

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

August 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, Aug. 9, 2010



DUES FOR THE YEAR

AUGUST 1, 2010 – JULY 31, 2011

ARE 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

Happy New Year and welcome to the many new members who have recently joined the club! You may not realize it, but the CARS Club runs on an August to July operating year and you know what that means? Dues are due-- you can visit Jenny, WA4NGV, and Bryce, K4LXF, at the next meeting to get your updated membership card.

Thank you for the privilege of serving one more year as President of the CARS club and I am delighted that both Greg, KI4TVA, Vice President, and Larry, KJ4GZR, Secretary, will continue to serve one more year too! In addition, we welcome David, KI4FSC, to the role of Treasurer while we thank Linda, K4MPY, for her dedication and more than a decade of service in this role for the club.

Please join us at the next meeting as we kick-off the 39th year of the CARS club! Your ideas, talent, and expertise are welcome as we discuss current activities as well as plans for the year.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

ARES NET REPORT

As I listen to the weather radio give its warning about severe thunderstorms (hope everyone has one at home and in their ARES Go-Kit), I am reminded once again of the true purpose of ARES. We exist to facilitate communications between the agencies we serve. We are the communicators that enable them to continue functioning, whether we transmit on a ham radio or not. But how often do we make contact with those within our served agencies? People often change jobs and responsibilities in both ARES groups and within the served agency. If it has been a long time since your served agency requested your activation, perhaps it is time to introduce yourself again. Even better, are there groups that may need our help but don't know we exist? Wouldn't it be great to get them on-board with us? Just be careful not to oversell our capabilities. Coordinate your efforts with your ARES Emergency Coordinator. He can help you formalize any arrangements you might make. A well written plan, agreed to by both groups goes a long way in keeping good relations and also gives a good starting point to find those contacts you need to get in touch with from time to time.

Be sure to join us during our weekly net at 8pm on Sunday where these and other important operating tips are shared. Stay safe!

73, Darrell, KB7QVG

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 6/1/10	\$2,837.89
Cash Receipts:	0.00
Cash Disbursements:	
April Raffle - Roland Crane, W4MUR	(34.00)
Sam Shuford - Time Calling Program	(85.00)
Creech's Florist - Rodney Brown's Father	(48.38)
Albert Christopher - Museum Ships-Food	(25.00)
John Meyers - June Newsletter	(41.52)
May Raffle - Susan Brooks, KJ4PUN	(39.00)
June Raffle - A. Christopher, KJ4PUB	(39.00)
Bryce Myers - Office Supplies/Copies	(53.88)
Jenny Myers - Field Day Food	(500.00)
AT&T - June	(52.40)
Ending Cash - 6/30/10	\$1,919.71
Savings HT	\$ 27.38
Savings ST - CD	\$1,306.45

Linda NeSmith - K4MPY

MINUTES of JULY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, July 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 July 12, 2010 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 37 members and 3 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Larry, KJ4GZR

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

Treasurer's Report: Linda, K4MPY

The May 2010 Treasurer's report was in the July 2010 CARS Carrier and accepted as informed.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

Jenny is working on getting an appointment with the fair grounds to set up date for 2011 Hamfest in Feb. Something she has been trying to do for about a month now. She has been told that apparently they do have us penciled in. Nothing else to report at this time.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

Nothing currently going on with the Museum Ships.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA

Greg extended his thanks to everyone who took part in this years Field Day, setup and break down in very hot weather, to those who operated, and those who did support. The event went well, with only a few minor problems. Some reports are still pending, Greg hopes to have a full report by next meeting.

Neither Ron nor Fred were present to give a report on the Balloon Project, but it can be reported that it worked, and contacts were made on 160 and 10 meters.

Field Day Expenses: Jenny WA4NGV

The Club advanced \$500. Expenses were \$313.02 for food, gas (for generator) \$12.25. Total \$325.29 minus \$18.52 for left over food that Jenny bought back. total \$306. for food and gas. Returned to club \$193.25.

Other possible expenses possibly pending any money the club might owe to Ron and Fred for Balloon Project.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

IOP race in Oct., nothing else pending at this time.

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

Bobby, W4KSD, reported for Bill, that unless otherwise informed the Charleston ARES will meet this month at its regular time and location.

Dorchester ARES will be offering IC courses 100, 200, 700, 800 as these courses are becoming required for RACES and ARES.

(Secretary Question: Does anyone know the answer to this closely guarded secret? 300 and 400, when? where? and how does one find out?)

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Bryce on the repeaters "They pretty much speak for themselves."

New Auto-patch procedure for 146.79 repeater:

Key up, ID, state intention of using auto-patch and then un-key. (This will let others know what you are about to do.) Key up and enter A1 and phone number, then un-key. Repeater will call the number dialed. When phone is answered, continue your call. Upon completion of call, enter A0, ID and clear.

Example: Key up the 146.79 repeater and state as follows: [This is K4LXF making an auto-patch call], then un-key. Key up again and enter A1 and phone number [A1 747 2324] then un-key. Repeater will call the number dialed. When phone is answered, continue your call. Upon completion of call enter [A0] and state [K4LXF clear].

The .25 repeater will be replaced with the .94 repeater when ready.

Repeater use: While the CARS, TARC, HEART and SCHEARTS repeaters can be setup in different formats and used for both training and emergency nets, these repeaters can be use by all HAMS for regular radio contacts.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

No reports at this months meeting.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

The web site had a face lift, check it out. (I think Tracy said there will be a test next meeting.)

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next testing will be the second Saturday in August at 9:00 AM at Trident Hospital.

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

The school program is closed for the summer.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Regular Membership:

First Reading: Larry A. Byerly, KJ4UET
John King, KO4NB
David Beatson, W4LNY

These applications will have a second reading at the next meeting in accordance with the by-laws.

Second Reading: Jason Baron, KJ4TEW
Susan Brooks, KJ4PVN
Frank Wayne Matthews, KJ4ULI
Peter Mehlman, KJ4VSS
Philip H. Morgan, KJ4VSV

Everything being in order a motion was made seconded and passed that they be elected to membership in the club. All the new members were welcomed into CARS.

Old Business:

The nominating committee put forth the following names for office: President Tracy Bible, KG4HTW, Vice President Greg Amirault, KI4TVA, Secretary Larry Groves, KJ4GZR, Treasurer David Wilkins, KI4FSC, (note Linda NeSmith, K4MPY, the current Treasurer had her name withdrawn due to family matters and having to be out of state most of the time).

The floor was opened for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, a motion was made seconded and passed to close nominations. The above names as listed were elected to serve as club officers for the next term.

New Business:

Communications Trailer for CARS Club.

The following is a brief account of a proposal brought forth by Bryce, K4LXF and endorsed by several members of the club. The basic idea, the cost and type of trailer, storage, and transport to sites, the uses. Also discussed were items that club members would donate, notable donations a 30 foot telescoping antenna (pneumatic with an air compressor) and a

5KW generator. Time and talents to properly furbish/outfit the trailer, etc.

As this was at this time just a proposal, and there was a general consciences among the members present, an ad-hoc committee will be formed with Bryce K4LFX and Willie Bennett, WB4SOG to co-chair. The committee to present a report back to the club next meeting. As this is only a proposed project a discussion and possible decision whether to go forward or not will be made following the committee report. If the project gets the go ahead by members, all costs, donations (by named individuals), etc. will be listed in the Secretary report in the CARS Carrier.

Announcements: None

Drawing:

The drawing for a one-year membership in ARRL was won by Avery Hill, K4QYV.

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

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