

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

January 2010 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, January 11, 2010*

## HAMFEST

The Hamfest is 6 Feb. 2010, next month, can you believe it? Everything is going well, we have a good number of Dealers who have signed up and paid for their tables. If you have not sold or brought your prizes tickets, please do so. We need your help to make this another successfully Hamfest. Also we need help the day before the Hamfest and the day of the Hamfest. I will pass around a sign up sheet at the January meeting. However, if you can not make the meeting, please call me at 747-2324 if you can help. Thanks for all of your help over the past years, and I know we can count on you again this year.

Thanks, Jenny, WA4NGV, Co Chair

**DUES FINAL NOTICE:** For those of you who have yet to pay your Dues, please do so right away. We would hate to lose you. Please send to: Bryce Myers, K4LXF, 2630 Dellwood Ave., N. Charleston SC 29405 747-2324

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that another year has passed, not to mention the entire decade! As with most people this time of year, Ken and I have had a chance to spend some time with family, and have reflected on all the many happenings in our lives. The same is true for the CARS club. We ended 2009 with our annual holiday party, and enjoyed some time with our Ham radio family. We remembered some successes, some loses, and even a tragedy to mark this year.

CARS has been more successful than ever in helping to instruct new Hams, and supporting the ARRL VEC team. Perhaps the most important part of our outreach to the community is the success of our work to teach entry level license classes. In partnership with DHEC and others, we have licensed dozens of new Hams in Charleston and across South Carolina. Our Hamfest continued as a successful fund raising activity of the club, and when Hamfests across the country are struggling to survive, Charleston continues to make ends meet and draws a consistent crowd.

We did lose some remarkable folks this year. Amongst them, perhaps none was more shocking than Ed Steeble (K3IXD, SK), who perished in a tragic plane crash. Ed's legacy is the success of our Big Project club at DuBose Middle School, which resumed its activities for its sixth year this school year. The success of the DuBose club is a testament to Ed's steadfast support of amateur radio.

As always, it is our remarkable membership that keeps the CARS club strong.

Please make it a New Year's Resolution to join us at our next club meeting at Ryan's Steak House on January 11<sup>th</sup>. My own is to make more time for myself to enjoy amateur radio – maybe even work on that license upgrade that Ken keeps egging me on about. With the holidays over, the new year will get off to a quick start. We have the Riverfront Race Festival Half Marathon on January 16<sup>th</sup> and the CARS Charleston Hamfest won't be far behind on February 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot to look forward to in 2010! .

73, Tracey (KG4HTW)

## ARES NET REPORT

There have been many changes recently but I would like to start my first article with a big thank you to Susannah Roth, KE4RVF. For the last few years she has been the net manager for our local ARES net and was a big hand in getting the statewide net off the ground. I know there are many who will join me and say 'well done Susannah'. She has transferred the net manager position to me.

Another important change to tell is that our local ARES net is back. At 8Pm Sunday nights we start our net. After our net concludes, the repeater system is then tied into the statewide net so those wishing to can check in there. Our net will rotate net control assignments between the three counties so please contact your local EC's to volunteer. I also encourage everyone to listen to our training topics as they are meant to relevant to our local area. If you have any good ideas for things you would like to know, contact me.

Another concern of our ARES groups is lagging membership. Next meeting or net night, ask a friend who might be interested to come along. I am sure there are folks who would be interested but don't know who to contact. It is easy, just contact an ARES member!

73, Darrell, KB7QVG

## OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 10/1/09	\$2,804.04
Cash Receipts:	
September Raffle	28.00
Jenny Myers - Membership Dues	710.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - October Newsletter	(29.06)
August Raffle - Doug Clark KU4OC	(39.00)
September Raffle - Larry Groves KJ4GZR	(39.00)
Bell South - October	(47.31)
Ending Cash - 10/31/09	\$3,387.67
Savings HT	\$ 27.30
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

## NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 11/1/09	\$3,387.67
Cash Receipts:	0.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - November Newsletter	(42.74)
Bell South - November	(47.33)
Ending Cash - 11/30/09	\$3,297.60
Savings HT	\$ 27.31
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 12, 2009 - 7:30 PM

### MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Tracy Bible, KG4HTW, at 7:30 PM on October 12, 2009 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

### Introductions:

Sign-in sheet is not available at this time for this meeting.

### Secretary's Minutes: Mark, KE4KMD

As the September 2009 minutes were not included in the October CARS Carrier, the Secretary read the minutes out loud at the meeting. Minutes were approved with the following corrections: Sheila Frank's call sign is KT4YW.

### Treasurer's Report: Linda, K4MPY

The August 2009 Treasurer's report was in the October 2009 CARS Carrier and accepted as information.

### Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

Jenny reported that she anticipates receiving the contract for the fairgrounds space any day now. The prize tickets have been processed for each member, please be sure to pickup your envelope tonight to save the club postage. The Hamfest flyer has been published on the CARS website instead of mailing this year. Jenny reported that most all Hamfests are moving to this communication method and it will mean a savings on printing & postage.

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

Ed reported that volunteers are needed to assist with operating on the Yorktown for the upcoming JOTA with 6 troops & 5 packs of scouts expected to visit. Please contact Ed for more information.

### Field Day: Doug, KU4OC

Doug Clark, KU4OC had nothing to report.

### PIO/Races: Tracey, KG4HTW for Ken, AF4ZV

Isle of Palms Connector Run: Tracey thanked everyone who volunteered for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> event and noted that many of the group were able to enjoy the traditional brunch at the Sea Biscuit afterwards.

[bike] Ride for Hope: October 25, 2009: Just a note that 2 of our club members have agreed to help with a recent request for assistance of only 2 operators to support an upcoming bike ride. Thank you to Mark Caragher, KE4KMD & Tom Radar, K4WJC, for volunteering to support this event.

### Emergency Prep: Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HNC, Dorchester; Vince, K4AOC, Berkeley

Charleston: Bill, WA4WGP, reported that this Saturday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, an earthquake drill is planned by Berkeley County. The Charleston County team would like to "piggy back" this event and test out the equipment located in the Charleston County containers.

Dorchester: No additional information to report.

Berkeley: Earthquake drill planned for November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Bryce reported that autopatch repairs are planned for the 146.79 & 145.25 repeaters, as they are eligible for an upgrade but assistance is needed from the software vendor. In addition, it was noted that the club engineers spent \$90 to repair one of the CARS repeaters this past month.

**Nets:** Susannah, KE4RVF  
No new information to report.

**Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS  
No new information to report.

**Education & VE Testing:** Sheila, KT4YW  
Sheila reported that there had been four test sessions since the last club meeting: (1) special testing in Conway, SC; (2) the regular Saturday session; and (3) two special sessions for Summerville & Trident Hospitals.

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

Alene reported that she has a large group of students, running anywhere from 14-19 students. The next School Club Roundup is set for Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. K4DMS will only be operating on the Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> – please listen for the CQs between 4pm – 6pm on 20 meters & simplex [146.55 / 146.58].

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF  
Bryce reported that we currently have 175 members & dues are due.

The following applications for membership were read:

Regular Membership:

1st Reading: Rodney Brown - KJ4OHH  
Thomas Glaab - KJ4ONU  
Charlotte Groves - KJ4PLX  
James Earl Matthews - KJ4OXF  
Carrie Post - KJ4LPN

2nd Reading: None

Associate Membership: None

All first reading applications shall be voted on at the next meeting following the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**Old Business:**  
2009 Coastal Carolina Fair Booth: Tracey Bible, KG4HTW, for Linda NeSmith, K4MPY  
Volunteers are needed to staff the CARS booth at the upcoming fair. There are 3 shifts per day with a need for 2 volunteers per shift. Also, assistance is needed with setup & cleanup. Linda will be contact members to complete a roster for the event.

CARS Christmas Party: - Jenny reported that the party will be one week earlier than our usual meeting date due to a schedule issue with the new management in place at the Omar Shrine Temple. Our reservation was not communicated to the new team. We will reserve next year

in Jan 2010. Remember this meeting takes the place of the regular scheduled meeting. Everyone will receive an invitation in lieu of a December CARS newsletter. Jenny noted that the cost per person this year is a total of \$15.75; however in the past the club has agreed to cover a portion of the cost to keep it at \$13 per person. A deposit of \$100 is required to keep our event booked. The club members voted to appropriate \$100 for the Omar Shrine Temple at Patriots Point for the Christmas Party deposit and to cover \$2.75 per person to keep the member ticket price at \$13. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

JOTA: Tom Rader, K4WJC, reminded members of the upcoming JOTA events and that volunteers shall be needed for Laurel Hill and the Johns Island location.

**Announcements:**

None.

**Drawing:**

No drawing was held. Will continue at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by John, WA4GPS, and seconded by Bobby, W4KSD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

## **MINUTES of NOV. MEETING**

### **Charleston Amateur Radio Society**

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61  
Monday, November 9, 2009 - 7:30 PM

**MINUTES:**

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Tracy Bible, KG4HTW, at 7:30 PM on November 9, 2009 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

**Introductions:**

There were 42 members and 4 guests present.

**Moment of Silence:**

Following the introductions, Tracey called for a moment of silence in memory of the four hams [Dallas Carter-W3PP, Randy Hargenrader-KQ4O, Pete Radding-W2GJ, Ed Steeble-K3IXD] killed in the October plane crash in Summerville. Tracey then gave the floor to Alene KG4NKD to share a few words about Ed Steeble's work with the Dubose Middle School Radio club.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Tracey Bible, KG4HTW for Mark Caragher, KE4KMD

The October 2009 meeting minutes are expected for publication in the next CARS Carrier. Tracey reported that club Secretary, Mark KE4KMD, needed to step down due to other commitments. She accepted his resignation and has asked Membership Chair, Bryce K4LXF, to assist with identifying other volunteers willing to serve out this term. Any club members interested should contact Bryce or Tracey.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda, K4MPY

The September 2009 Treasurer's report was in the November 2009 CARS Carrier and accepted as information.

**Hamfest Report:** Jenny, WA4NGV

Jenny reported that 2010 Hamfest plans are moving along smoothly. Prize tickets have been mailed to all members. Members may sell to others or may keep but all will be asked to send payment for their tickets to Jenny to support Hamfest.

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

Ed reported that the recent JOTA held at the Yorktown was the most successful for this location. He shared the activities and results in an article in the November 2009 CARS Carrier. Ed presented certificates to thank George, KI4UIW, & Carrie Post, KJ4LPN, and Avery Hill, W4QYV, for their assistance.

**Field Day:** Doug, KU4OC

Doug Clark, KU4OC had nothing to report.

**PIO/Races:** Tracey, KG4HTW for Ken, AF4ZV

- (1) [bike] Ride for Hope: October 25, 2009 – Thank you to Mark Caragher, KE4KMD & Mark Van Sickle, KM4RK, for providing communication support to this recent event.
- (2) The next race is the: Riverfront Race Festival Run – half marathon: January 16, 2010. CARS member, Charles Fox, KI4UIZ, is the contact for the race event.
- (3) New request for support: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual LifePoint "Gift of Life" 5K Run/Walk to be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Race starts at 9am in James Island County Park. Mike Wells, WA4HVP, is the point of contact for more information & to volunteer for the event. A motion will be made under New Business.
- (4) 2010 Cooper River Bridge Run: Doug Clark, KU4OC, reminded all of the date: March 27th

**Emergency Prep:** Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HNC, Dorchester; Vince, K4AOC, Berkeley

Charleston: Bill, WA4WGP, reported that an Earthquake Drill will be conducted this coming Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The drill will provide an opportunity to test equipment in the special containers located in St. Andrews & Mt. Pleasant. Volunteers are still needed --- contact Bill for more information.

Dorchester: No additional information to report.

Berkeley: Next meeting date will be December 5<sup>th</sup> – No additional information to report.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

Bryce reported that autopatch repairs are in progress for the 146.79 & 145.25 repeaters with the .25 functioning right now. Bryce noted that \* up & # down will no longer work with the new equipment – these function keys to be replaced with a "1" for up & a "0" for down. Otherwise, the systems are functioning ok.

**Nets:** George Post, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

Bryce, K4LXF, recognized Susannah Roth, KE4RVF, for her years of service in coordinating the ARES net. This past Sunday, Susannah handed over the net coordination to Darrell Moser, KB7QVG.

George, KI4UIW, called for any volunteers interested in running a net – especially new hams seeking experience as a net controller.

**Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS

Reminder: in lieu of a December CARS Carrier, club members, receive the invitation to the annual club Christmas Party. The next issue will go out in January 2010.

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

Sheila reported that the next test session will be Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at Trident Hospital.

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

Alene reported that she has had a slight drop in students participating in the club with other activities running concurrently in the school. Despite this small drop, the club had a great result in the October School Club Roundup gathering more than 3000 points in 3 days. Contacts were made with many states and a lot of countries.

## **Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

Currently have 175 members; however, dues are way past due now. One member has asked to be removed from the roster, John Long, W4TWW.

The following applications for membership were read:

### Regular Membership:

1st Reading: Albert Christopher - KJ4PUB  
Joseph Sacca - KJ4OXH

2nd Reading: Rodney Brown - KJ4OHH  
Thomas Glaab - KJ4ONU  
Charlotte Groves - KJ4PLX  
James Earl Matthews - KJ4OXF  
Carrie Post - KJ4LPN

Associate Membership: None

In a motion by Bobby McBride, W4KSD, seconded by George Post, KI4UIW, all five second reading applications: Rodney Brown, Thomas Glaab, Charlotte Groves, James Earl Matthews, and Carrie Post were approved for regular membership in the CARS club.

## **Old Business:**

JOTA – Oscar Meyer, AI4SS, added his thanks to the volunteers who helped on the Yorktown as well as recognizing Darrell Moser, KB7QVG, for helping in Moncks Corner; Tom Rader, K4WJC for helping at Laurel Hill; and in addition, Oscar reported close to 200 scouts participated in Johns Island.

2009 Coastal Carolina Fair Booth: Tracey Bible, KG4HTW, for Linda NeSmith, K4MPY

Tracey reported that she had spoken with Linda who wanted to extend thanks to all the volunteers who worked the fair booth this year. Special thanks to Bryce, K4LXF, & Jenny Myers, WA4NGV, Carrie Post, KJ4LPN, for helping Linda with some setup and also both Carrie & George [KI4UIW] for working shifts.

Jenny, WA4NGV, also thanked members for the participation in this annual event. In addition, Jenny, noted that there was one expense item for which a request for reimbursement is to be submitted: \$34.25 for the candy on the table. In a motion by Bobby McBride, W4KSD, second by Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP, the club approved reimbursing Jenny for \$34.25.

Bryce, K4LXF, thanked Mike Wells, WA4HVP, for his idea of a display for the 4 fallen hams from the October plane crash. Special thanks to Vince Lombardo, K4AOC, for assisting with having the display put together in their memory.

CARS Christmas Party: Jenny reminded everyone that the date is Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – one week earlier than our usual meeting date. This will take the place of the regular scheduled meeting. Everyone should have received an invitation – RSVPs and payments are requested before Thanksgiving. Jenny has to turn-in a final count. For information, as the club had already approved a \$100 deposit at the October meeting. Jenny also reported that as part of normal office expenses this month, it was necessary to purchase 3 rolls of stamps at \$132 for mailing the Christmas Party invitations and delinquent dues notices.

## **New Business:**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual LifePoint “Gift of Life” 5K Run/Walk to be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010 – In a motion by Ed Walker, KQ4DC, second by George Post, K4UIW, the club approved communications support for the event.

## **Announcements:**

USS Laffey: Ed Walker, KQ4DC, reported that the local Ports Authority has agreed to provide birthing to the Laffey until Patriots Point can identify the appropriate location to receive the ship.

## **Drawing:**

The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Dennis Powell, W4LXG.

A motion to adjourn was made by John, WA4GPS, and seconded by Bobby, W4KSD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW.

## **MINUTES of DEC. MEETING** **Charleston Amateur Radio Society**

Holiday Party at the Omar Shrine Temple in Mount Pleasant, SC, Monday, December 7, 2009 - 7:30 pm

## **MINUTES:**

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Tracy Bible, KG4HTW, at 7:30 PM on December 7, 2009 at the Omar Shrine Temple in Mount Pleasant, SC.

## **Secretary's Minutes:** Tracey, KG4HTW

Minutes of the October, November, and December meetings will be published in the January CARS Carrier, and will be addressed at the January 2010 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda, K4MPY  
Will be published in the January CARS Carrier.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF  
Regular Membership:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Joseph Sacca, KJ4OXH

In a motion by Lee Miller, KI4LLJ, seconded by George Post, KI4UIW, Joseph Sacca was approved for regular membership in the CARS club.

**Races:** Tracey KG4HTW  
Riverfront Race Festival Run – half marathon: January 16, 2010. Tracey reminded club members of the communications support needed for the upcoming race. Volunteers are needed as well as a Net Control operator. A sign-up sheet was circulated and further communication will be sent via email and phone calls. Club member,

Charles Fox, KI4UIZ, is the contact for information about the race event.

**Announcements:**  
Museum Ships: Ed Walker, KQ4DC, reported that he received a certificate of appreciation, on behalf of the CARS club, from NJ2BB for participation in the recent Museum ships on the air event. In addition, Ed also presented a certificate of recognition to Wes Leitch, W4RUX, for his help with the Ingam project.

**Adjournment:**  
A motion to adjourn was made by, Doc W4MUR, and seconded by George KI4UIW. The brief business meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM and the club members enjoyed the Christmas party and dinner.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey (KG4HTW).

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