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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

September 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, Sep. 12, 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. 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

Hopefully we will be having some cooler weather coming up. I for one will be very happy to see that. I have been in lots of pain for some weeks now. I go back to the doctor on Sept 1st and I hope to get a lot of relief. I have most of the committee heads set up and will announce them soon. Bryce and I will not be at the Sept. meeting as we will be on vacation. I'm leaving things in good hands. Hope we have a good turn out.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

It's getting cooler out, and the public service events are a bit easier to bear. As I've noted earlier, these are a great opportunity to apply the skills you learn checking in to weekly nets. And you can see a LOT of stars from IOP before sunrise.

Speaking of weekly nets, consider becoming a net control operator. The Thursday Newcomer's Net is set up to give you that experience. If you're unsure what to do, we will teach you, and can act as shadow net controllers to help you out.

I try to monitor the linked repeaters. I often hear people throw out their call sign, an indicator that you're available to chat. Lots of people listen to the

repeaters, but few respond. Like me, they may be involved in something else and don't have time for a ragchew. So here's a tip: if you just want to see if you're getting out, throw out your call with a "radio check." You're likely to get a quick report. Just don't expect a long conversation to follow.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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 month, – 73, Rick, N8BKN

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 7/1/16	\$3,871.82
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	1,055.00
Memberships	120.00
Raffle Proceeds	32.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - July Carrier	(30.19)
Field Day	(253.11)
Jenny Myers - copies, paper supplies	(97.39)
AT&T - July	(85.88)
ARRL - 3 Memberships	(115.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 7/31/16	\$4,497.25

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 8/1/15	\$4,478.43
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	3,157.50
Memberships	460.00
Raffle Proceeds	402.00
Gifts	55.00
Refunds of Field Day	18.00
Cash Disbursements:	
CARS Carrier	(325.68)
AT&T	(1,007.91)
ARRL - Memberships	(401.00)
Misc. Expenses (printing, stamps, etc.)	(244.89)
Christmas Party	(486.87)
Pinckney Carter Co. - Liab. Insurance	(250.00)
US Postmaster - year PO Box Rental	(86.00)
Memorials & Flowers for members	(75.00)
Field Day	(253.11)
Website hosting	(107.40)
Equipment - Digipeater	(82.66)
Equipment - Headphones	(123.16)
Equipment - Kenwood Repeater	(630.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 7/31/16	\$4,497.25

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of AUGUST MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, August 8, 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, August 8, 2016 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 42 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

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

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ

Jim, KW4UL, opened the Yorktown for digital training – it went well.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

No report.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

IOP connector Run on October 1st. Sign up sheet being passed around and TinyURL sent out by e-mail and posted on website.

Cystic Fibrosis Run scheduled for September 24th. Sign up sheet being passed around and TinyURL sent out by e-mail and posted on website. Looking for at least 6 Hams to participate.

Hamfest Report: Greg, KI4TVA

Planning a Hamfest meeting perhaps around 8/14/2016.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The 441.575 repeater is still not linking up with the state wide system and now the 147.105 isn't linking up either? The Buzzing noise is still showing up. The cause is still be looked for.

Plans are to cancel the repeater telephone patch lines. Costing club about \$1000.00/year.

Looking at repairing / replacing Field Day radio equipment.

The power supply for the Yorktown repeater needs to be replaced.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Dennis Metcalf KG4DDD
James Sineath WD4JHF

Second Reading: Terry Benton, KM4SKH
Mark Doane, KM4JYF
Craig Willison, NZ4CW
David Wirtz, KM4AID

All second readings were voted on and welcomed into the club.

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

Next Charleston ARES meeting is on August 20th at the Fire Station on Dorchester road, about 09:00 AM. Plan to roll out trailer, set-up, run generators, and test radios. Then put trailer and equipment back up.

August 15th is usually the start of Charlestons busiest hurricane period.

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 August 13th at the Tall Pines Baptist Church. The church is located on 645 Treeland Drive, near the American Biker store.

Planning on having a Technician Training Class on October 8th and 9th, the Class is pretty much filled up. Another class is being planned for November 5th and 6th, at the Boeing Welcome Center.

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

DuBose Middle Club is making plans for the total Solar Eclipse in August 2017. They are also participating in balloon launches.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

No report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Board of Directors meeting was held on July 24th and report to follow.

Announcements:

DMR radios have a new code plug coming out.

Drawing:

Terry, KM4SKH, 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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