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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

January 2009 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, January 12, 2009

DUES FOR THE YEAR

**AUGUST 1, 2008 – JULY 31, 2009
ARE PAST DUE**

If you have not yet paid your dues for the August 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009 year, this is your last chance. In February those who have not paid their dues will be removed from the membership list.

\$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

Well our last meeting of the year was a huge success. We had a large attendance with members and their families. We can give much of our success to Jenny WA4NGV and Bryce K4LXF for organizing and obtaining the place to hold and feed our group. We also should give a standing ovation to Greg KI4TVA for conducting the exchange of gifts, he did an excellent job of keeping the exchanges under control. There was a much traveled slow cooker during the exchanges. The cooker started as a new one but with all of the exchanges the box was well worn and I have my doubts as to whether it worked after the exchanges that were made with it. Everyone left saying they plan to return next year. We have Greg KI4TVA booked for a repeat performance.

I do hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah. I want to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

I am looking forward to all of the projects we having coming up this next year. We will have a location for our Field Day and a new leader Doug KU4OC, along with the bridge run and other races. This year will be exciting and I'm looking forward to the excitement.

See everyone at the next meeting.

73's, Bill WA4WGP

ARES NET REPORT

Everything is going pretty smooth on the ARES nets. Thanks go to KF4HAV, Brian of Myrtle Beach for running the ARES nets in November. Also thanks to Darrell, KB7QVG for the month of December. There were great training topics in both November and December. Good idea to listen to the training topics in light of the fact we had an earthquake here in the area last month.

For all you new hams or even the ones who have had their license a good while, how about considering running a net. Those of you who are interested, let me know. My phone number is 843-873-7684. I will let you know how to get started and pass that info on to your area's net scheduler so they can schedule you. Also if you want to run newcomers net first, that can be arranged. Just give me a call, I will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding both the ARES net and the Lowcountry Newcomers net.

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.

May this new year of 2009 be kind to all of you. Gas prices have gone down, lets hope it that is a good indication that other things will be reduced back to normal too.

73, Susannah KE4RVF

LOWCOUNTRY NEWCOMERS NET REPORT

We are presently looking for net controllers for the lowcountry newcomers net. If you have never run a net before, this is the place to learn. We have a preamble that we can send you to read over the air before you take check-ins. Anyone who is interested can call Susannah at 873-7684.

We sincerely hope that 2009 becomes the turnaround year for everyone. Hopefully our economy can get back to normal and ease the burden on all.

73, Linda, K4MPY and Susannah, KE4RVF

MINUTES of NOVEMBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, November 10, 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 November 10, 2008 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 32 members and 3 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes/Report: Alene KG4NKD

A motion to accept as published was made by Doc, W4MUR and seconded by Shann, KI4YSR

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

Report published in the CARS Carrier was accepted as information. Treasurer absent.

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

None.

Christmas party information was presented by Sheila, KT4YW, the letters about the party have been mailed. Party will be Dec 8th, cost \$13.00 per person. Location Shriner's Club at Patriot's Point

Field Day: Doc W4MUR

The club is searching for a computer program to record contacts that is easy to save.

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

Ed, KQ4DC announced that the Historic Naval Ships Association met on the Yorktown 2 weeks ago and took a tour of the radio room on the Yorktown and the Laffey.

David, KI4FSC announced that the conditions were great during this visit especially on 20 meters where 15-20 countries were contacted in 30 minutes.

JOTA : Greg Amirault, KI4TVA and Doc Crane, W4MUR

Greg, KI4TVA, had 3-4 boy scout groups and also ran the Laffey. Doc, W4MUR said there were no scouts out at Laurel Hill.

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

Charleston: no news, waiting for RACES and ARES Certificates.

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

November meeting was this past Saturday. No December meeting planned. Started PSK nets on Wednesday and Sunday at 8 pm, 2 m SSB, purpose is to send digital notation with error correction and to see how far we can go. Want to change to 9p, 2m FM, 144.144 using Domino EX on Wednesday and Sunday. Anyone interested is invited to participate.

Berkeley: Meetings on the last Saturday of each month at 9:00am – please see website at www.w4brk.org for details.

Tom, NA4U, explained that the 4th shelter has been set up with coax and a permanent radio. There are a

total of 11 shelters. They wish to install emergency generators at each site. There will be no November or December meetings.

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.

Susannah, KE4RVF, reported that the ARES nets are falling in place and the Newcomers net is seeking net controls. All are welcome and everyone is encouraged to try his/her hand as net control. Anyone interested should contact Susannah.

Races: Ken AF4ZV

None to report. The next should be the "Charlie Post Classic".

Interference: Bryce K4LXF

No report.

Newsletter/Website: John WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila KT4YW and Linda K4MPY

VE testing occurs on the second Saturday of even months of the year at Trident Hospital. Next test date is December 13th.

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 is encouraged to attend.

K4DMS needs a 25 amp power supply to go with the 2m radio donated to the club at the last meeting. The approximate cost is \$130.00.

We are now able to operate on PSK and will be on 14.070, 20 m, from 4:15 to 5:15 next Tuesday.

The log for the School Club Roundup has been sent in.

Membership: Bryce K4LXF

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: Stephen Fletcher, KJ4GHF
Rocky L. Correll, KJ4GZP
David Sowers, K4SUE
Willie Bennett, WB4SOG

2nd Reading: None

Associate Membership: None

Old Business:

Tom, NA4U, stated that he would like to see more radio related displays and activities next year at the Fair.

New Business:

1. Greg, WA7TSP, from the Red Cross as coleader of the response technology team in control of satellite, telephone, internet and ham radio (ARES) presented the following CARS members with certificates for his help during Tropical Storm Hannah: George Post, KI4UIW; Thomas Evans, NA4U, Bobbie McBride, W4KSD, and Bill Pennekamp, WA4WP
2. K4DMS requests 25amp power supply for the 2m radio given to the club by CARS at the last meeting, price requested \$130.00. in a motion by Greg, KI4TVA, seconded by Ed, KQ4DC. CARS voted to give K4DMS, \$130.00 to purchase said power supply.
3. A certificate of appreciation by the Coast Guard CW Association was given to Wes, W4RUX, for his service as Trustee of the Association from August 2001 to August 2005.

Announcements:

1. The Coast Guard CW Association license has been transferred to CARS.
2. K4HCD, Mr. Kamerer, has a great deal of radio equipment for sale, as he is downsizing.
3. The Red Cross is hosting a class on their duties on Nov 15th.

4. Sam, KX4SAM, is seeking pictures and video of any amateur radio activity to include in a multimedia presentation. If you have any pictures or video contact Sam Shuford or email starship@sc.rr.com.
5. On Wednesday there will be a statewide earthquake drill starting at 9:30, it is only a test.

Drawing: No drawing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tracey, KG4HTW, and seconded by Wes, W4RUX.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alene, KG4NKD.

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Shriner's Club – Christmas Party
Monday, December 8, 2008 - 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Christmas Party meeting was called to order by President, Bill

Pennekamp, WA4WGP, at 7:35 PM on December 8, 2008 at the Shriner's Club, in Charleston.

Ed Walker, KQ4DC said the blessing before the meal.

Membership: Bryce Myers, K4LXF

Regular Membership

1st Reading: none

2nd Reading: Stephen Fletcher, KJ4GHF

Rocky L. Correll, KJ4GZP

David Sowers, K4SUE

Willie Bennett, WB4SOG

Associate Membership: none

Motion to accept by acclamation made by Doc Crane, W4MUR, seconded by David Wilkins, KI4FSC

Announcements: Billy Thompson, KJ4BNA, thanked the club for his new HT.

A motion to adjourn was made by David Wilkins, KI4FSC, and seconded by Lee, KI4LLJ
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alene, KG4NKD.

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