

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

September 2009 Newsletter

CARS Web Site --- <http://www.wa4usn.org>

CARS meets the second Monday of each month at Ryan's Steak House on Highway 61.

Our next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM, Monday, September 14, 2009



DUES FOR THE YEAR

AUGUST 1, 2009 – JULY 31, 2010

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**

can also save the club the postage to mail a separate appeal for your renewal.

Please let me hear from you if you have an interest in working with an event, project or committee. Join me and your fellow CARS members at our next meeting on September 14th at 7:30pm.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month I mentioned that the ARRL Board of Directors is expected to update their Strategic Plan in the October meeting. I have recently re-read the club Bylaws and thought it might interest members of CARS to know that our club purpose is aligned with the ARRL goal to “strongly and proactively improve the overall image and relevance of Amateur Radio with the public.” Our purpose is pretty straightforward: “The club is a fraternal and non-profit organization to promote the growth of Amateur Radio and Emergency communications in the Carolina Lowcountry.”

We have an active and dedicated group of club members who volunteer their time to support emergency services, communications support at community events, maintain club equipment, teach classes, and variety of other roles that keep amateur radio relevant in the Lowcountry. The SC Hearts project is an excellent demonstration of the club's contribution to the Emergency Communications effort in our community and state. Nearly 200 members strong, the CARS club offers us an opportunity to help each other and our neighbors.

Speaking of membership, dues are due for the coming year. Thank you for renewing your membership to CARS. If you bring your dues to a club meeting, you

ARES NET REPORT

Many thanks go to Mike, N9GSX, for taking the month of August. Those of you who listened to the Sunday night ARES net gained a lot of knowledge from the training topics. He did a great job running the net but remember there was a time he may have felt awkward about running any net. It is a good thing to know how to run a net. What is difficult about it is copying down the call signs as quick as they are called. If you need practice doing that, pretend you are the net controller and see how accurate you are. At first it is a little difficult but, with a little practice, it does become easier. It really doesn't matter if you are an ARES member or not because, should there be a disaster, you may be needed to pass traffic or pick up the net to relieve the net controller. Sorry if you find I am repeating myself here in this column, but I just can't stress the importance of being able to run a net too often. Listed below are the ones you need to contact in your county.

The statewide net is coming along, still with growing pains of course. There are going to be changes and among them is figuring out a way to shorten the net or have sub nets. These are some of the topics that are going to be discussed soon.

Thanks go to Art, KE4EAN, Greenville area (2) for taking the month of Sept.

Think about becoming a member of ARES and use your license for the good of mankind.

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

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 7/1/09	\$1,739.08
Cash Receipts:	0.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - ARRL PR-101 CD	(22.70)
ARRL - June Raffle - Sheila Frank	(34.00)
John Meyers - July Newsletter	(42.43)
Bell South - June	(47.33)
Bell South - July	(47.20)
Stop Payment Bank Fee	(6.00)
Stop Payment - Membership Dues Check	(30.00)
Ending Cash - 7/31/09	\$1,509.42
Savings HT	\$ 27.27
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 10, 2009 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP, at 7:30 PM then Bill turned over the Presidents position to Tracy Bible, KG4HTW, August 10, 2009 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 35 Regular members, 3 Associate members, and 2 Guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Tracey, KG4HTW for Alene, KG4NKD

In a motion by Ken Bible, AF4ZV, and second by J. J. Lewis, KF4BZH, the July 2009 meeting minutes were approved as published in the August 2009 CARS Carrier.

Treasurer's Report: Linda K4MPY

Linda reported via document from Georgia the financial report beginning 7/1/09:

1. Beginning cash as of 7/1/09 - \$1,739.08
2. Savings HT - \$27.25
3. Savings ST-CD - \$1,306.45

Hamfest Report: Jenny WA4NGV

1. Jenny reported that the fair grounds raised the rent \$100.00 more and the Hamfest will be on FEB 6, 2010.
2. Jenny reported that her and Mike Wells (WA4HVP) will be the co-chairman of the Hamfest next year.
3. Jenny reported that they are trying to cut costs down and there will be no flyers mailed out this year it will only be done by email. Jenny also said this is a trial and they might have to go back to mailing next year but will have to wait and see the results.
4. Jenny reported she would like to see everyone spread the word on the repeaters about the future Hamfest.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

1. Ed reported they will have a wake next week as we tearfully bid goodbye to the USCG INGHAM as it is leaving us. Ed had some concerns about the call sign as it belongs to the club and will discuss that at a later time.
2. Ed reported the USS LAFFEY will be gone for some extended period of time for repairs.

Field Day: Doug, KU4OC

1. Doug reported as an update that he electronically submitted the scores to ARRL and it will be up to ARRL when they post them.

PIO / Races: Ken, AF4ZV

Ken reported on two events for which CARS Communication support has been requested:

1. "Isle of Palms Connector 10K Run" will be on October 3, 2009 and Ken is looking for 3 operators to fill the remaining slots.
2. "Riverfront Race Festival Run - Half Marathon" will be on January 15, 2010 and Ken will be looking for operators when it gets closer to the date.

Emergency Prep: Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HNK, Dorchester; Vince, K4AOC, Berkeley

Charleston: Bill reported they will be having a regular ARES meeting at the fire house on Saint Andrews near highway 7 and highway 61 this coming Saturday at 9:00 am.

Dorchester: Greg (W1GRE) reported that Dorchester had a meeting last Saturday and there is training on the agenda.

Berkeley: No Report.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

1. Bryce reported on the 145.250 repeater that there was a storm about 2 weeks ago and the repeater went down. Bryce said they went up there and turned the power off and turned it back on and the repeater went back to working again. Bryce commented that it could go back down.
2. Bryce reported on the 146.790 that the autopatch has not been working since they got the new controller. Bryce said that when he went to take out the autopatch the controller went down and Bryce went back later with a spare controller with out the autopatch and everything was running again.

Nets: Susannah, KE4RVF, & George, KI4UIW

1. Susannah reported that there are a lot of growing pains on the ARES net with the new linked system. Susannah said the net is not only good for practicing emergencies but it also lets us know if there is a problem with the system when connected state wide.
2. Susannah reported that she gets a lot of suggestions from around the state on how to run the net better and she reports that some are very good ideas.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

1. John reported he has new animation on the webpage.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW, & Bryce, K4LXF

1. Sheila reported they had their last test session was last Saturday and the next test session will not be until October.

2. Bryce reported that he has about 8-10 people signed up for class. Bryce has looked into having the class at the Trident meeting room where Sheila has her test sessions.
3. Bryce spoke with Mike, the Emergency Coordinator of the Trident Hospital, and Mike would like Bryce to teach ham classes in 3 different hospitals for the staff at the hospitals. Bryce reported that there will probably be 2 classes starting out, one during the week and the other on the weekend.
4. Bryce reported that there is no date for the class set at this time.

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

No Report.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

1. Bryce reported that membership dues are due August 1 of every year and dues are due if you have not paid them.

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: John Borkowski – K3JCB

Associate Membership: None

In a motion by Wess Leitch, W4RUX, seconded by John Meyers, WA4GPS, John Borkowski was approved for regular membership in the CARS club.

Old Business:

No Report

New Business:

No Report

Announcements:

1. Scotty Jeter, WB4FEU, reported that he has some items to give away if anyone wants any of them. Scotty said he has a Midland model 13-510 2 meter radio, Coax, DVD player, and antenna. Scotty would like you to call him at 552-1662 if you would like any of these items.
2. Ed Walker, KQ4DC, Reported that JOTA (Jamboree On The Air), a scouts program,

will be held the 3rd week in October on the Yorktown. Ed is looking for 3 people to help out with the scouts and he will have a sign up sheet at next months meeting.

3. Bryce Myers, K4LXF, reported a week ago Sunday, during the ARES NET, there was a loud hum on the 146.730 repeater and a lower hum on the 146.985 repeater. Bryce said he is trying to pin down the problem and it was only heard when everything was connected state wide. Bryce also invites everyone to check into this net on Sunday nights and you do not have to be an ARES member to check in. Bryce would like to know if anyone hears the hum again or has any ideas what it might be to let him know.
4. There was an informal discussion between Bryce Myers, K4LXF, and some other members about a training class that had been cancelled.
5. Ed Walker, KQ4DC, reports that for anyone that is not an ARRL member, he has a years worth of QST's for anyone to take home.
6. President Tracy Bible, KG4HTW, reported that she is looking for any recommendations

or ideas for the good of the club. You can email her at biblek@cofc.edu

7. Bryce Myers, K4LXF, reported that a couple of weeks ago Kenneth Bible, AF4ZV, contacted him about some cabinets that the FFA was giving away. Bryce said after some confusion, Bryce and John "Buggy" Greene, K4ILT, went and picked up 7 cabinets that are 7 foot tall and weigh about 300lbs. Bryce also said these cabinets are rack mount cabinets and are stored at John "Buggy" Greene's home.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Doug Clark, KU4OC for the second month in a row.

A motion to adjourn was made by Roland "Doc" Crane, W4MUR, and seconded by Kenneth Bible, AF4ZV.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mark, KE4KMD.

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