

# CARS WA4USN CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

February 2016 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, Feb. 8, 2016*



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

By the time you get this the Hamfest will be upon us Sat. Feb. 6th. I hope each and every one of you will be there. It's a good time to have that eye Ball Qso with your buddies you talk to on the air, and of course get the goodies you need. So come on out and have a fun day.

See you at the Hamfest.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Recently we as communicators have had the opportunity to test our skills and our ability to deploy. I wish to thank everyone who supported the Charleston Marathon. It was good weather, fun and tested communicators skills in a variety of situations. From doing double duty at different Mile markers causing a relocation event and just being observant and providing additional safety monitors on the course.

Things I learned are that radio batteries are less efficient in cold temperatures and need back up or stored in a warm place, food and water come in handy, and a question for everyone. "How did you identify yourself as an emergency communicator to the runners and public in general?" Did you keep a copy of the fine Communications Plan handy? A great source of phone numbers to other people on the course.

A mention to recent weather, "Snowmeggdon" blanketed the area North of the Low Country but late January and February are good months for Ice storms which means cold nights, frozen water pipes and downed power lines and trees. Think about an

alternate source of heat without power, a way to cook without power and a way to see in the dark. Stock your vehicles with a blanket and emergency food. Check your flashlights for good batteries and bulbs and check the fluids in your vehicles. Stuck on the side of the road is never fun and during a storm, help may be slow in arriving.

The Charleston County ARES monthly meeting for February is again on the third Saturday which is the 20<sup>th</sup> at 0900 local time at St. Andrews Public Service Building on Hwy 61 and Hwy 7.

Charleston Hamfest is February 6, 2016 again at Armory Park. Dennis, KG4RUL, our District Emergency Coordinator, will be there and hope to see everyone too. The forums will be informative and lots of stuff to see and buy for your Ham Shack or summer projects.

Remember the other ARES groups in the Low Country. Berkeley and Dorchester counties need support and I have an open invitation for any Amateur or ARES member to attend any county meeting so if you want more information about ARES or the schedule of the meetings check the web or go to [www.WA4USN.org](http://www.WA4USN.org) for an event time and place.

For those in the Town of James Island the town hall now has a dual-band antenna installed on the roof and a dual band radio installed and working so there is another location to work. Thanks to the Town of James Island staff and K4LXF for getting the equipment and getting it installed and tested.

Until next time stay safe and check your equipment.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## DEC. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 12/1/15 \$4,670.40  
Cash Disbursements:  
AT&T - December (81.31)  
Ending Checking Balance - 12/31/15 \$4,589.09

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of JAN. MEETING

### Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy.61,  
Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM

### MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Jenny Myers, WA4NGV, at 7:02 PM on Monday, January 11, 2016 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

**Introductions:** There were 33 people present.

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

The November and December 2015 meeting minutes were published in the January 2016 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded, and passed.

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

The October and November 2015 Financial Reports were published in the January 2016 newsletter and accepted as information.

**Museum Ships:** Tom, AJ4UQ

Would like to see more participation with the Museum Ships activities.

**Field Day:** Tom, AJ4UQ

Looking for someone to take over the Field Day Chairperson.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

Charleston Marathon – the course is finally covered.. The parking passes, “T” shirts, and placards are available at Doug's office.

The Life Point Run will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

**Hamfest Report:** Greg, KI4TVA

Raffle tickets are available for pickup or will be mailed out. The Hamfest will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> at the North Charleston Armory. We plan on having a bake sale this year. Let Paulette know if you want to help.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

The 441.575 Repeater Controller is still having problems. It was sent off for repair.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

New applications for membership:

First Reading: John C. Borkowski III, K3JCB  
Michael “Angelo” Hughes, W4RXL  
Chris Mantooth, KV4TQ

Second Reading: Pastor Marshall Young, KM4PAY  
Loyd Van Horn, W4LVH  
Bob Hodges, N4XDY

The second reading Hams were voted on and welcomed into the Club.

**Emergency Prep:** Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HMK, Dorchester; Dennis, KG4RUL, Berkeley

There will not be a Charleston ARES meeting this month, we will be working to support the Charleston Marathon.

Dorchester talked about the State Disaster plan and the Ham's role.

**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. The State Wide Net has a problem. The Wallace repeater is not linking into the system. You may need to switch to the Awendaw 146.760 Repeater or the Wallace 147.105 Repeater, until repairs are made.

**SKYWARN Net:** meets every other Tuesday 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.

**DMR Net:** Meets Sundays at 8:00 PM.

**SC STATE GUARD Net:** Meets Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM on SCHEART linked repeaters.

**PALS Net:** 9:30 nightly on 145.230 Tone 123.0

**CARA Whitehall Net:** 8:00 PM Thursdays on 146.910 tone 156.7

**Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

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

The next scheduled exam will be 1:00 PM on February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Charleston Hamfest.

There is a Technician Training class scheduled for January 30 and 31, with a test session being held on

the 31st. The training will be held at the St. Francis hospital.

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

No report.

**Communications Trailer:** Willie, WB4SOG

We will use the trailer to support the Charleston Marathon.

**Old Business:**

The Christmas Party went well again this year.

**New Business:**

**Announcements:**

Doc reported that Raffel was in the hospital but is out now. He would love to have some visitors.

SK notice for George Ploth Sr. KV4ZP. He has some equipment for sale, contact Bryce, K4LXF for details.

SK notice for Joanne Stone, she passed away back in October 2015.

A guest speaker, Alan Sheppard gave a talk on Solar Energy for the home.

**Drawing:**

Mack, KK4YFA, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI



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