

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

April 2015 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, Apr. 13, 2015*

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

The Cooper River Bridge Run ended a few hours ago, and the CARS support went off without problems. Participation in the weekly CARS, TARC, ARES, and Skywarn nets really does provide practical experience to prepare for an operation like this. The amount of doubling over each other was almost zero, and when the final roll call was done it was like listening to a NASA countdown.

Working the nets helps you understand how a given net control operator works, and it helps you understand the rhythm of the net. When you're standing outside in 40 degree weather, you can worry about staying warm instead of what to say.

It is helpful to also use your field gear during the weekly nets. That way you'll learn how the buttons work, how long to key up before talking, and any odd settings you might miss (hello, WIRES(tm)...). The Newcomers net on Thursdays is a great time to ask questions about your signal and operating practices.

Field Day is coming up at the end of June. For many clubs it's just a big picnic, but we have well over 100 members. It takes a lot more to organize than simply remembering to stop by the supermarket on the way to the park. We want to delegate key tasks to club members this year -- lining up operators, managing the food, writing press releases, preparing the computers, and more. If you'd like to take the lead for a key area please contact Tom AJ4UQ at 843.813.0950. All past information and lessons-learned for that area, plus the schedule, will be passed to you.

tg, AJ4UQ.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

By the time everyone reads this the Cooper River Bridge Run and After Bridge Run Bike Ride will be completed. A couple of GOOD practices for Emergency Communications to shine and provide Public service to our community. I am sure everyone had a GREAT time at both events.

Hurricane season begins on 1 June 2015 and Hurricane Awareness events will begin with the James Island expo at the Lowe's store on James Island, May 9, 2015, 0900- 1300.

The CARS Communications trailer will be there and all ARES members and ALL hams are invited and encouraged to drop by. The Charleston County ARES meeting will be held at the event.

The Red Cross will also be doing a shelter set up at a shelter in North Charleston. We need two (2) hams to go over to the shelter to take notes and learn shelter procedures. The Red Cross is one of ARES served agencies. We also need one (1) ham to go over to the Red Cross building in North Charleston to meet with Larry, KJ4GZR to set up communications with the shelter. We would like to run a short net between the shelter, Red Cross building and the Communications trailer on James Island. We will be testing the linked repeater system and would like to try Simplex too. We may have to use a relay from James Island via Red Cross to shelter if direct does not work. Volunteers can contact Larry Groves KJ4GZR or me if you are willing to participate.

Along with Hurricane season don't forget tornadoes and severe weather can happen anytime in the spring please be prepared and observant.

Two (2) major coordinators for severe weather are SKYWARN from the National Weather Service and the Hurricane Watch Net, Local SKYWARN is WX4CHS and uses 146.760 Mhz and the linked system. The Hurricane net uses HF at 14.325 Mhz. Keep these frequencies handy they will provide great information.

A new net for Emergency training is the South Carolina State Guard net held on Thursdays at 2000 local time on the SCHEART linked repeaters. (146.760 Tone 123.0) All ARES members are encouraged to check in. You do NOT have to be a Guard member.

## **FEB. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Beginning Checking Balance - 2/1/15	\$4,671.96
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	40.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers-Jan.&Feb. CARS Carrier	(76.11)
AT&T - February	(79.76)
Ending Checking Balance - 2/28/15	\$4,556.09

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## **MINUTES of MARCH MEETING**

### **Charleston Amateur Radio Society**

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy.61  
Monday, March 9, 2015 at 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, March 9, 2015 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

**Introductions:** There were 36 people present.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Warren, KK4EVI

The February 2015 meeting minutes were published in the March 2015 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The January 2014 Financial Report was published in the March 2015 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Plan on participating June 6 & 7. Signed up with the NJBB group – to use all three ships.

**Field Day:** Tom, AJ4UQ

Working on getting key operators assigned.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

Lifepoint – It was a nice little event

CRBR – March 28<sup>th</sup> – Course is the same as last year. The “T” shirts and vehicle passes are ready. 30 people have signed up, would like more to help out.

After Bridge Ride – Tom, K4WJC – March 29<sup>th</sup> - passing sign-up sheet around.

**Hamfest Report:** Greg, KI4TVA

Volunteers did an excellent job. Greg gave a rundown of income and expenses. May have a Hamfest meeting in a couple of weeks.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

Some repeaters are playing funny games.. There is some noise on the system, possibly from the 146.940 (Knightsville). Unlinked the repeater and the noise has stopped. Will troubleshoot more later.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

10<sup>th</sup> of February was the drop date for non payment of dues. 14 members were dropped from the rolls.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Raymond L. Miller, KM4FRG

Second Reading: Linda Selleck, KJ4EUV  
Donald Langdon, KK4WWV

The two new members were voted on and welcomed into the club.

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

Next ARES meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 0900 at the Fire Station for the Comms trailer.

State wide drill was held on March 7, 8, and 9<sup>th</sup>.

On Wednesday, a severe weather awareness tornado drill will be held around 0900 AM.

You should hear weather alert drill messages on alert radios, television, and phone apps.

There will be a Hurricane EXPO on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the James Island Lowe's on Daniel Ellis Drive, from 0900 to 1300. The CARS Trailer will be there.

**Nets:** Warren, KK4EVI - Newcomers Net

**Newcomers Net** meets on Thursdays at 8:00 PM. If you are interested in trying to conduct a net, send Warren, KK4EVI, a note and he will get you the information.

**ARES Net** meets at Sunday 8:00 PM. Local area 5 meets from 8:00 - 8:20 PM then joins the statewide link up at 8:20 PM.

**QCWA Net** meets on Saturday at 9:30 AM. Chapter 89 is now in Charleston.

**SKYWARN Net** meets on first and third Tuesdays at 9:00 PM on the linked repeater systems.

**Lowcountry Digital Nets:** meets Sundays at 8:30 PM and Wednesdays at 8:00 PM on **145.700** MHz running Contestia 64/1000.

**TARC CW Training Net:** meets every Tuesday at 7:30 on linked repeater systems.

**SCHEART Net:** meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 AM.

**ARES HF Net:** Meets on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:00 PM on HF 3.990 MHz primary and 3.9935 MHz alternate. Looking for more HF Logins, to support HF web.

**Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS

Nothing new.

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

The next scheduled exam will be 09:00 AM on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Trident Hospital conference room near the cafeteria.

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

No report.

**Communications Trailer:** Willie, WB4SOG

No report.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Support the Museum ships on 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

Boy Scout JOTA – October 17 & 18. AI4SS would like help putting up some antennas and working the stations on the Yorktown.

Field Day will be 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> of June.

The budget for Field Day was approved for up to \$500.00.

A request for \$150.00 was asked for, so the club could purchase a Signalink box and cables for the Yorktown digital station. Request was approved.

**Announcements:**

Received a notice that Ann Hatcher, WB5PJE went silent key (passed away). No more information has been received.

**Drawing:**

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Paulette, KJ4AIK.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI



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