

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

October 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, Oct. 14, 2013



DUES FOR THE YEAR AUGUST 1, 2013 - JULY 31, 2014 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

Mark your calendars. The Charleston Amateur Radio Society's Hamfest 2014 will be on February 1st. The Hamfest committee has begun planning for next year's event and it looks to be another great one. By the time you read this, many of you will have returned from the Shelby Hamfest with your cache of electronic treasures. Hamfests are a great way to generate interest in our hobby, meet up with friends from other parts of the country and catch up on what's new in the hobby.

As most of you know, Hamfest is our income generator, which funds our club operations and activities. Your Hamfest committee works hard to improve this event every year. Jenny Myers and Mike Wells have co-chaired this project for as long as I have been a club

member and they have done an outstanding job. Moving the Hamfest to North Charleston last year has provided us with an excellent venue with much lower operating costs. The feedback has been tremendous and our bottom line has greatly improved.

As with any large project, Hamfest requires a lot of manpower and our club members have always turned up in force to support this event. However, we need people interested in holding key positions within the Hamfest Committee. We cannot and should not assume the same people will always be there to handle these positions. Life's circumstances constantly change and we need (to quote a football phrase) to increase our depth at all positions. If you are interested in becoming a Hamfest Committee Chair or holding a lead position on one of the subcommittees let us know. There is no danger of anyone being dropped in the grease and be expected to run a Hamfest tomorrow. Lets call it an apprenticeship. Learn the position now and be ready to step up when the time comes. I have the utmost confidence in your ability to succeed. So, roll up your sleeves and jump in. Let's continue to make our Hamfest the best it can be and have fun as we do it!

73 de KI4TVA, Greg

Emergency Preparedness

MINUTES of SEPT. MEETING

Upcoming Events:

October 6-12 National Fire Safety Week

October 17 Great Shake out day (Earthquake drill)

October 19 Charleston County ARES meeting at St. Andrews Public Service Office from 0900 to 1200.

October 19 South Carolina ARRL Simulated Emergency Test at ARES meeting site from 1000 to 1200.

A special THANK YOU to the members of the CARS Club and ARES group that have supported the use of the Comm trailer and attendance at all of this years Emergency Preparedness Expo's around the county. These events have left a positive impression of our hobby and capabilities.

I also wish all HAM's to check out joining ARES because many trained operators will be needed if a for real disaster happens and training will make it easier for you to be more professional in your communicating skills.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 8/1/13	\$3,323.70
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	36.00
Dues	1,125.00
Memberships	20.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - August Newsletter	(14.79)
AT&T - August	(69.74)
J. Myers Stamps, Receipt Book, Copies	(112.12)
Memorial for Maurice Fox	(25.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 8/31/13	\$4,283.05
Charlotte - KJ4PLX	

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Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, September 9, 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, September 9, 2013 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 29 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The August 2013 meeting minutes were published in the September 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 July Financial Report was published in the September newsletter and accepted as information.

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

JOTA – coming up on Oct. 19th and 20th, on USS Yorktown.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

No report

Races: Doug, KU4OC

IOP connector Run Oct. 5th, looking for about 15 people to help out.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

Looking for someone to shadow the Chair person and Co-Chair person, to take over if needed.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

No report.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Yearly membership dues were due in July.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Steven Harrison, KJ4AII
Paulette Harrison, KJ4AIK

Second Reading: None

Applications for Associate membership: None

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNK, Dorchester; Dennis, KG4RUL, Berkeley

Rick, N8BKN: Hurricane EXPO – Sept. 14th, from 9 to 2, at 1519 Sam Rittenberg Blvd at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We will be working a booth and the club trailer.

On Oct. 19th, from 10 to 12 will be the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test. Expect extra radio traffic.

Larry, KJ4GZR – Talked about availabilities of emergency shelters. The info is going to be posted on club's website.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

Newcomers Net meets on Thursdays at 8:00 PM. If you are interested in trying to conduct a net, send George, KI4UIW, a note and he will get you the information.

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 on Saturday at 9:30 AM. They will be moving meetings to the Low Country in September.

SKYWARN Net meets on Tuesdays at 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 145.700 MHz running Olivia 32/1000.

TARC CW Training Net: Training on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on linked repeater system.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

The website was moved to another server to increase website speed. Thanks was also given to DOC, W4MUR, for his article on Electrical Safety.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The National Guard had 10 people take the test, all passed.

The next test session will be at 9:00 AM on October 12th, 2013 at the Trident Hospital.

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

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

Talked about spare tire for trailer.

Old Business:

New Business:

Coastal Carolina Fair will be Oct. 31st thru Nov. 10th. Linda, K4MPY to coordinate. Free tickets and free parking for volunteers who work booths. List will be coming out.

Announcements:

An email message was read from James Boehner, N2ZZ thanking us for his Honorary Membership renewal.

A thank you letter was received from The Shriners Hospitals for Children in Greenville, in memory of Paul Pearson.

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A thank you letter was also received from Brith Sholom Beth Israel Synagogue, in memory of Maurice Fox.

A thank you letter was also received from the family of Ed Bolin, for the donation to B.S.M.C..

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Bill, WA4WGP.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Albert Einstein was heard to say, "Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."