

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

March 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, March 8, 2010



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2010 CARS Hamfest was held the first Saturday in February. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who worked before "sun up" and well into the afternoon to make this event possible. Special thanks to our Hamfest co-chairs: Jenny Myers, WA4NGV, and Mike Wells, WA4HVP, for their leadership and guidance throughout the planning and execution of the event. And, the hamfest would not have been possible without the support of club members and local hams attending the event to take advantage of the vendors, forums, fellowship & that wonderful BBQ!

We also had a VE test session at the Hamfest and Sheila Frank, KT4YW, reported that we had 18 people pass their exams – some brand new hams and some upgrades. Our local VE teams should be proud of their work --- as a matter of fact, in the March 2010 issue of QST, the ARRL reported that there has been a significant increase in new amateur radio licensees over the past four years. The biggest surge appears to have been from 2005 to 2006, perhaps in large part due to awareness after Katrina. For the year 2009, more than 30,000 new FCC licenses were issued. This translates into more than 2,000 new hams each month of the year. Wow! Keep up the great work!

Please join us at the next club meeting scheduled for March 8th at 7:30pm at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy 61. We will discuss plans for the 2010 Field Day along with an update on the communication plans for the annual Cooper River Bridge run.

73, Tracey (KG4HTW)

ARES NET REPORT

Our Low-country ARES net continues to prove that we have one of the best programs anywhere! If you haven't attended lately, I encourage you to check in on Sunday night. We regularly present local announcements and relevant training topics.

I am sure that everyone still has the recent snowfall on their mind. Recent comments by the Berkeley County Emergency Management Director indicated that the storm was surprisingly damaging. Downed trees blocked roads. Many people lost power for extended times. Are your batteries and generator ready to go? Several other people found themselves driving into ditches and other things they didn't intend to. Several groups, including ARES, were placed on alert but fortunately were not needed. At least the kids had fun!

If you are interested in joining an ARES group contact your county Emergency Coordinator or feel free to contact myself.

73, Darrell, KB7QVG

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash – 1/1/10	\$3,666.75
Cash Receipts:	
Hidden Valley High School Booster Club	
Donation - Memory of K4QO Randy	
Hargenrader	100.00
Donation to the club	5.00
Jenny Myers - Membership and Dues	150.00
November Raffle	39.00
January Raffle	25.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - January Newsletter	(49.52)
AT&T - January	(47.20)

Ending Cash - 1/31/10 \$3,889.03
Savings HT \$ 27.33
Savings ST - CD \$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

MINUTES of FEB. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, February 8, 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 February 8, 2010 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 26 members and 3 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Larry, KJ4GZR

The Jan. 2010 meeting minutes were published in the Feb. CARS Carrier. There was one clarification, the donation from the Hidden Valley Boosters Club was made in honor of Randy Hargenrader, SK K4QO, there being no other omissions, deletions or corrections, the minutes were accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Linda, K4MPY

No report was given at the February meeting. The December 2009 Treasurer's report, as published in the February 2010 CARS Carrier, was accepted as information.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

There were 440 registered participants, there was a full house of tables, and more could have been accepted if more space was available. The overall indications are that everything went very well. A full report of income and expenses will be compiled and reported at the next regular meeting.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

No new radio activities to report. Museum Ships Field Day is the first week end in June.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA

The event is always held on the fourth full weekend in June. This year it will be June 26 and 27. If the field day is to be held on the Yorktown this year it will need to be set up. Greg, KI4TVA, who will chair field day this year, along with Bryce, K4LXF, will follow up on having the event on the Yorktown or an alternative site.

PIO/Races: Tracey, KG4HTW for Ken, AF4ZV

Riverfront Race: A report along with a thank you letter was given and presented by Charles Fox Event Director. (Copy of letter on file with secretary) See new business for additional information.

Next race is the Life Point Race to be held on Feb. 27, 2010 at the James Island County Park. Race time 9:00 AM. A sign up sheet has been circulated. Mike, WA4HVP, is coordinator.

Bridge Run March 27, 2010: A sign up sheet is being circulated. Doug, KU4OC, is chairperson.

New Request from Diane Fox: May 1st, Half Iron man, Tri Charleston Swim-Bike-Run. To be held in Mt. Pleasant from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Starting point is KOA Campground. There will be a need for 14 to 15 stations plus net control.

Charlie Post Race: A request did come finally come in but it was too late to put together a team. They have been given a contact for next year.

Additional item under race events: Doug, KU4OC, will take over duties as liaison from Ken, AF4ZV.

Emergency Prep: Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HMK, Dorchester; Vince, K4AOC, Berkeley

Charleston: Bill, WA4WGP, next meeting will be Saturday Feb. 20, at 9:00 AM to be held at St. Andrews Fire Station. Use of simplex frequencies to be discussed as well as new comm. plan.

Dorchester: Next meeting Saturday Feb 13, at 9:00 AM, EOC, Summerville.

Berkeley: George, KI4UIW, reported that, at the last meeting, Berkeley held their winter field day and went over new comm. plan.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The repeater that was used at the Hamfest is coordinated for 146.940. Plans are in the works to place this repeater at the Knightsville site. There have been ongoing problems with the .25 repeater, TV cable interference and cable leakage. When all is completed the 146.940 repeater with a tone of 123.0 will replace the .25 repeater.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

Newcomers: The net is going well. George continues to encourage, especially new Hams, to take net control. This net is a good learning experience in how to run a net in a more casual atmosphere.

ARES: Report from Dorchester County ARES that there is some difficulty with not being enough time between local check in and statewide check in. Possibly statewide check in could be started a little bit later, to ensure all local nets have time to check in first.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

No new information to report.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

Testing was held at the Hamfest with 22 tested and 19 passed. The next testing is scheduled for Saturday April 10, 2010.

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

Report given by David Wilkins, KI4FSC, for Alene: The School Club roundup started today and will run through Thursday, Times 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Freq. 146.52 simplex. They also will be on 20 and 40 meters with some PSK but mostly voice.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Bryce reported that it is time for him to purge the roster as we lose members for various reasons, mainly nonpayment of dues. The next roster update will be prepared when this task is completed.

Regular Membership-First Reading:

Nathan Dozier, KF4GYL
Diane Fox, KJ4PLU
Melissa Fox, KJ4PLV
Sadie Fox, KJ4PLW

A second reading will be done at the next regular meeting.

Old Business:

No old business came before the meeting.

New Business:

A motion to support Tri Charleston Half Iron man was made by David, KI4FSC, seconded by Ed, KQ4DC, and passed by members present.

A 2m/70cm radio to be donated by Charles Fox to the City of Charleston Police Dept. to be placed in their Communications Trailer will require an antenna. A motion was made by Carrie, KJ4LPN, and seconded by George, KI4UIW, to procure an antenna for the City of Charleston Police Communications Trailer and was passed by members present.

Announcements:

ARRL at arrl.net has an e-mail forwarding system available to ARRL members; it is not for communicating via e-mail only for message forwarding. It uses your call sign @arrl.net.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Ken Sterling, N4TIK.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry, KJ4GZR



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