

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

November 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, November 9, 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**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Nothing Received

## **ARES NET REPORT**

We can give a sigh of relief now that the hurricane season is over, but we shouldn't get lax in our vigilance. There are other aspects of emergency training for which ARES member have been trained and they know they have to be prepared at all times should an occurrence take place such as hazardous material spills, airplane crashes, and other sorts of disasters.

All three counties, here in the low country, have practice drills so that performance and skills can be fine tuned. Most of the drills uncover an incident that was not expected, thus, learning the lesson of coping with such incidents. We never stop learning to expect the unexpected. There is a meeting in your county if you would like to attend. Having knowledge about how to react to a disaster may save you and your loved ones' lives.

If you are interested in getting involved in your county's team, here is the list of those whom you should contact: Darrell Moser, KB7QVG, Berkeley County; Susannah Roth, KE4RVF, Dorchester County; Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP, Charleston County. I hope you consider getting involved.

73, Susannah, KE4RVF

## **JOTA on Yorktown & Clamagore**

Friday and Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 114 scouts and leaders from five different troops and packs got to talk on WA4USN and NJ4DU during the Jamboree On The Air [JOTA]. That was about one third the total number of campers on board. They came from Lexington, KY, Versailles, KY, Knoxville, TN, Melbourne, FL, and Acworth, GA. There were 26 WA4USN contacts, 15 of which were JOTA stations. Contacts were made with scout stations in the U.S., Croatia, Czech Republic, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom. One in England, GG100GN, had a group of girls celebrating the 100th anniversary of Girl Guides. A visiting scout from Knoxville, Andrew KJ4KXF, got to make seven of the contacts with CARS members as control operators.

CARS members assisting in the event were Ed KQ4DC, George KI4UIW, Larry KJ4GZR, Avery W4QYV, and Keith N2OBS. The latter had a "Field Day" getting a lot of attention showing several digital modes on his lap top. Larry got a couple interested in CW with a code oscillator off in a corner. The repeater was used to illustrate two meter contacts as the ham analogy to cell phones and a couple of the scouts in each group got to talk simplex on HTs. There was some lecturing on ham licensing and the scout Radio Merit Badge.

Ed took five of the scouts, who had missed the opportunity, to the Clamagore where they got to talk on NJ4DU to one of four contacts in the very exotic confines of that radio room. All who talked got a QSL card from WA4USN or NJ4DU.

The leaders of each unit expressed great appreciation

and two said they were going to make sure that they scheduled their next Yorktown visit during JOTA. This kind of event with its personal contact with young people certainly aids in recruiting hams for the future.

## SEPT. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 9/1/09	\$2,313.15
Cash Receipts:	
August Raffle	27.00
Jenny Myers	570.00
Donation from K4UHC, John Bradham	80.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - September Newsletter	(42.59)
Doug Clark - Field Day Port-A-Let	(96.11)
Bell South - September	(47.41)
Ending Cash - 9/30/09	\$2,804.04
Savings HT	\$ 27.29
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45
Linda NeSmith - K4MPY	

## MINUTES of SEPT. MEETING

### Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61  
Monday, September 14, 2009 - 7:30 PM

### MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Tracy Bible KG4HTW, at 7:30 PM September 14, 2009 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

### Introductions:

There were 36 Regular members, 2 Associate members, and 12 Guests present.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Mark Caragher, KE4KMD In a motion by Kenneth Bible, AF4ZV, and second by John Meyers, WA4GPS, the August 10, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as published in the September 2009 CARS Carrier.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda K4MPY

The July 2009 treasurer's report was published in the September 2009 CARS Carrier and was accepted as information.

**Hamfest Report:** Jenny, WA4NGV

Jenny Myers was not present and there was no new information at this time.

**Museum Ships:** Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC Ed Walker KQ4DC reported that they are making up certificates for the museum ships for those stations that contact them on the air.

**Field Day:** Doug, KU4OC

Doug Clark, KU4OC had nothing to report.

**PIO / Races:** Ken, AF4ZV

Ken Reported the Isle of Palms Connector 10K Run will be on October 3, 2009 and Ken is still looking for operators for this event.

**Emergency Prep:** Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HNC, 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. Bill advised you will have to park in the shopping center near the fire house that has the laundry mat because they are paving the parking lot at the fire Dept. Bill also mentioned that you do not have to be a ARES member to come to the meeting.

Dorchester: Mark Caragher, KE4KMD reported that last Saturday there was a drill to test if information could be handled while all the radios were on creating a noising back ground. It was also reported that there was traffic handling practice. Berkeley ARES/RACES and Lincolnville Fire Dept participated in this drill. Mark says there will be more drills in the future.

Berkeley: George Post, KI4UIW Reported that they have there meeting on the last Saturday of every month.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

Bryce Myers was not present so there was nothing to report.

**Nets:** Susannah, KE4RVF, (ARES net) & George, KI4UIW (Newcomers net)

1. Susannah reported that she wants everyone to know that George Post, KI4UIW is in charge of the new comers net in case anyone wants to be net control for the new comers net.
2. Susannah reported that last Sunday the ARES net had a record of 80 checkins. This happened because there were echolink stations checking in. Susannah says she will not sit

around for 2 hours while 10,000 people check in so they are working on having sub-nets.

3. George Post, KI4UIW Reported he is still needing operators to run the net.

**Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS

John Meyers reported there was nothing new.

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

1. Sheila Frank, KT4YW reported there will be a regular test session on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
2. John Meyers, WA4GPS reported on behalf of Bryce Myers, K4LXF who was not present at the meeting. Bryce will be holding a Technician Class on September 26 and 27 which is a Saturday and Sunday. There will be another Technician Class on October 7 and 8 which is Wednesday and Thursday for the hospital staff. The classes will be held at the Trident Hospital in the conference room and there will be testing at the end of each class. Please contact Bryce for more information on the classes.
3. Greg, WA7TSP reported he will be having a Technician Class in Beaufort on September 26 and 27 at the Masonic Temple on Depot Rd. Please contact Greg at [wa7tsp@arrl.net](mailto:wa7tsp@arrl.net) for more information.

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

No Report.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

1. There were two applications that need to be read but since Bryce is not present the applications will be deferred until next monthly meeting.
2. Sheila Frank, KT4YW is taking dues tonight if anyone needs to pay there dues. Dues were do in August. If you were not prepared tonight to pay dues Bryce left his mailing information to mail your dues to him.

**Old Business:**

No Report

**New Business:**

1. Greg, KI4TVA reported there will be a survey coming out in the October news letter to see what everyone is interested in the club.
2. Oscar, AI4SS reported they are looking for help with (JOTA) Jamboree On The Air. He is looking for operators that are willing to stay up late to get the best contacts over seas. They will be needing help on the Yorktown for safety concerns. Ed, KQ4DC reported that he will have a signup sheet at the next meeting if you want to help out with JOTA. Ed reported that JOTA is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October. The dates for JOTA are October 16,17, and 18 and will start at 00.01 local time on Friday.
3. Doug, KU4OC reported that the Coastal Carolina Fair is coming up and the club has a booth every year at the fair. Linda is not here and normally heads this up. Doug said he cannot take care of the booth because he handles all the communications for the fair so someone will have to step up and handle the schedule for the booth. Doug says you will get Free tickets for the day you work and there will be special parking for those working the booth in which you can park closer and not with the general public. The fair dates are from October 29 – November 7. For more information on the fair you can go to [www.coastalcarolinafair.org](http://www.coastalcarolinafair.org). Susannah, KE4RVF said she would be willing to help out anyone who is willing to take on this task. The floor was opened up by President Tracy Bible, KG4HTW for the members to except a motion to have a booth at the fair this year. Motion was made by Bobby, W4KSD and 2<sup>nd</sup> by George, KI4UIW. Majority of membership was in favor and there was one opposed. Carrie Post, KJ4LPN volunteered to coordinate the fair booth.
4. Christmas Party - President Tracy Bible, KG4HTW asked the members is there a motion to have a Christmas party this year. Motion was made by JJ, KF4BZH and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron, KJ4IPB. It was approved by majority vote of members that we will have a Christmas party in December for our meeting. The group of members also accepted Jenny, WA4NGV to coordinate the Christmas party this year.
5. Coast Guard Cutter INGHAM has gone to Jacksonville, FL for repairs and when it is

finished it will be moving to Key West. Key West has expressed interest to have the NR4DL call sign transferred to them and they have assigned an amateur extra as the trustee. Wess, W4RUX made a motion to transfer call sign and ownership to Miami Dade Heritage Museum. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by ED, KQ4DC. Majority of members voted in favor to transfer call sign and ownership and has been approved.

6. Bobby, W4KSD reported there will be a special event station this weekend at the Hunley Museum. Amateurs from different clubs will be working the special event station. The special event station will be giving out a special event QSL card for any contacts made with the special event station from 160 meters – 10 meters. The special event call sign is N4H. You can go to the website at [www.nn4f.com/n4h](http://www.nn4f.com/n4h) for more information. Bobby also reported that on September 22 at 9pm the state wide skywarn net will be run from the national weather service and national

weather service staff will be available for any questions you might have.

### **Announcements:**

No Report.

### **Drawing:**

The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Larry Groves, KJ4GZR

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed, KQ4DC, and seconded by JJ, KF4BZH.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mark, KE4KMD.

## **MINUTES of OCT. MEETING**

The Minutes for the October 12, 2009 meeting of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society were not received for publication.

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