

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

January 2011 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, Jan. 10, 2011*



## **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**

## **HAMFEST is 5 FEBRUARY SEE YOU ALL THERE.**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Well, it's happened again folks. Another year has passed by, and it is time to take stock of the many blessings we have experienced as a club. We began the year with our usual slate of annual activities. Our hamfest was yet again a success for the club, and we had a great time helping the Cooper River Bridge Run. It was good to be back on the USS Yorktown for Field Day, and we stayed on track with our support of a booth at the Coastal Carolina Fair, and helping the Exchange Club with the Isle of Palms Connector Run. But by the end of the summer, we added an additional ambitious project to the list - acquiring and outfitting our own CARS Communications Trailer. And of course, we shared the fellowship of our annual Christmas Party in lieu of the December club meeting.

Work is now well underway with the communications trailer, and I hope we get to try out its capabilities at the upcoming Charleston Waterfront Festival (aka, Charleston Marathon), which is being led by our own Charles Fox (KI4UIZ). This is the second year of the festival, but the first time a 26.2 mile full marathon

will be added to the list of events. The CARS club will provide communications support to this massive undertaking on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and I hope we will continue to build upon our skills in supporting the community in this fashion. Public service is a big part of amateur radio, and one major reason for investing in the communications trailer was to get the word out about the CARS club. I am particularly proud of how the CARS club gives back to the Charleston metro area, and I'm glad we have this new tool for getting our message out about amateur radio. I am also particularly thankful for the many volunteers who have stepped up to support the club's activities over the past year.

Whether volunteering as an officer, helping with a race, participating in Hamfest and Field Day, or any other activity of the club, your engagement is what makes the club work. Our new communications trailer is a prime example of how your ideas and energy took an idea from concept to reality.

I hope to see you at our next club meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure we'll have many more details to share on the Charleston Marathon, and more planning to come for an exciting year in 2011. Happy New Year!

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

## **ARES NET REPORT**

Interesting how sometimes it is hard to find a subject to write about, but other times items just present themselves. Recent changes in weather often provide what I call opportunities to improve or what others call a small disaster. If you've ever had to lower an antenna, you know that things corrode a lot quicker in the low country than in other areas. That tendency can cause many problems for our ARES installations

and Go-Kits. For example, a padlock needs to be used to keep from getting corroded in a frozen locked position. When was the last time locks on PODS or kits were used? How long ago was any inspection done on antennas located at shelters? Stopping a little corrosion might make it a little easier to do (one bolt instead of 4). A good, strong installation might survive a disaster. Certainly, a bad installation will choose the worst time to announce its faults. If it does, then you will be presented with the 'opportunity to improve'.

Attendance for our ARES net has been holding strong. We welcome all hams to listen and check in. Our Lowcountry ARES net is held every Sunday evening from 8:00 – 8:20 PM on the CARS system. After our local net ends, the system is linked to the entire statewide ARES net where you can also hear more good information from a state perspective. Hope to hear you check-in!

73, Darrell, KB7QVG

## SEPT. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending Cash - 8/31/10 (Oct. Cars Carrier)	\$3,857.89
<b>NOTE: Difference of \$100.31 ??? [WA4GPS]</b>	
Beginning Cash - 9/1/10	\$3,757.58
Cash Receipts:	
September Raffle	43.00
Jenny Myers - Membership & Dues	190.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - September Newsletter	(33.34)
AT&T - September	(54.46)
Ending Cash - 9/30/10	\$3,902.78

David Wilkins - KI4FSC

## OCT. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 10/1/10	\$3,902.78
Cash Receipts:	
October Raffle	23.00
Jenny Myers - Membership & Dues	600.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - October Newsletter	(48.44)
AT&T - October	(54.47)
Ending Cash - 10/31/10	\$4,422.87

David Wilkins - KI4FSC

## NOV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash - 11/1/10	\$4,422.87
Cash Receipts:	
November Raffle	19.00
Jenny Myers - Membership & Dues	385.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - November Newsletter	(33.03)
Jenny Myers - Christmas Party Down Pay.	(100.00)
ARRL - 5 Months of Raffle Winners	(159.00)
AT&T - November	(54.31)
Ending Cash - 11/30/10	\$4,480.53

David Wilkins - KI4FSC

## MINUTES of NOV. MEETING

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society**  
 Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61  
 Monday, November 8, 2010 - 7:30 PM

Please note:

Due to a sudden death in family, just before Christmas, that required a 2,400 mile round trip. Followed by Charlotte, KJ4PLX, suffering a fall and leg fracture and being in the hospital over Christmas. There will be no minutes posted for November. The minutes will be done in time and placed on record. Charlotte will at this time, when home, require 24 hour care, which I will provide.

73, Larry, KJ4GZR

## MINUTES of DEC. MEETING

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society**  
 Club Meeting at the Omar Shrine Temple  
 Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant  
 Monday, December 13, 2010

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order by President, Tracey Bible, KG4HTW, at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 13, 2010 at the Omar Shrine Temple at Patriots Point in Mt. Pleasant.

**Races:** Doug Clark, KU4OC

Doug reminded everyone of the next big event for which the CARS club agreed to provide communication support: the Charleston Marathon.

The event will be held on January 15, 2011 in North Charleston and the club is asked to provide support for the half & full marathon races that day. Doug reported that he has a timeline and other logistic information and anticipates a meeting in January to coordinate further. He requested the copy of the sign-up sheet passed at the November 2010 CARS meeting. For more information, contact Doug directly.

**Memberships:** Bryce Myers, K4LXF

**First Reading:** None

**Second Reading:** Tom Foglesong, K4KMG

**Associate:** None

In a motion by George Post, KI4UIW, second by Greg Gilbert, KI4UIY, Tom Foglesong was approved for regular membership in the CARS club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Following the business portion of the meeting, the members participated in the annual Christmas dinner and party.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey, KG4HTW





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