

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

July 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, July 11, 2011



DUES FOR THE YEAR AUGUST 1, 2011 – JULY 31, 2012 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

August will be the beginning of the CARS Club's 40th year – truly remarkable and I'm proud to be a member. I believe the secret to this success can be found within the Amateur Radio Creed: The Amateur is Friendly. The CARS club offers a positive and welcoming opportunity for new hams as well as hams new to our community to connect with a group dedicated to promoting the hobby. In addition, the CARS Club remains connected to the community by offering assistance in a variety of ways: providing communications support at events, maintaining repeaters, and helping new hams with advice.

Speaking of events, Field Day 2011 has just come to a close and the CARS Club was back on the USS Yorktown. Greg Amirault, KI4TVA, was our Field Day captain and was assisted by a group of dedicated members. Thank you to all those who participated this year to ensure WA4USN was on the air. One person who was absent was Ken, AF4ZV; however, he participated with the Alexandria Amateur Radio Club [W4HFH] for a bit of Field Day activity. Ken was welcomed into the AARC's event and had a chance to get to know some of the local hams in their

community. Yet one more example of the spirit of camaraderie shown among fellow amateur radio operators.

Please join us at the next CARS Club meeting on Monday, July 11th to hear about highlights from Field Day 2011 and to vote on the new slate of officers to serve in the upcoming 2011-2012 year.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

MINUTES of JUNE MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society
Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, June 13, 2011 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Tracey Bible, KG4HTW, at 7:30 PM on Monday, June 13, 2011 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were ? members and ? guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Larry, KJ4GZR

The May 2011 meeting minutes were published in the June 2011 CARS Carrier. The minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: David, KI4FSC

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

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

At the hamfest committee meeting, the 2011 committee was closed out. The Hamfest committee made a motion to have a Hamfest in 2012. The Club agreed to have a hamfest in 2012.

Hamfest Party: It was decided to have the Hamfest party at the River House in October, the weather is too hot right now. Jenny will let us know the date in October when she knows it.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC / David, KI4FSC / Tom, AJ4UQ

Museum Ships on the Air was a very good event. There were 400 contacts and 22 other museum ships were contacted. Tom, AJ4UQ, headed all of this up.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

No current requests.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA / Tom, AJ4UQ

Greg, KI4TVA, said field day is only 2 weekends from now. A sign up sheet went around. Need operators and people to help set-up and tear down. Jenny will do the food, but she will need plenty of help. Jenny was given \$500.00 for expenses for food, gasoline, etc. We will be setting up antennas, etc. on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. Field day operation will begin on Saturday at 2 pm.

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

Charleston: The EOC will have an Earthquake drill on Wednesday, 15th of June at 9am. Listen to ARES net on 3.9935 on first and third Mondays at 6 pm. There will be a hurricane Expo at Northwoods Blvd. July 30th. They are expecting a lot of people.

charlestoncounty.org discusses all disasters, everything from Tsunamis, hurricanes, etc..

If anyone is interested in helping out in emergency see Bill after the meeting.

Dorchester: No report.

Berkeley: No report.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The .940 repeater is down right now. There is trouble with the controller. John, W4HNC, is working on getting it back. The .790 machine has a noise that is coming in on the 440 machine.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

Nets are doing ok. Looking for new operators on Newcomers Net.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Everything is going well.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The team tested one person on Saturday, 11th of June. He made Technician.

School Programs: David, KI4FSC for Alene, KG4NKD - DuBose Middle School Radio Club - K4DMS

Program is off the air, will resume with the start of the new school year.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

The club has 166 members.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Dave Stamps, K8UM

Second Reading: None.

Nominating Committee: Bryce, K4LXF

Nominations for officers:

Gregg Amirault, KI4TVA - President
Wesley Leach, W4RUX -Vice President
Susan Brooks, KJ4PVN -Secretary
Charlotte Groves, KJ4PLX-Treasurer

Next meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor.

Communications Trailer:

Bryce, K4LXF: The trailer is stored at station 4 on Dorchester Rd. close to the library and they have access to it any time and have the key so they don't have to notify anybody.

Bill, WA4WGP: The trailer was used at James Island Lowes and Lowes gave them a good spot. People were interested and came to look at it. CARS name is getting out in the community. The trailer will be used at Field Day parked on the pier.

Old Business:

John, WA4GPS, purchased 2 laptop computers and a mouse and case for each one at a cost of \$861.85. Voices for time calling were \$59.45 for a total of \$921.30.

The computers will be used for Field Day. Tom, AJ4UQ, has them and will install software programs for contact logging.

New Business:

Bryce made a motion to make Dr. Jim Bohner and Charlie Miller honoree members of CARS. Motion seconded by John, WA4GPS, motion carried.

Announcements:

Someone inquired about classes. Bryce said the people in Columbia have cut down on classes because they did not get the grant they expected. Bryce would be willing to give classes if enough people were interested. Sheila said she would get the names of anyone interested.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila, KT4YW, and Susan, KJ4PVN for Larry, KJ4GZR.





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