

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

March 2013 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 7:00 PM, Monday, Mar. 11, 2013



JAN. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 1/1/13	\$4,383.48
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	35.00
Xmas. Party checks made to CARS	54.00
Dues	577.50
Memberships	40.00
Check not accepted (redeposit in Feb.)	(20.00)
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - January Newsletter	(28.16)
Jenny Myers - Christmas Party	(513.70)
Memorial for Alvin Olasov	(25.00)
AT&T - January	(68.80)
ARRL - 2 memberships	(61.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 1/31/13	\$4,373.32
Charlotte - KJ4PLX	

MINUTES of FEB. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, February 11, 2013 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Gregory Amirault, KI4TVA, at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 11, 2013 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 46 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The January 2013 meeting minutes were published in the February 2013 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded, and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The December Financial Report was published in the February newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Start making plans. May 18th MARS Crossband test. June 1st and 2nd Museum Ships contest. Always looking for volunteers to help out.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

Start making plans for June 22nd and 23rd Field Day contest. Always looking for volunteers to help out.

Tom is still looking for someone with an interest, to step forward and take over as the new Captain (or perhaps Co-Captain) for Field Day.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

More events coming up in 2013, Feb 23rd Lifepoint 5K Run, voted on and passed (Would like at least 6 volunteers). Mar. 1-3 is the MS Walk and Apr. 6th is the Cooper River Bridge Run.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

2013 Hamfest made some money. At least 361 people visited the event. Hope to be at the Armory again for the 2014 Hamfest.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Repeater announcement problem - may be closing in on finding and fixing some problems. The correct CARS meeting time should be on the repeaters. The TARC repeaters have been tied into the system.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Three club members went Silent Key in 2012.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Bruce Roberts, KI4YST
Joseph (Joe) Lane, K4LTF
Dean Webb, KK4DRQ

Second Reading: Frank Ruopoli, KK4NMG
Robert Wilhite, KK4NMH

Applications for Associate membership: None

Frank, KK4NMG, and Robert, KK4NMH, were voted in as new members and welcomed into the club.

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HMK, Dorchester; Dennis, KG4RUL, Berkeley
Rick, N8BKN: On March 1st, DHEC will be re-identifying the areas. The old region 7 will become Lowcountry region.

Charleston: Next ARES meeting on February 16th at 9:00 AM at St. Andrews F.D. Hwy 61 & 7. We still need a lot more ARES members.

Dorchester: Meets 2nd Saturday at EOC Bldg., Hwy 78. EOC operating and D Star Training.

Berkeley: Meets Last Saturday of Month.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net
Newcomers net needs net control stations and more of you to check in, Thursdays at 8PM on VHF system.

ARES Net meets at Sunday 8PM. Local area 5 meets from 8-8:20PM then joins the statewide link up at 8:20PM.

QCWA Net meets at 9:30 AM due to conflict with other nets. If you don't hear them on the CARS system, QSY to 146.76 or 147.105 or another SCHeart System frequency.

SKYWARN Net meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9PM on Linked system, unless severe weather activated the Net.

Lowcountry Digital Net: meets Sundays at 8:30 PM and Wednesdays at 8:00 PM on 145.000 MHz running Olivia 32/1000.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS
No report. All okay.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW
Then next test session will be at 9:00 AM on April 13th, 2013 at the Trident Hospital.

A Technician training course will be held at Seabrook – 23rd and 24th of February.

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

The Club will air on Tuesdays from 4:00 PM to about 5:30 PM. Would like some help with getting the club on the air. This week, School Club Round-up held from 4-6PM on 20M and 146.52 simplex.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG
Problem with radio heating up, will try installing a fan to help cool radio.

Old Business: We are still trying to get a list together of what apparel members would like to have, with the Club Logo on them (for example: shirts, jackets, hats, t-shirts etc.). If you would like to have a maroon cap with a white logo, contact Bryce, K4LXF. Send an email to Greg, KI4TVA, (geamirault@sc.rr.com) to let him know what other apparel you would like to have made up.

New Business: Dan Kelley asked for support for a BikeRide, a vote was taken and approved. He needs 6 to 8 volunteers who will be assigned to one of two SAG vehicles (Support and Gear), stationed at one of several rest stops along the way, or stationed at the command center. The date is April 7th from the morning to early afternoon. The ride will be taking place in Francis Marion between Awendaw, McClellanville and Jamestown. His email dan@trekbikesofmountpleasant.com is the point of contact. Email is the best way to contact him.

Announcements: There will be a Fox Hunt on Feb 23. Listen for CW training on Tuesdays from 7:30PM -8:00PM, on linked repeaters.

Drawing: The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Greg Amirault.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.