

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

October 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, Oct. 10, 2011



DUES FOR THE YEAR

**AUGUST 1, 2011 – JULY 31, 2012
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

Did you know that the year 1912 marked the beginning of licensing for amateur radio operators? Shortly after the RMS Titanic sank that year, Congress passed the Radio Act of 1912 which mandated that all radio stations in the US be licensed by the federal government as well as mandating that seagoing vessels continuously monitor distress frequencies. This law also restricted private stations to wavelengths of 200 meters or shorter (1500 kHz or higher). While these short wave frequencies were considered useless at the time, amateur operators took these "lemon" frequencies and made short wave lemonade.

As we approach the century mark of that act, amateur radio is still going strong. What is it about this hobby that keeps us entranced as we tune up and down the bands listening for and making contacts around the globe? Is it the excitement of seeing how far away a 1 watt transmission can be heard? Is it experimenting with a new digital mode? Or is it listening to an experienced fist pound out code that sings out a melody that only a ham can appreciate? Amateur radio is a diverse hobby with something for everyone.

I invite you to come to our next meeting and share what excites you about amateur radio.

73, Greg, KI4TVA

HAMFEST COMMITTEE & HELPER PARTY

The Hamfest Committee Party will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 at Bryce and Jenny's river house in Orangeburg. The party is for the Committee and those who helped (family included) with the Hamfest. Come as early as you like, lunch will be served at 2:00 PM. Bring your own alcoholic beverages.

Committee members are invited to come Friday for the weekend, bring your own bedding, towels, etc., a covered dish for the Friday evening meal and your own alcoholic beverages.

Directions: I-26 west to Exit 154A, Hwy. 301 south into Orangeburg, cross the Edisto River, turn left at first traffic light onto Cannon Bridge Road, go approx. 7 miles, turn left at MRH sign. Talk in on 147.045 Tone 103.5 repeater.

Please RSVP by Oct. 5 to Jenny, WA4NGV, at 747-2324 (home) or 697-4109 (cell) or to Sheila, KT4YW, at 871-4368.

COASTAL CAROLINA FAIR

The Coastal Carolina Fair is from Oct27th to Nov 6th. If you who would like to work the booth at the fair please e-mail Linda NeSmith at k4mpy@yahoo.com

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Beginning Checking Balance - 8/1/11 | \$3,263.80 |
| Cash Receipts: | |
| August Raffle Proceeds | 32.00 |
| Dues | 970.00 |
| Memberships | 100.00 |
| Donations | 30.00 |
| Cash Disbursements: | |
| August Newsletter | (28.84) |
| AT&T - August | (59.89) |
| Ending Checking Balance - 8/31/11 | \$4,307.07 |

Charlotte - KJ4PLX

MINUTES of SEPT. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, September 12, 2011 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Gregory Amirault, KI4TVA, at 7:30 PM on Monday, September 12, 2011 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were 34 regular members (29 ARRL members), 1 associate member, and 3 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Susan, KJ4PVN

The August 2011 meeting minutes were published in the September 2011 CARS Carrier. Tom, AJ4UQ, presented the following corrections: Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ, presented operator certificates and the ships worked certificate received from NJ2BB to the club. Races: The request for volunteers for the IOP Connector will be done with a Google Docs form. The part about "field captain" belongs under Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ, agreed to be the Field Day captain for 2012. New Business: A motion was made and approved for Tom, AJ4UQ, to buy a Signalink USB Interface and two cables for the club with a limit of \$150.00. A motion was made by Tracy, KG4HTW,

to accept the minutes with the corrections, seconded by Carrie, KJ4LPN, and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The August Financial Report was not published in the September newsletter because the newsletter went to press before the end of August. The August Financial Report will be published in the October newsletter

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

Jenny was not present to give a report. The next hamfest be held on February 4th, 2012. The hamfest committee party for the 2011 hamfest will be held at Jenny's River House on October 7th and 8th in Orangeburg. John, WA4GPS, said the new flyer is on the website.

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

JOTA will be the 3rd weekend in October. Doc will be at Janice Park under the bridge. George, KI4UIW, and Carrie, KJ4LPN, will volunteer.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

The I.O.P. Connector Race is on Oct. 1, 2011. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those who would like to help. A number of people signed up on Google.

A request has been received for help with the Charleston Marathon on Jan 14th, 2012. The Charleston marathon is 26.2 miles long, will start in early morning and go thru mid afternoon.

A MS walk will be Mar 2nd - Mar 4th, a 3 day event, 20 miles each day, with an all day commitment. It will cover downtown Charleston, Mount Pleasant, and Sullivan's Island.

The Cooper River Bridge Run is March 31st.

The trailer will be used in supporting these events.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA / Tom, AJ4UQ

Generator repair status: Wes, W4RUX, will get an estimate. He needs permission to take it to the shop

before the next meeting. A motion was made to allow Wes to spend up to \$200.00 for repairs. Carl, WD4CXM, seconded the motion and it was passed.

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

Charleston: Bill stated that the next meeting is Sat. Sept.17th, 9am at St. Andrews fire station. You can view the path of tropical storms at stormpulse.com. You can also view the storm spaghetti models at spaghettimodels.com.

Dorchester: Greg, W1GRE, stated the Dorchester County MARS class was an all day event. The Dorchester County meetings are the second Saturday of the month.

Berkeley: George stated that the Expo at the Gillard went over very good.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Bryce was not present to give a report.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

ARES - Darrell, KB7QVG, is on every Sunday night at 8pm. The first 15 minutes they take all of the local check ins. There were 51 checked in state wide. You don't have to be a member to check into the net.

Newcomers Net: George states they are still looking for operators.

Young Peoples Net: Mondays at 7:30pm.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report. President appreciates all your effort.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

There was no one to test in August. The next testing session will be October 8th. There will be classes for Extra, General, and Technician levels followed by VE testing the last weekend of October. Go to the SCHEART website, sheart.us, for details.

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

The school program will start up after Labor Day.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Dues are past due! Please submit if you haven't already.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: None

Second Reading: John Murden, AK4LA
James Doscher, KE4ZTY

Associate: Jim Holmes, Charleston, in process of getting license. He won the membership for ARRL at the last meeting.

John, James D., and James H. were voted in as new members and welcomed into the club.

Communications Trailer:

Activity Report - Willie: Work day on the trailer on the 24th at 9am. Will install a rack for mounting a repeater. The trailer is located on Dorchester Rd at the old fire station close to the airport, flashing light, little grey building.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A motion was made by George, KI4UIW, to support the Charleston Marathon Race. The motion was seconded by Wess, W4RUX, and passed.

Announcements:

Dues are past due, need to get those in.

Facebook we has 27 new friends.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Doc, W4MUR.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan, KJ4PVN.

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