

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

August 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, Aug. 8, 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**

As this issue of the CARS Carrier goes to press, the club will begin its 40<sup>th</sup> year of service to the local ham community. I continue to be impressed with the breadth of knowledge, skill, camaraderie and fellowship, which have become hallmarks of this fine group.

This spirit of teamwork and commitment enabled the deployment of a communications trailer for the club, new computers for event time calling as well as Field Day logging, and the continued support of local races. And, thanks to Jeff Flowers, KI4LLE, you can now “friend” CARS on Facebook.

Looking to the new year, we'll see a few new faces leading the club: Wesley Leitch, W4RUX, as Vice President, Charlotte Groves, KJ4PLX, as Treasurer, and Susan Brooks, KJ4PVN, as Secretary. And, special thanks to Greg Amirault, KI4TVA, for agreeing to serve as club President.

Having passed the gavel to our new president, I am looking forward to joining the past president's club. I have enjoyed learning more about CARS and the

variety of skills demonstrated among this club's members – we are truly blessed. Please join us at the upcoming meeting on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, to learn more about CARS and upcoming activities.

73, Tracey, KG4HTW

## **ARES NET REPORT**

At each of our Lowcountry ARES net sessions we share a short training topic. A recent session referred to the need to practice. Practice is very important, hence the saying ‘practice makes perfect’. We get so used to operating in a specific way that many hams cannot remember how to configure their radios for new frequencies or modes. The U.S. Military recognized this same problem a few years ago. They realized that their practice did not mirror what they were facing in real combat. To overcome this problem, they instituted a ‘practice as you fight’ mentality into all phases of operations. This has allowed our military to be successful in many aspects, especially in the areas of unusual operations. So how does this apply to hams?

Hams in South Carolina face many challenges. Rust and corrosion are constant enemies. When was the last time you checked and set up your equipment? When was the last time you configured your radios for a low power, simplex frequency, and power conservation mode? Have you ever practiced passing an amateur radio message? Even more important, are you familiar with the ICS-213 form message used during disasters? If not, you will need to get trained and practice!

A good source of practice is the Lowcountry ARES Net. The net meets for 20 minutes every Sunday

night at 8:00 PM and we would be glad to have you check in!

73, Darrell, KB7QVG

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 8/1/10	\$2,531.95
Cash Receipts:	
Member Dues & ARRL Raffles	3,750.42
Gifts	500.00
Cash Disbursements:	
Newsletters	(421.60)
Bell South (autopatch)	(684.31)
ARRL (memberships)	(381.00)
Misc. expenses (printing, stamps, etc.)	(171.69)
Christmas Party	(143.00)
Pinckney Carter Co. (Liability Insurance)	(250.00)
US Postmaster (12 month PO Box rental)	(77.00)
Memorials	(50.00)
Field Day (food and gas)	(290.42)
Website Hosting (1 year)	(83.40)
wa4usn.org domain name (3 years)	(44.85)
NaturalSoft Limited (time calling voices)	(59.45)
2 Laptop Computers with mouse & case	(861.85)
Ending Checking Balance - 7/23/11	\$3,263.80
Net Gain for year - \$731.85	
Savings - \$27.39	

David - KI4FSC

## MINUTES of JULY MEETING

### Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61  
Monday, July 11, 2011 - 7:30 PM

### MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Tracey Bible, KG4HTW, at 7:35 PM on Monday, July 11, 2011 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

### Introductions:

There were 38 members and 6 guests present. 31 present were ARRL members.

### Secretary's Minutes: Larry, KJ4GZR

The June 2011 meeting minutes were published in the July CARS Carrier with these additions (There were 35 members present and no guests at the June meeting) and (A clarification from Hamfest Committee to read as follows: The Hamfest Committee makes a motion to have a Hamfest in the year 2012. That a new committee be formed, with authority to use the Hamfest funds. Motion was carrier 06/13/11) A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes with these additions.

### Treasurer's Report: David, KI4FSC

No report given or published.

### Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

The Hamfest party for committee members and workers will be held the second weekend in Oct. More details to follow.

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

Nothing new to report on museum ship activities.

### Races: Doug, KU4OC

The I.O.P. Connector Race will be Oct. 1, 2011; the Charleston Marathon will be Jan. 14, 2012. A request did come in for assistance with the Cystic Fibrosis/Cycle for Life, but as it is on the same day as the I.O.P. race, unsure if we can provide any assistance, possibly through other clubs.

### Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA / Tom, AJ4UQ

A well-presented report on Field Day was given by Tom. A complete copy of his report along with a copy of ARRL Field Day Entry Form is on file with Secretary.

Jenny Myers, WA4NGV: The club allocated \$500.00 for Field Day expenses, \$256.58 for food, \$33.74 for gas/fuel for generators, total \$290.42, returned to club \$209.58

**Emergency Prep:** Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HNK, Dorchester; Vince, K4AOC, Berkeley

Charleston: The Charleston County ARES will meet on Saturday July 16, at the St. Andrew's Fire Station on Hwy 61, time 9:00 AM. There will be another Hurricane Expo on July 30, from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Lowe's on Northwoods Blvd. in North Charleston. The Communication Trailer will be there, set up time 10:00 AM.

Dorchester: No report.

Berkeley: No report.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

The .94 repeater was down, is now back up and working.

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

George is always looking for new Hams to get the experience working as net control, or just learning the procedure for checking into a net. A new net is being set up. It is called Young Peoples Net and is designed for those 16 y.o. and younger. The net is scheduled for Monday nights at 7:30 PM and will use the VHF side of the SC HEARTS net.

**Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS

On Aug. 10, the domain name, wa4usn.org, will expire and will need to be renewed. (See new business)

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

The next session will be the second Saturday in Aug. The schedule and details are published on the CARS web site.

**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

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Jeff Jackson, AI4RV  
Brenda M. Brunner-Jackson, KI4LPJ  
Robert T. Page, N9WMK

Second Reading: Dave Stamps, K8UM  
A vote was taken and David was welcomed into the club.

**Nominating Committee:** Bryce, K4LXF

The committee presented the following slate of officers for the August 2011 thru July 2012 club year:  
Gregg Amirault, KI4TVA - President  
Wesley Leach, W4RUX - Vice President  
Susan Brooks, KJ4PVN - Secretary  
Charlotte Groves, KJ4PLX - Treasurer

A call for any additional nominations from the floor was made. There being none a call for a motion to close the nominations was made and passed. A call for a motion to approve the proposed slate of officers, motion was made and passed. The new officers will assume the duties with the Aug. 2011 meeting.

**Communications Trailer:**

A final tally of material, time and talent is being completed and a report will soon be issued.

**Old Business:**

The club generator on the Yorktown went out of service during Field Day, and the problem is being look into.

**New Business:**

The domain name, wa4usn.org, is due for renewal. After a discussion, the following motion was made, seconded and passed, that the domain name be renewed at a cost of \$14.95 per year for three years at a cost of \$44.85. Since John, WA4GPS, was the only one with the URLs, passwords, etc. needed to manage the domain name, web site host, and web site, he gave a copy of that information to the new president to be retained in case anything happened to John.

A presentation on a Facebook page for CARS was presented by Jeff Flowers, KI4LLE. After a discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed and Jeff will set about creating a Facebook page for CARS.

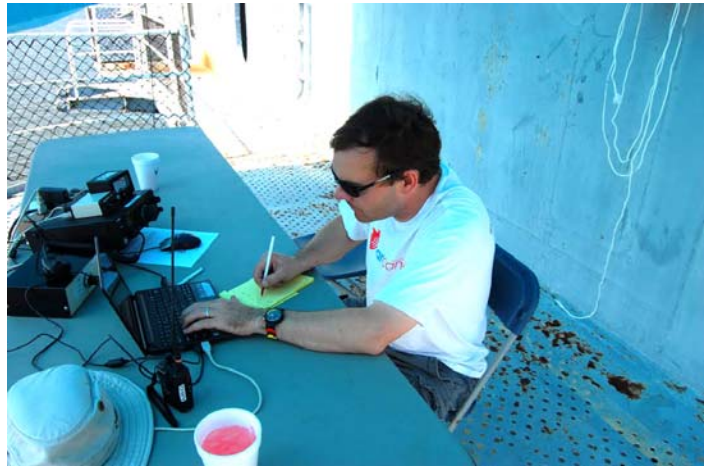
**Drawing:**

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Robert Graham, WB4SOF.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry, KJ4GZR.



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