

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

November 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, Nov. 8, 2010



DUES FOR THE YEAR AUGUST 1, 2010 – JULY 31, 2011 ARE PAST 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

Cooler temperatures and the leaves piling up in the front yard tell me it's Fall, even here in the Lowcountry. It's a great time to think about refreshing your interest in amateur radio as the temperatures cool off, and we think about being inside a little bit more. It's a great time to dust off the shack. And if you've been putting it off, get out the code practice tapes, or get cracking on studying for that license upgrade.

Fall also means that it is time for the Coastal Carolina Fair -- We have received a generous donation from the Exchange Club of a free booth during the fair. In return, we must have sufficient volunteer coverage for all operating hours of the fair. Volunteers not only get in for free, but get a great parking privilege. If you are able to help -- please contact Linda NeSmith or Jenny Myers for more information.

Our CARS communications trailer project is taking shape quickly and we can look forward to the upcoming annual Christmas party, that will take the place of our regular December meeting.

I hope everyone will have a wonderful Fall, and enjoy the holidays rapidly approaching. Please join us at the next club meeting on November 8th to hear more about upcoming events and opportunities to participate.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

SEPT. FINANCIAL REPORT

WAS NOT RECEIVED

MINUTES of OCTOBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, October 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 Monday, October 11, 2010 at Ryan's Steak House, in Charleston.

Introductions:

There were 32 members and 1 guest present.

Secretary's Minutes: Larry, KJ4GZR

The September 2010 meeting minutes were published in the October 2010 CARS Carrier. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the minutes be accepted as posted.

Treasurer's Report: David, KI4FSC

The August 2010 Treasurer's report was published in the October 2010 CARS Carrier and accepted as information.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

Jenny reported that she will be making calls in the near future to schedule a hamfest committee meeting.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC, and David, KI4FSC

The only activity currently scheduled will be onboard the Yorktown this coming weekend when the annual Scouting JOTA will operate on an abbreviated schedule on Saturday, from 9:00 AM until 2:00 pm. There will be other local JOTA sites, see September newsletter. There will be no JOTA at Laurel Hill this year as no scout groups have signed up.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

A thank you was given to all who took part in the recent IOP Connector Run, operations went well.

Charleston Marathon in January 2011: Doug will be meeting with the race committee as some aspects are still in the planning stages. This will be a major undertaking and will require strong support from operators. More information at the next meeting. To get other information, not Ham related, and an overview of the course you can go to www.charlestonmarathon.com.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA

No current report.

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

Charleston: Bill reported that EOC is still keeping him updated on hurricane and severe weather information.

Charleston ARES meets the third Saturday of the month a 9:00 AM at the St. Andrew's Fire Station.

Dorchester: The emergency prep. ICD courses are still ongoing.

Berkeley: The next scheduled meeting will be October 30, 2010.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Nothing special to currently report on the repeaters. Some interference has been noted but no real problem.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

The net continues to go well, always look for new operators who want to experience working as net control.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

A thank you was given to John for the pictures of the new trailer in the October CARS Carrier.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next testing will be in December on the second Saturday, at Trident Medical Center.

Bryce reported that at this time no classes are scheduled locally.

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

K4DMS is up and running for this school year.

Average attendance 12-13 with as high as 18-19.

- a. K4DMS meets on Tuesdays from 4-5:30 PM and they check 145.250 from time to time. They operate mostly on 20 meters. Landy Young and his wife Wyan are helping when available. If anyone else is interested in helping with the club or sharing their special amateur radio skill or mode with eager young people please let Alene know. And anyone who has experience with PSK-31, she could use some help setting up the radio to function with PSK.
- b. K4DMS will be participating in the Fall School Club Roundup during the week of October 18th. They will operate on 20 meters most of the time, except from 4:10-4:20 each day when they will be on 146.580 simplex and then again from 5:50-6:00 Tuesday through Thursday.
- c. So far during the 2010-2011 school year, K4DMS has made voice contact via 20 meters

with: Missouri, Nebraska, Texas, Northern California, the Netherlands and Germany.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Currently we have approximately 180 members. A reminder that dues, if they have not been paid, are now two months in arrears. A first notice will be going out to those who are behind.

Article VI of club bylaws.

Section I: Members more than two (2) months delinquent in dues payment will be considered not in good standing and shall lose all voting privileges. A member may be reinstated during a four (4) month period by payment of all delinquent and current dues before February 1. After this period membership shall be terminated automatically and a new application for membership required. Termination for any other reason shall require two thirds of membership balloting.

Regular Membership:

First Reading: Tom Foglesong, K4KMG

Old Business:

Trailer update: carpet is down, painting done, working on lighting. Hope to have it available for the fair.

Fair: Linda, K4MPY will be setting up schedule for booth shifts. Booth must be manned at all times during fair operation hours. Booth will be in same location as in the past. Trailer will be there on display, hopefully inside. A sign up sheet was circulated with a request for name, phone number, and e-mail address. Depending on location of trailer (inside/outside) may need extra coverage to man it. Remember a lot of help is always required. Operation hours Sat. and Sun. 12 noon until 11 PM, weekdays 3 PM until 9 PM. On Wed. fair will open at 11 AM for Sr. Citizen Day, note this year unlike in the past there will be an admission fee for seniors. Any ideas for displays was requested, contact Bryce. Help will be needed for setup on Wed. Oct. 27th and break down at the end of the fair.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to allocate \$75.00 for fair.

New Business:

Club computer(s): John, WA4GPS, reported on time calling and the need for a club computer. John has put together a new time calling program, and explained that by the club having its own computer, this could be programmed so that any club member could run the time calling if required. An Ad Hoc committee to be formed with John as chair to explore computer needs, number needed, uses, and applications. Committee to report back to the club.

Announcements:

An advanced Sky Warn class for those who have completed the beginning class will be held on November 2nd. From 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Bridgeview complex.

Drawing:

The drawing for a 1 year membership to ARRL was won by Lee Miller, KI4LLJ.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry, KJ4GZR





David, KI4FSC, operating JOTA

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