

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

May 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, May 10, 2010*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This past weekend Hamfest volunteers came together for a nice afternoon of fun and fellowship. Hosted by Bryce & Jenny at their Orangeburg river house, this event is much anticipated by Hamfest volunteers for the chance to relax with fellow hams and enjoy a great lunch outside with family and friends.

We have another opportunity to join together for a fun event in June: Field Day 2010! Greg, KI4TVA, is heading up Field Day activities this year, which will take place back on the Yorktown. We need volunteers for operating stations, setup, and teardown.

Please join us at the next club meeting at Ryan's Steak House on May 10<sup>th</sup> to hear more about Field Day and the May 1<sup>st</sup> Half Iron Man race hosted by TryCharleston, which will benefit the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. Thanks to all the club volunteers supporting this race.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

## ARRL Field Day 2010

You are hunkered down in the safest spot in your home. The wind is howling, the thunder and lightning exploding all around. The rain is a solid sheet that appears to be never ending. Then, suddenly, eerie quiet. It's over and the sun comes out to reveal devastation all around you. You and your family are unharmed, but you have no power, phone lines are down and your cell phone has no signal. How will you communicate with the world inside or outside the area of this disaster? How will you let friends and family in other parts of the country know that you are OK?

Welcome to Field Day. Regardless of how long you have had your ham license or the level of your operating privileges, if you have never participated in field day, you are missing out on a great opportunity to experience emergency operations. Every year on the last full weekend in June, amateur radio operators across the United States, Canada, and beyond, set up stations that simulate operations without the benefit of an existing ham shack, and with out access to power provided by the local utility company.

This year as in years past, we will be setting up operating stations aboard the USS Yorktown. Tarps will be hung for shade and protection from inclement weather, folding tables will be set up, antennas will be erected, and radio equipment will be powered by gas generators or even by a people powered generator! While the aim is to operate under emergency conditions, this is a FUN event. I encourage you to come out and get on the air. This is also a great time to experiment. Try out that new antennae design or try out a new operating mode. Invite your neighbor out to see what ham radio is about and let them *Get On The Air* at our *GOTA* station. We have a club member who will be using a balloon to raise an antenna to operate on 160 meters, and another member who will be setting up a station to make contacts via satellite!

While this is a competition with points awarded for various operating conditions and for contacts made, our goal continues to be to get people on the air enjoying the hobby of amateur radio. If you have an operating configuration you would like to try at this years Field Day, give me a call at 843-469-5305 or drop me an email at [KI4TVA@arrl.net](mailto:KI4TVA@arrl.net). Don't miss out on the fun.

73, Greg, KI4TVA

## ARES NET REPORT

How often have you heard an athlete respond to questions of ‘what do you owe your success to?’ Isn’t the response almost always ‘lots of practice’? It is the same when we look at amateur radio emergency services. You need to practice and do it often in order to be effective. Sure, we can all operate at home; sometimes we don’t even need to turn a knob. What about when the power goes out? When was the last time you took a rig out to the field? Did you attend the last ARES meeting? When was the last exercise you took part in? How about checking into the ARES net? Well, if you didn’t answer yes to more than one of these questions, then you are missing out. Our weekly ARES net is making big strides to put forth good information updates and training topics. Take the time and keep the 2-meter operating up to speed by checking in. Make it even more interesting and see if you can operate mobile, portable, or on emergency power some night. Our net meets for the first twenty minutes of 8 o’clock every Sunday night. So dust off that microphone and join us. Remember, it is practice that makes a good team.

73, Darrell, KB7QVG

## MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 3/1/10	\$3,661.09
Cash Receipts:	
Bank Returned Check Fee Credit	10.00
February Raffle	29.00
March Raffle	42.00
Jenny Myers - Membership & Dues	480.00
Cash Disbursements:	
AT&T - February	(52.30)
Jenny Myers - ARRL Raffle	(68.00)
Reimbursement for W4LXG & KQ4DC	
Mike Wells - Antenna - Police Command	(68.90)
Trailer	
John Meyers - March Newsletter	(55.38)
ARRL - Raffle - N4TIK & KE4RVF	(68.00)
Postmaster - PO Box Rent	(60.00)
Pinkney Carter Insurance	(250.00)
Returned Check	(90.00)
Returned Check Bank Fee - Ck returned twice	(20.00)
AT&T - March	(52.24)
Ending Cash - 3/31/10	\$3,437.27
Savings HT	\$ 27.35
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

## MINUTES of APRIL MEETING

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society**  
Club Meeting at Ryan’s Steak House on Hwy. 61  
Monday, April 12, 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 April 12, 2010 at Ryan’s Steak House, in Charleston.

### Introductions:

There were 41 members and 2 guests present.

### Secretary’s Minutes:

 Larry, KJ4GZR

The March 2010 meeting minutes were published in the April 2010 CARS Carrier. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as posted.

### Treasurer’s Report:

 Linda, K4MPY

The Treasurer’s report for Feb. 2010 was published in the April CARS Carrier. The report was accepted as information.

### Hamfest Report:

 Jenny, WA4NGV

Jenny reported that she still had not heard from the Exchange Club for the final bill. She reported that the Ham fest did make money and did better than last year. The Hamfest helper party will be on April 24 at the river house of Bryce and Jenny in Orangeburg. This is for the committee and volunteers. Committee members are invited for the weekend and volunteers for Saturday. Jenny listed what to bring and what was not available.

### Museum Ships:

 Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

Reminder that June 5<sup>th</sup> will be Museum Ships field day.

### Field Day:

 Greg, KI4TVA

Greg circulated a sign up sheet for Field Day.

Jenny reported that she did not feel that she could do as much this year in regards to food. A suggestion was made that everyone be responsible for their own food and drinks. This suggestion appeared to be well received, but further discussion will continue next meeting.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

Wednesday April 14, 2010 will be the volunteer's appreciation party for the C.R.B.R. to be held at the James Island County Park, Edisto Shelter at 6:00 pm.

The Iron Man will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. George reported that he still had some spots open; he has been posting updated information on the Internet. There will be a pre-event cookout at the KOA campground on April 29<sup>th</sup>. at 5:00 pm

Follow up of the After The Bridge Run Bike Ride: It was reported that a few problems arose at one station. Also that we had two medical emergencies.

Other race related information: The IOP Connector Run is scheduled for October.

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

Bill reported the Charleston County ARES meeting would be Sat. April 17<sup>th</sup>. at 9:00 AM to be held at the St. Andrews Fire Station at HWYs. 7 and 61. Topic will be ID badges for Charleston County ARES, they will come from the county, anyone who still needs one needs to be present, as all will be turned in at the same time.

Greg Johnson, WA7TSP, reported the there would be a Red Cross Shelter drill May 1<sup>st</sup> with a possible request for ARES communications help.

Bobby, W4KSD, gave an in-depth report on the Skywarn Drill that will be held this Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:00 noon, which will start by utilizing the SCHEART net.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

The ongoing saga of the 79 repeater: it is working but still not satisfactorily, plans are to swap the controller out.

Phone patch: It was found that the phone line was open and has now been corrected and is working.

Bryce also reported that a Kenwood 570 with a power supply has been donated to the club by Scotty Jeder and is in place on the Yorktown.

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

The Newcomers net continues to go well and new operators are encouraged to take net control.

Bobby W4KSD – Skywarn Net (see emergency prep).

**Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS

No new information to report.

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

At the last testing, six were present and six passed. The next testing will be the second Saturday in June.

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

Greg, WA7TSP, reported that the club recently made some great contacts on 20 meters. Contacts included Spain, Italy, Germany, Sweden, and Denmark. Greg stated that he was not sure how excited the students were but he and Alene were very excited.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

Regular Membership:  
First Reading: None

Second Reading: Mary Higgenbottom, KJ4SCO  
Ramsey Hawkins, KI4PTI,  
William Burgmeier, KI4IDV.

All being in proper order, a motion was made, seconded and passed and they became members. None of the three were present at this meeting so they will be greeted as new members when they attend the meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

## Announcements:

A report was give on a long range, at sea, rescue that was recently reported that the key factors was Amateur Radio.

There is a possible request for radio communications for a Six Day Cycle S. C. Event scheduled for June, more information as it develops.

## Drawing:

The drawing for a one-year ARRL membership was won by Doc Crane, W4MUR.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry, KJ4GZR



Hamfest Helper party

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