

CARS WA4USN CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

February 2012 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, Feb.13, 2012



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Alright, I admit it. I'm guilty. I had been reluctant to embrace smart phone technology for far too long. I looked on with some envy and even more amusement as everyone poured over their little screens for hours on end. That was until Bryce Myers came to Wednesday breakfast at Bojangles and plunked a new iPhone on the table for all to see!

I couldn't believe my eyes. If Bryce has an iPhone, where does that leave me? I'm not saying that Bryce is not tech savvy, but I think even he will tell you that he is more comfortable tuning a duplexer cavity than he is diagnosing an error message on his computer. So this past Thursday, I went to the AT&T store where I have been doing business and bought an iPhone. Since then I have been poring over my little screen for hours on end. I know, laugh it up. But this brings up an intriguing challenge for the amateur radio community.

Our next generation of amateur radio emergency communicators treats smart phones as a lifestyle unto themselves. How do we attract these young people who cannot fathom a situation where texting is not only appropriate but expected? Sure there is digital technology in our hobby, but when you can't text, tweet, Facebook, or Skype, you can communicate by radio. How do we get that point across? Let's share some ideas at the next meeting. In the meantime, I'll see you at the 2012 CARS Hamfest on Saturday February 4th.

73 de KI4TVA, Greg

DEC. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 12/1/11	\$4,571.73
Cash Receipts:	0.00
Cash Disbursements:	
AT&T - November & December	(119.27)
Ending Checking Balance - 12/31/11	\$4,452.46
Charlotte - KJ4PLX	

MINUTES of JAN. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, January 9, 2012 - 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, January 9, 2012 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were 43 regular members present.

Secretary's Minutes: Wess, W4RUX, for Susan, KJ4PVN

The November 2011 meeting minutes and the December 2011 meeting minutes were published in the January 2012 CARS Carrier. The November meeting minutes were corrected so that the Application for Associate Member now reads as "Idus W. NeSmith, N4PYT". A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded, and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The October and November Financial Reports were published in the January newsletter and accepted as information.

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

The Clamagore will be moved to the CG Ingham's former pier. The Laffey will be brought back in the next two weeks near the Yorktown. We hope to have all three ships on the air for "Museum Ships on the Air" the first week end in June.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA / Tom, AJ4UQ

No activity until June.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Doug and Charles, KC5FOX, passed out T-shirts and Sweat Shirts for the Charleston Marathon. Charles brought PA horns for the Mile Marker positions. Doug needs one more operator.

Doug reported a request from the MS Walk which is a 3 day event. Mary, N4MH (from Charlotte) is usually NCS and they will need a few ops from CARS to help. Walk is from Charleston to Mt. Pleasant on Friday, Mt. Pleasant to Sullivan's Island on Saturday and Isle of Palms on Sunday, March 2-3-4.

The Cooper River Bridge Run will be March 31st. Contact Doug at: doug.clark@comcast.net or sign up on You Tube.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

The next Hamfest will be held February 4th, 2012. Help is needed on Friday, February 3rd, to set up. Please come up to the Fairgrounds and help. Also, we will need a lot of help afterwards to breakdown and cleanup. We will have ARRL and Weather forums and Bingo. \$5.00 entry fee for everyone includes one raffle ticket. Committee members need to arrive around 6:00 AM to help with vendor arrivals.

Christmas Party: Expenses \$740.22, Income \$525.00, Cost to club: \$215.22.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Bryce reported that the meeting announcement got stuck and kept going steady for an hour or so until he could shut it down. (It must have worked as we had a nice crowd for the meeting). He and Mike, WA4HVP, will be working on the problem. The repeaters are working fine otherwise.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Dues are now past due but you have until the end of January or the Hamfest to pay up, after that, those who have not paid their dues will be purged from the membership roster. Please submit if you haven't already. Send check to Bryce at 2630 Dellwood Ave. N. Charleston, S.C. 29405.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: None

Second Reading: Warren Richey, KK4EVI

Applications for Associate Member: None

Warren Richey was voted in as a new member and welcomed into the club.

Emergency Prep: Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HMK, Dorchester; Vince, K4AOC, Berkeley

We need more members to join ARES. If you are interested, please attend one of the meetings.

Charleston ARES meets the 3rd Sat. 9AM each month at St. Andrews FD.

Dorchester: Meets the 2nd Sat. 9AM each month.

Berkeley: Meets the last Sat. 9AM of each month

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

ARES net is Sunday evenings 8:00PM on CARS Link up, switching to Statewide at 8:20PM on Heart and Cars links.

Skywarn net meets statewide on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 9PM until hurricane season then shifts to weekly.

Newcomers net is Thursdays at 8:00 PM. All are welcome and invited to take a turn at NCS. Good practice.

QCWA net is 9:00 AM statewide on Saturday. You don't have to be an old timer member to check in. All 25 year + hams are invited to become members.

Young People's net is statewide VHF Monday's at 7:30PM for youths 16 and under. (Listen in).

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Check out the banner pulling Bi-Plane going both directions on the Header.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

At the December testing, 2 tech and one general passed. The next testing will be at the Hamfest, Feb. 4th, 1:00PM. There will be no testing on the 2nd Saturday of February. Testing is walk-in. A \$15.00 fee and two types of I.D. are required, one with a picture.

Bryce reported that a tech class is being planned and will be announced soon.

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

On air Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 PM on Simplex 146.52 calling Channel and on 20 Meters.

Communications Trailer:



Wess, W4RUX, reported that work on the trailer is complete except for oiling the Mast which will be done before the Marathon on Jan. 14th. The trailer will also be taken to the Hamfest on Feb. 4th.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Announcements:

Vince Lombardi, K4AOC said that TARC will have a Winter Field Day on Jan. 28th and 29th at the Ladson Fairgrounds. All are invited to stop by.

Ed Walker, KQ4DC, reported that the ship licenses are expiring and need renewal. Tom, AJ4UQ will check on that. Also that the Trustee should be changed from Glenn Little, WB4UIV.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by ???

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wess, W4RUX, for Susan, KJ4PVN.



Communications Trailer operating positions



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