

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

June 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, June 13, 2016



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

This year (2015-16) has flown by, here it is June already. June is a very busy month. We have the Hurricane Expo, Museum Ships, and Field day. All of these are fun things to take part in and you can learn a lot about operating etc. There will be food and soft drinks aboard for Field Day. Please try to sign up and help.

Two of the other things happening in June and July are nomination of officers in June and election of officers in July. Dues are also due so please try to pay on time as it makes it much easier on the membership chair. This is just some of the things going on in your club.

Have a great Summer and hope to see you at the June meeting.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

By the time you read this we will have done our start-of-summer HF events: MARS Crossband Test and Museum Ships Weekend. We also had an Operating Day from the Yorktown. These events help practice the skills we need for the big annual event, Field Day.

If you want to operate at Field Day on June 25-26, sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/CARS-events>. Ensuring that we have an operator signed up for all hours on each station help with smooth operation. There are still some questions to be resolved, such as whether we have a GOTA station. For the past few years it hasn't earned us any points, but if we have operators who want to work with the public,

we'll set it up. Handing out literature DOES earn us points.

There's also a new bonus for having a safety officer. This is a serious job, and if you want to take it on, let me know. You'll have to work up a checklist of safety items and verify we're compliant. The list covers items such as safe power runs, proper storage of gasoline, trip hazards, and food safety.

What's after Field Day? Let us know what you want to do. Many of you joined a club to learn from others. Let us know what you can share and what you'd like to learn. We'll work with you to make it happen.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

This is now June and Hurricane season is beginning. Over the Memorial Day weekend we experienced lots of rain, flash flood warnings and tricky driving from Tropical Storm Bonnie. This is the second Tropical Storm of the season so keep alert for more. Rain and wind is NOT the major problem when storms come ashore but rip currents and rough waters. The ocean is different than a lake or river for the force it can exert on you so if friends are down visiting please be careful out there.

Here are some call signs connected to emergency agencies, keep them handy and in your head so when hearing them on the Ham bands you recognize the agency:

WX4CHS is National Weather Service Charleston.
(SkyWarn) (146.760 t-123.0)

KX4DOR is Dorchester County ARES/EOC

W4BRK is Berkeley County ARES/EOC

KA4CHS is Charleston County ARES/EOC

WX4NHC is National Hurricane Center Miami.
(14.325 Mhz)

Thanks to the Amateur's who helped at the Isle of Palms Expo. They provided Pizza Hut Pizza and Ice Cream for all. The Communications trailer was right in front of the fire station and visited by many of the folks present including council members and first responders. The next opportunity to demonstrate our skills will be on June 4, 2016 from 0900 Local to 1300 Local for the folks on James Island. The event will be at the Lowe's store parking lot on James Island. Expect a big turnout of agencies and folks from the island. Remember also this will be the same weekend as Museum ships so plan for both events.

Because of James Island expo, and Field day, there will be NO Charleston County ARES meeting on the third Saturday in JUNE. Again NO Charleston County ARES meeting in JUNE.

Also the State ARES net on Sunday evenings will be doing Hurricane Preparations on a budget again so check in when you can, might hear new ideas for your preparations kits.

Until Next Month, Stay safe, and keep a weather eye for bad weather.

73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 4/1/16	\$4,691.80
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	24.00
Memberships	67.50
Raffle Proceeds	80.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - April CARS Carrier	(21.56)
AT&T - April	(85.92)
Pinckney Carter Insurance	(250.00)
ARRL - 3 Memberships	(141.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 4/30/16	\$4,364.82

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of MAY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Jenny Myers, WA4NGV, at 7:04 PM on Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 28 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

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

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ
Report by Rick, N8BKN

A sign up sheet is being passed around. There is also a TinyURL website posted on the wa4usn.org website. The Museum Ships Contest will be held on June 4th and 5th. June 4th will also be the Hurricane EXPO at Lowes on James Island. That EXPO will be held from 9:00 AM to about 1:00 PM.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

A sign up sheet is being passed around. There is also a TinyURL website posted on the wa4usn.org website. Field Day Exercise will be held on June 25th and 26th. The exercise runs for about 24 hours, so lots of help will be needed.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

No report.

Hamfest Report: Greg, KI4TVA

No report.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The 441.575 repeater is still not linking up with the state wide system. The Buzzing noise is still showing up. The cause is still be looked for.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Kathleen Flynn KM4MZL

Second Reading: Bruce Perry, N4STG

Bruce was voted on and welcomed into the Club.

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNK, Dorchester; Linda, KJ4EVV, Berkeley

Next ARES meeting is on May 21st at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM.

May 18th – IOP Hurricane EXPO at their fire station, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

June 4th – James Island Hurricane EXPO at the Lowes, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Rick made up a business sized card listing the ARES Frequencies, take some to keep on hand.

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 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.

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

No report.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled exam will be 09:00 AM on June 11th. 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

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

No report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A request was made to purchase new tarps for the Yorktown. The old tarps are in bad shape with tears and holes. The cost not to exceed \$75.00. Voted on and approved.

Announcements:

Jenny, WA4NGV is looking for anyone that has access to the picnic area on Bushy Park road.

Trying to put together a Technician Training class. Still need to find out when, where and who wants to attend. The class is two days; day one starts at around 8:00 AM and goes to about 5:00 PM with a break for lunch. Day two starts at around 8:00 AM and goes to about noon. Day two is used to finish any training missed on day one and to conduct a review. The testing session starts at 1:00 PM on day

two and goes for about 3 hours. The Red Cross building at the old Charleston Mall, may be available for use.

Warren, KK4EVI has ordered some "T" shirts for the Club. Only a few sizes left. If interested in getting a "T" shirt, let him know what size you would like for the next 12 shirt minimum order.

Drawing:

Sonja, WA4WVD, 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 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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