

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

September 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, Sept. 14, 2015



DUES FOR THE YEAR AUGUST 1, 2015 – JULY 31, 2016 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 YOUR PRESIDENT

Sorry but Bryce and I will not be at the upcoming CARS meeting, we will be on vacation. I have left it in good hands, I am sure he will do a great job. I will see you all next Month and will be ready to get things done.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hopefully the weather will start to cool down, as we have some events coming up on the calendar. First is the Isle of Palms Connector 10k. This is a relaxed early-morning event, a great opportunity to practice operating in a net. If you're unsure how it works, ask to be paired with a race veteran. You can sign up to help with the IOP Connector Run by clicking on the "CARS Events" Sign Up on the CARS Website home page (www.wa4usn.org). At the end of October is the Coastal Carolina Fair; we generally man a table and have radios operating.

If you operate on HF, you've probably noticed some pretty poor band conditions. As we hear dead air, at least the people in the north are seeing some great aurora. Keep monitoring for openings though. Just as people realize during the big contests, the bands

might not be dead all the time, there just might not be anybody transmitting.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ

EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS

Welcome to Hurricane Season; first came Danny, and then Erika, and now Fred is forming off the Cape Verde Islands. As OLD sailors say "Keep a weather eye out." Please take this time to check out evacuation routes (more than one), your bug out stuff, and the conditions of your vehicle before you really need them.

Next; September is National Preparedness Month. Go to www.Ready.gov for weekly information on different disasters. Each week there will be more information and maybe you will see and learn something to make your own preps better or easier.

Finally, October is the ARRL's Simulated Emergency Test month. This event is second only to Field day for hams to practice Emergency Preparations. More details of this coming event will be put out later.

Emergency Preparedness nets Schedules:

Sunday evenings: Low Country ARES net. 2000(8:00pm) to 2020(8:20pm). SC ARES net 2020(8:20pm) to 2100(9:00pm)

Tuesday evenings: Skywarn net: 2100(9:00pm) to 2200(10:00pm)

Thursday Morning: SCHEART net 0900(9:00am) to 1000(10:00am)

Thursday evening: SC State Guard net 2000(8:00pm) to 2100(9:00pm)

Check out these nets to learn what is going on in the State and area. Also good practice for a real emergency.

Until next time.

73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 7/1/15	\$3,801.47
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	875.00
Memberships	120.00
Raffle Proceeds	45.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - July CARS Carrier	(32.10)
AT&T - July	(79.66)
Field Day	(153.28)
ARRL - 3 Memberships	(98.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 7/31/15	\$4,478.43

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 8/1/14	\$4,005.94
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	3,552.50
Memberships	320.00
Raffle Proceeds	421.00
Cash Disbursements:	
CARS Carrier	(367.23)
AT&T	(932.79)
ARRL - Memberships	(381.00)
Misc. Expenses (printing, stamps, etc.)	(142.43)
Christmas Party	(385.66)
Pinckney Carter Co. - Liab. Insurance	(250.00)
US Postmaster - year PO Box Rental	(80.00)
Memorials & Flowers for members	(25.00)
Field Day	(153.28)
Website hosting	(83.40)
CARS Brochures	(320.08)
Digital Interface for Yorktown	(124.89)
Lights in Comm Trailer	(101.97)
WIE - Rack for trailer for repeater	(473.28)
Ending Checking Balance - 7/31/15	\$4,478.43

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of AUG. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy.61,
Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Jenny Myers, WA4NGV, at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 10, 2015 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 41 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The July 2015 meeting minutes were published in the August 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 June 2015 Financial Report was published in the August 2015 newsletter and accepted as information.

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ

No report.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

No report.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Looking for someone to become familiar with and work split time calling, for future events.

Tom K4WJC, would again like support for this years Cystic Fibrosis Cycle for Life bike run. Asking for at least 6 Hams to assist.

Hamfest Report: Greg, KI4TVA

No report.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Moncks Corner repeater, 145.490, went offline. It took a lot of time and effort, to find people with keys that would let Bryce and Rick in. When they

finally got to the repeater, they found the power supply was off. They put in a different power supply and the repeater came back up. They took the old power supply home and found a fuse blown. They replaced the fuse and the power supply seems to be working again.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: A. B. Rudisill, KM4LCH
McRoy (Mack) Canterbury Jr. KK4YFA

Second Reading: Anthony Dietrich, KM4CIM
Nicholas Reno, KW4KR
Russell Hagen, KK4ZOB

All of the second reading personnel were accepted into the club.

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNC, Dorchester; Dennis, KG4RUL, Berkeley

Next ARES meeting is August 15th at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 9:00 AM.

According to Farmers Almanac, This is the usual start of the SC hurricane season.

Rick also gave out a lot of useful information on the NOAA Extreme Weather Information Sheet. If you would like a copy, the website is www.ncddc.noaa.gov/NEWIS. You can download and keep your own copy.

Nets: John, KK4KBQ

Newcomers Net: meets on Thursdays at 8:00 PM. If you are interested in trying to conduct a net, send John, KK4KBQ, a note and he will get you the information. John is also looking for more participation and Net Controllers to help out. 10 to 15 people have been checking in.

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.

SKYWARN Net: meets on 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 1st and 3rd 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.

DMR Net: Meets Sundays at 8:00 PM.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled exam will be 09:00 AM on October 10th at the Trident Hospital conference room near the cafeteria.

During the last exam, 2 people took a test and both passed. Before that, 6 other people took a test and they also all passed.

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

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

The new rack has been installed and they are starting to install the new equipment.

They found the trailer battery was dead. They have started recharging the battery.

Old Business:

Jim, KK4REM, is still having working sessions on the Yorktown. Contact him for more information and dates.

New Business:

Tom, K4WJC, again brought up the request to support this years CF Cycle for Life bike run. The request was voted on and approved. Contact Tom, K4WJC, if you would like to volunteer.

Announcements:

A reminder that it is again time to pay annual dues.

Just for information, the ARRL yearly dues will be going up \$10.00 per year.

There is another supply of C.A.R.S. Ballcaps on the table for sale. The price is \$10.00 each. Contact

Bryce, K4LXF, or Jenny, WA4NGV, if you would like more information.

There is some used equipment for sale, on the table, from Archie, KD4TXX.

Drawing:

Dennis, KV4WM, won the first drawing for a one-year ARRL membership. He donated the ARRL membership back to the club. A second drawing was held and Gregg, W1GRE, won that drawing. He donated the ARRL membership to Susan, KJ4PVN.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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