

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

February 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, February 8, 2010



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The first annual Riverfront Race Festival was held on January 16th and was a success! There were certainly some challenges on race day, but race staff, volunteers, and the police were able to work together to keep the event activities moving. CARS members were there doing their part in support of race communication. Special thanks to Mike Wells, WA4HVP, for serving as Net Control and taking a station on the course too! Mike did an excellent job putting our communication plan together in a short time frame. I'd like to thank the CARS folks who joined the communication team that day to support the event. Our participation was sincerely appreciated by club member, Charles Fox, KI4UIZ, who sponsored and organized this event.

Speaking of service to the community... Our global community has joined together to assist Haiti in the wake of the horrific earthquake. The ARRL is also helping and has jumped in to support hams in the area by donating equipment. The Ham Aid Fund was first established in the aftermath of Katrina, but is now a vehicle for getting aid to support Haiti. For more information on how this fund helps deploy equipment where needed, please visit the home page www.arrl.org and click on the link for Ham Aid.

And, don't forget our annual CARS Hamfest will be on February 6th. Great vendors, forums, and the best BBQ – what better way to spend a Saturday? Then be sure to join us at the upcoming February 8th club meeting to learn more about the club and share your ideas.

73, Tracey (KG4HTW)

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash – 12/1/09	\$3,297.60
Cash Receipts:	
Jenny Myers - Membership and Dues	820.00
Cash Disbursements:	
Jenny Myers - Christmas Party Deposit	(100.00)
Bryce Myers - Auto Patch Repair & Ship	(94.95)
Jenny Myers - Fair Candy	(34.25)
Jenny Myers - Postage/Invitations & Dues	(132.00)
Jenny Myers - Copies/Christmas Letters	(12.29)
Returned Check - (Dues)	(20.00)
Returned Check Bank Fee	(10.00)
Bell South - December	(47.36)
Ending Cash - 12/31/09	\$3,666.75
Savings HT	\$ 27.32
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

MINUTES of JANUARY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

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

Monday, January 11, 2010 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President, Tracy Bible, KG4HTW, at 7:30 PM on January 11, 2010 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 32 members and 3 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Tracey Bible, KG4HTW

The October, November, and December 2009 meeting minutes were published in the January 2010 CARS Carrier. They're being no omissions, deletions, or corrections the minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasurer's Report: Linda, K4MPY

No report given at the January meeting. The October and November 2009 Treasurer's reports as published in the January 2010 CARS Carrier were accepted as information.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

Reminder that the Hamfest will be on Saturday February 6, 2010. A sign up sheet was circulated, assistance will be needed on Friday Feb. 5, to set up, volunteers will be need for both am and pm on Saturday, extra help on Saturday evening to break down is especially needed.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

There were no new reports on museum ships.

Field Day: Doug, KU4OC

Nothing to report.

PIO/Races: Tracey, KG4HTW for Ken, AF4ZV

- (1) The next race is the Riverfront Race Festival Run on January 16, 2010. This will be the first of what is expected to be an annual event and will be held at the old Navy Base in North Charleston. A sign up sheet was circulated; the meeting time for those signing up will be at 7:15 am. An E-mail will be sent to those on the sign up sheet. It was noted that no split time has been requested.
- (2) The 5th, Annual Life Point "Gift of Life" 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010 start time is 9:00 am. Mike Wells, WA4HVP, is the point of contact for this event. This is an event to support organ transplant. A sign up sheet was circulated.

- (3) 2010 Cooper River Bridge Run: Doug Clark KU4OC. The date for this year's race is March 27, 2010 and a formal request for assistance has been received. Doug reported that a slight route change has been made as to where the race turns onto King St. More information to follow.

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

No updated reports submitted.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Reported on carrier problems with clocks, there is a new type of clock with back up should power be lost, that would be of benefit. (See new business for further information)

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

George reported that the net was going well, called for any volunteers interested in running a net, especially new hams, who are interested in learning how to work a net to contact him.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

No new information to report.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next testing will be done in conjunction with the Hamfest. Regular testing is done on the 2nd Saturday of even months.

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

No report this month.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

One application for a second reading, all paper work in and up to date.

2nd. Reading – Albert W. Christopher, KJ4PUB

A motion was made by Ed Walker, KQ4DC, and seconded by Mike Wells, WA4HVP, that the second reading of the application be approved for regular

membership in the CARS club. The motion was carried and Albert Christopher, KJ4PUB was welcomed in the CARS.

Old Business:

Jenny Myers gave a follow up report on the Christmas Party held on Dec. 7th, 2009.

New Business:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse Jenny Myers in the amount of \$198.88 to cover related cost of the Christmas Party.

Bryce Myers reported one of the problems with the repeaters is that with power loss the clocks on the repeaters will go out. There is a new clock with back up power that will eliminate this problem. The cost of this clock is \$50.00 and two are required. A motion for the expenditure of \$100.00 for the two clocks was made, seconded and passed to purchase these clocks.

Charlie Post Race: Tracy reported that, while no request at this time has been received, it is an event that CARS has taken part in. Tracy will follow up and post an E-mail with any information. The race is usually held at the end of January. A motion was made, seconded and passed that if a request does come that CARS take part in this event.

In accordance with CARS By-Laws, "Article III, Membership" states the following: "Honorary membership may be bestowed on any person deemed worthy by the membership. This membership shall be for one year with associate privileges unless already a regular member in which case regular privileges will be retained". In keeping with this Article and in

recognition of long service to CARS, including the creation of the time calling software, and computer used during road races. The following motion was made by Bryce Myers, K4LXF, and seconded by Ed Walker, KQ4DC, that a one year honorary membership be given to Sam Shuford, KX4SAM, and Deborah Shuford, KX4DEB. The motion was carried.

On a related subject, Bryce asked if the club would consider him inquiring of Sam, if he would be interested in either leasing or selling the software to the club. The members present endorsed this and gave Bryce the authorization to speak with Sam.

Four hams were killed in a plane crash in Summerville last October. Dallas Carter, W3PP, Randy Hargenrader, KQ4O, Peter Radding, W2GJ, and Ed Steeble, K3IXD. Tracy reported that the Hidden Valley High School Booster Club had sent a donation of \$100.00 in memoriam. Tracy stated that she would respond to this donation.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Ed Walker, KQ4DC.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Wess Leitch, W4RUX, and seconded by George Post, KI4UIW.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by L. A. Groves KJ4GZR



Phalaenopsis Orchid currently in bloom at residence of WA4GPS

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