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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

November 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, November 10, 2008

**DUES FOR THE YEAR
AUGUST 1, 2008 – JULY 31, 2009
ARE PAST DUE**

We are still excepting late Dues.

\$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**

CHARTER MEMBER / Silent Key

I was just looking through your club's history pages and noticed the name of Blaine (Bubba) Johnson as a charter member. I don't know if you are aware, but Bubba passed away recently and a memorial service was held for him at Stuhr's North Area chapel. His widow, Kay, lives in Tennessee.

John Sikes, jsikes@netrockets.com
son of Lin Sikes, N4LS (Silent Key)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was sitting at my desk going thru papers and contemplating on what I should write for the CARS CARRIER for the November issue, when I came across the club roster. Then it hit me and a light bulb came on. Looking over the membership name by name it is something to see. The people that have different backgrounds from electronics and Ham Radio. We have almost every profession imaginable that are members of the club. Those members are knowledgeable in all areas of electronics, and are called upon to help in emergencies, and other

situations, which require skills and knowledge to do things that help in times of need. These people have studied and acquired their skill and knowledge by being tested and working with other Hams to gain skills required to be the best. Sometime just look around and see what we have in the club, the wealth of knowledge and cooperation, it is outstanding. There isn't a question that cannot be answered by some member concerning Ham Radio, and sometimes out of the realm of Ham Radio. I am sure after you take a look around you will be amazed and proud to be a member with these folks, I am.

Hope everyone had a spooktacular Halloween .

73's, Bill WA4WGP

ARES NET REPORT

Amateur Radio Emergency Services is what the acronym ARES means. It is taking a hobby and using it for not only communication between relatives and friends, and making contacts all over the world but also for offering your services as a trained communicator. You are a trained communicator because you took tests to make sure you knew how to handle a radio, how to get another's attention on the radio and what is acceptable for your FCC license.

You have the choice of getting involved in ARES or not. However, I am wondering if you know, really know, what you would do if say there is an earthquake? Have you sat down with your family and made a plan? This is one of the wisest things you could do. You may be signed up to go to a shelter or EOC in your county, that is great, but do you and your family have a plan? If this disaster happened on a weekday, the typical scenario would take place. Mom and Dad may be at work. Children may be at school; Grandparents may live alone and be home. First

impulse is to get on the phone and make contact to see if everyone is okay. Frustration and Panic ensue because you can't get in touch with anyone because the phone lines are busy or not working at all.

This article is not an advisement of what to do; only you and your family can make those plans. Family's welfare is first of course, so before you attend to your commitment with the ARES tasks, you need to know that they will be safe. You might consider planning without a phone, just in case you can't make contact. Schools have planned and practiced their emergency situations but have you? Have you taken pictures of your goods in your home? They would be substantiation to your insurance company. Have you planned a place to meet? That may be a good idea. This article is written in hopes you can have this conversation so that your family knows what to do in case of any disaster.

We thank John, KC4YI for taking the net for the month of October. We also thank quick thinking Bobby, W4KSD for picking up the net here locally when John, KC4YI had a problem getting out from his Columbia office. Another lesson learned.

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

Sept. / Oct. Financial Report

Beginning Cash - 9/1/08	\$1,443.52
Cash Receipts:	
October Raffle	21.00
Jenny Myers - Membership dues	815.00
Cash Disbursements:	
Jenny Myers - Office Supplies	(93.01)
John Meyers - September Newsletter	(48.35)
John Meyers - October Newsletter	(40.87)
Jenny Myers - Christmas Party Deposit	(150.00)
Jenny Myers - Roll of Stamps	(84.00)
ARRL - KI4FSC, David - Oct. Raffle	(39.00)
Bell South - September	(53.76)
Bell South - October	(49.12)
Ending Cash - 10/31/08	\$1,721.41

Savings HT \$ 27.17
Savings ST - CD \$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

MINUTES of OCTOBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61

Monday, October 13, 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 October 13, 2008 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 31 members and 3 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/Report: Alene KG4NKD

In a motion by Ken Bible, WF4ZV, and second by Tracey Bible, KG4HTW, the September 8, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as published in the October 2008 CARS Carrier.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

None presented.

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

Hamfest will be held Saturday, February 7, 2009. Hamfest prize tickets were distributed to club members at this meeting.

Field Day: Doc W4MUR

Three choices for places to hold the 2009 Field Day Activities were presented:

- Oscar Myers' Place in Seabrook. antenna hoists are in place, but everything else must be brought to the site.
- Laurel Hill – again we must bring everything, nothing is available at the site.
- MUSC – offered by John Wellton – tents, radios, and antennas will already be in place.

Doc announced that Doug Clark, KU4OC, has agreed to take over position as Field Day Coordinator for 2009.

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

Thursday will be the “Ingram” reunion at Patriot’s Point, NT4HI will be operating in the morning or afternoon.

JOTA will be held this weekend:

- a. Greg Amirault, KI4TVA, will operate from the Yorktown, Saturday only from 8 am until ...
- b. Doc Crane, W4MUR, will operate from Laurel Hill, Saturday only from 8 am until...

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

Charleston: Bill, WA4WGP, no meeting this month

Dorchester: Meetings on 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at the County Sheriff’s complex on Hwy 78. No meeting this month

Berkeley: Meetings on the last Saturday of each month at 9:00am – please see website at www.w4brk.org for details. No meeting this month.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

Another repeater has been added to the Hearts System located in Monck’s Corner. Go to www.w4hrs.org or www.schearts.org for a listing of repeaters and nets in the state.

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

Please see website for specific dates & times for nets at www.wa4usn.org. Susannah Roth, KE4RVF, stated that the ARES net is going well but net control operators are always needed. The Newcomers Net is also in need of control operators. Anyone interested in either net should contact Susannah.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

Both the MUSC 2 mile run and the IOP run went very smoothly. Thanks was expressed to all those who helped.

Interference: Bryce K4LXF

No new information was reported.

Newsletter/Website: John WA4GPS

No discussion was presented.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila KT4YW and Linda K4MPY

The next testing session will be on the second Saturday in December at Trident Hospital. VE testing occurs on the second Saturday of even months of the year.

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

K4DMS meets on Tuesdays, in room 303 at DuBose from 4-5:30. Anyone interested in visiting the club are encouraged to attend.

School Club Roundup is the week of October 20-23rd. The school will be operating on 20 meters mostly around frequencies 14.260, 14.270 +/- .20 and 2 meter FM simplex 146.55.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: Greg Johnson, WA7TSP, was inadvertently voted in at the last meeting before there were two readings, therefore his 2nd reading is actually tonight.

Associate Membership: Ronald Eugene Beltz

Tracey Bible, KG4HTW, made a motion, seconded by JJ Lewis, KF4BZH, to accept both for membership by acclimation.

Old Business:

The Coastal Carolina FAIR is coming October 30-November 8. Volunteers to man our booth are

needed. Volunteers receive free entrance tickets and a free parking pass. Contact Susannah Roth, KE4RVF or Linda NeSmith, K4MPY, if interested in volunteering.

New Business:

- 1. Will we have a Christmas Party? - Motion to have a Christmas party was made by Tracey Bible, KG4HTW, seconded by JJ Lewis, KF4BZH.

Specifics: Monday, December 8, 2008 at the Shriner’s Club, same menu as last year, cost per person is \$13.00, deposit for club \$150, there will be a “gift exchange” – if you bring a gift you get a gift. Couples may choose to bring one or two and will therefore receive either one gift or two in accordance.

Motion to accept the Christmas Party package was made by JJ Lewis, KF4BZH and seconded by Mike McCormick, WB4ZOE.

- 2. Radio Donations:

- a. On behalf of CARS, Bryce Myers, K4LXF, presented Alene Wilkins, KG4NKD with a 2 meter ICOM V8000 for, DuBose’s Middle School Radio Club, K4DMS. The radio was donated by Phillip Blaha, K4PNB.

- b. Also on behalf of CARS, Bryce Myers, K4LXF, presented to Alene Wilkins, KG4NKD a 2 meter HT radio for Billy Thompson, KJ4BNA, the youngest licensed amateur member of CARS. This radio was donated by Bruce Horowitz, KJ4EIZ.

Announcements:

None

Drawing: The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by David Wilkins, KI4FSC.

A motion to adjourn was made by JJ Lewis, KF4BZH, and seconded by Dennis Powell, K4LXG.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alene, KG4NKD.

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