4ZV.
3. Both will be voted on for Club support during New Business.

Interference: Bryce K4LXF

No report.

Newsletter/CARS Carrier/Website: John WA4GPS

Nothing to report.

Education and VE Testing: Sheila KT4YW and Linda K4MPY

Next test session will be the 2nd Saturday in October, 9 AM, at Trident Hospital.

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

Meetings are on Tuesdays, in room 303 at DuBose from 4-5:30. Anyone interested in visiting the club is encouraged to attend. School Club Roundup will be the week of October 20th through 23rd. K4DMS will participate from 4-6, Monday through Wednesday and from 4-8 on Thursday.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: Richard Rice, KI4BBX
Greg Johnson, WA7TSP

Associate Membership: None

In a motion by Ken Bible, AF4ZV, second by Bob Ramos, W4HGW, a vote was taken and the membership of Richard and Greg was accepted.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. In a motion by JJ Lewis, KF4BZH, second by Greg Amirault, KI4TVA, to accept the contract for booth at Lowcountry Fair. The motion was carried by a vote. Fair dates are October 30 through November 8th. Need someone (2 people per shift) at the booth the entire time the fair is open. The times of the fair are generally weekdays 3-9pm and weekends 12-10pm. Each volunteer receives admission in and a parking pass. Details will probably be handled by Linda NeSmith, K4MPY.
2. In a motion by JJ Lewis, KF4BZH, second by Doc Crane, W4MUR, the club voted to support the MUSC 2-Mile Wellness Run on September 20th.
3. In a motion by Sam Shuford, KX4SAM, second by John Meyers, WA4GPS, the club voted to support the Isle of Palms Connector Run on October 4th.

Announcements:

None

Drawing: There was no drawing for a one-year ARRL membership.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Welton, N4SJW, and second by Doc Crane, W4MUR.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alene, KG4NKD.



Wednesday Brunch Oct. 1, 2008

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