

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

July 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, July 11, 2016



DUES ARE DUE

Dues for the year 2016-2017 are now due. They are \$20.00 per member or, if Family, \$10.00 for each additional family member in the same household.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

June has come and gone. IT has been a hot one and I want to thank all the guys who did all the set up and tear down for field day. I even made it up there this year. I think we had a good field day. Michelle did a very good job with the food. My Thanks to all who helped, I think every one had a good time. We also enjoyed Dr. Jim's and Charlie's visit. I hope to see all of you at the Meeting on July 11th. See you there.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

We just finished cleaning up from another Field Day experience, and the next steps are to review the logs and submit our scores. Field Day once again showed that Hams are adaptive -- equipment that worked fine in the weeks leading up to Field Day failed, leading us to improvise and succeed. And of course there were thunderstorms.

Special thanks go to Michelle, KK4WQO, for leading the food team. The baggies of fruits and vegetables were perfect for snacking at the operating positions. All the food was excellent, delivered on time, and cleaned up before we noticed. Likewise for the setup and takedown teams; I don't think the generator had stopped running before all the antennas and operating positions were secured.

Working across the bands and modes it is evident which stations practice throughout the year, and which ones show up just for Field Day. Some stations quickly and efficiently made the exchange, while others made you wonder if their generator died mid-exchange. I think the CARS operators were on the well-practiced side, thanks in part to the operating days that Jim, KW4UL, [ex KK4REM] is coordinating. If there's a contest that you think we should operate as a club (such as Rookie Roundup), let us know in time to make it happen.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ.

CARS MEMBERSHIP STATUS

ARRL MEMBERS	Total	Percent
Life	13	7.56 %
No	60	34.88 %
Yes	99	57.56 %
Total ARRL Members	112	65.12 %
% Licensed Members		67.07 %
% Regular Members		68.71 %
LICENSE CLASS	Total	Percent
Advanced	3	1.74 %
Extra	69	40.12 %
General	52	30.23 %
None	5	2.91 %
Technician	43	25.00 %
Licensed Members	167	97.09 %
Total Members	172	100.00 %
MEMBER STATUS	Total	Percent
Associate	9	5.23 %
Regular	157	91.28 %
Regular - Charter	3	1.74 %
Regular - Honorary	3	1.74 %
Total Regular Members	163	94.77 %
Total Members	172	100.00 %

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 5/1/16 \$4,364.82
Cash Receipts:
 Raffle Proceeds 25.00
Cash Disbursements:
 AT&T - May (85.84)
Ending Checking Balance - 5/31/16 \$4,303.98

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of JUNE MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, June 13, 2016 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, June 13, 2016 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 30 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

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

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ

We contacted at least 24 other ships and recorded over 300+ contacts. The USS Clamagore may be sent somewhere else.

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. Friday June 24th the equipment will be setup and Field Day should start around 2:00 PM Saturday and run through 2:00 PM Sunday. The equipment will be taken down on Sunday.

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 being looked for. The old 12V batteries were removed from the 146.790 repeater room. Found the 440 linking radio was tripping out? Think the cause was an electrical wiring problem, running the A/C and repeater. Will monitor.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

New applications for membership:

First Reading: None

Second Reading: Kathleen Flynn, KM4MZL
Delmer M. Powell, KM4UAZ

Both were voted on and welcomed into the Club.

[Jim Comfort is now an "Extra" and has a new call sign, KW4UL. Warren Richey, KK4EVI, is also now an "Extra".]

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNC, Dorchester; Linda, KJ4EUV, Berkeley

Next Charleston ARES meeting - Cancelled due to Field Day Exercise.

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

Hurricane season looks to be active this year, get prepared now. Watch out for high heat conditions and possible tornadoes in evening thunderstorms.

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

Trying a new format for CARS Carrier Newsletter. Should show up on all phones now.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled exam will be 09:00 AM on August 13th. Looking at having the test at the Tall Pines Baptist Church. The church is located on 645 Treeland Drive, near the American Biker store.

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

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

No report.

Old Business:

Tom, AJ4UQ raised a question about the need for the GOTA station this year. The feeling was the station really was not needed, no one was using the station.

New Business:

John, WA4GPS asked for funds to renew the websites host fee. Not to exceed \$107.00. The fee was voted on and approved.

CLUB DUES ARE DUE FOR THE 2016/2017 year.

It is that time of the year again, to elect club officers. Nominations are:

Pres. - Jenny, WA4NGV
Vice Pres. - Tom, AJ4UQ
Secretary - Warren, KK4EVI
Treasurer - Charlotte, KJ4PLX

Announcements:

Larry, KJ4GZR had a note from David NJ4F saying David wanted to conduct a Contesting training on August 6th from 9:00 AM until around 3:00 PM or so.

Ed, KQ4DC put a bunch of QST magazines on the table. Free to a good home.

Drawing:

Archie, KD4TXX, 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 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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