

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

May 2016 Newsletter

CARS Web Site --- <http://www.wa4usn.org>

CARS meets the second Monday of each month at the Golden Corral near Tanger Mall.

*Our next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, May 9, 2016*

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

This is Tornado season so prepare for the coming weather and warnings. Expect more severe thunderstorms and tornado warnings. Check that your NOAA weather radio is tuned to proper frequencies for reception and check or change the back-up batteries.

Plan to come out to the Preparedness Expo's at first Isle of Palms Public Safety/Fire station on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 1700 (5:00pm) to 1900 (7:00pm) and at the James Island LOWE'S store parking lot on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 0900 to 1300. Pick up new ideas and come out and operate from the Communications trailer. Expect more events as Hurricane season approaches.

SkyWarn net on Tuesdays nights at 2100 (9:00pm) will be going to WEEKLY soon so stay tuned for more info and join the net on Tuesday nights.

Dennis Z. KG4RUL, has resigned as District 5 Emergency Coordinator so the post is open again,

Until next month "Stay SAFE and help your neighbors and friends prepare."

73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 3/1/16	\$4,962.26
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	47.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - March CARS Carrier	(31.36)
Jenny Myers - Copies of Rosters	(19.53)
AT&T - March	(85.92)
Postage	(19.65)
US Postal Service - 1 year box rent	(86.00)
Memorial Robert Jennings KB4FCE	(25.00)
Memorial James Waltz WB4RPI	(25.00)
Memorial George Ploth KV4ZP	(25.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 3/31/16	\$4,691.80

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of APRIL MEETING

### Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,  
Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM

### MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Jenny Myers, WA4NGV, at 7:03 PM on Monday, April 11, 2016 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

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

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

The March 2016 meeting minutes were published in the April 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 February 2016 Financial Report was published in the April 2016 newsletter and accepted as information.

**Museum Ships:** Tom, AJ4UQ

The Yorktown has been signed up for operation for the Museum Day event. This year the USS Clamagore and the USS Laffey will not be used. The event will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> and if there is enough participation, June 5<sup>th</sup> also. Look for a sign up sheet to be out soon.

**Field Day:** Tom, AJ4UQ

Tom is still looking for someone to take over the Field Day Chairperson's task.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

Tom AJ4UQ mentioned that the MS Walk went well.

The Cooper River Bridge event went very well.

**Hamfest Report:** Greg, KI4TVA

There was a typo in the Email about the Hamfest party.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

The 441.575 repeater is still not linking.

Still working at putting a repeater in the trailer.

There is work being done, to reprogram the repeater controller software.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Bruce Perry, N4STG

Second Reading: Adam Meyer, KM4OHF  
Glenda Horn, KM4MHC  
Karl Horn, KM4MHD  
Hance Young, KK4BOZ

Associate membership: Delmer Powell

The new second reading and associate members were voted on and welcomed into the Club.

**Emergency Prep:** Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNC, Dorchester; Linda, KJ4EVV, Berkeley

Due to Rick, N8BKN, being out of town, this month's ARES meeting was cancelled.

Bad weather has been hitting the Northeast and Central states. May head this way. Be alert for high heat and humidity.

**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.

**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 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 09:00 AM on June 11<sup>th</sup>. A new location needs to be found, for the testing. Will announce when a place is found.

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

School Club round-up went well.

**Communications Trailer:** Willie, WB4SOG

Will use the trailer for the May 18<sup>th</sup> IOP Hurricane Expo and the Jun 4<sup>th</sup> Hurricane Expo at the Lowe's on James Island.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Tom AJ4UQ has asked for funds to purchase 4 headphones, 4 1/8"-1/4" adapters, and 2 "Y" adapters for use on the Yorktown and the Trailer. Cost not to exceed \$125.00.

Tom also asked for funds to purchase the parts to make a Raspberry Pi-based APRS digipeater and ingate on the WA4USN-5 APRS node on the Yorktown. Cost not to exceed \$125.00. The requests were voted on and approved.

Jim KK4WWJ, asked for about \$400.00 to be used to purchase new Club banner. The request was voted on and approved.

**Announcements:**

Tom AJ4UQ announced that he and Jim KK4REM are working on a schedule for opening the Yorktown for use, if there is any participation. The dates and times will be published soon.

**Drawing:**

Lee, KI4LLJ, 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 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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