

# CARS



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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

November 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, Nov. 14, 2016*



## DUES FOR THE YEAR

**AUGUST 1, 2016 – JULY 31, 2017**

## ARE PAST DUE

\$20.00/Year, \$10.00 for each additional 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**

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

During hurricane Matthew, if you did not receive any of the e-mail messages sent to all of the CARS members, it is because we do not have your e-mail address in the CARS membership database. You would also have not received the e-mails about the CARS sponsored picnic.

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I'm so happy we had a great picnic, there were 80 in attendance. The food was very good. Our food committee did an outstanding job. Many thanks goes to Paulette and Debbie, also Steven and Brian. Some of the TARC Club members joined us. I think a good time was had by all.

Well before we know it, Christmas will soon be here. I hope everyone is looking forward to the CARS Club Christmas Party on Dec. 12th. You will get your invention soon. We will have the gift exchange. Please put the Dec.12th date on your calendar.

Here is wishing you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving. Hope to see you at the meeting.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

## FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

Hopefully everybody survived Hurricane Matthew without issue. My preparations paid off, and aside from a flaky SCE&G circuit, everything was back to normal quickly. There are little things I'm going to adjust, but overall the plan worked.

One thing that we need to work on is more hands-on drills. It sounds like the Red Cross will be using us more in the future at shelters; how many of us know where the shelters are? What to bring? What to expect for radio setup and operation? Can someone with a HT be useful, or does the EC need to place hams based on equipment, not proximity?

Hopefully we'll be able to explore this and work with our neighboring counties to ensure that we have hams who are ready to deploy next time.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Hello everyone, New Month, New stuff to discuss. Remember we still have until 30 November for the end of Hurricane season. Keep your eyes on the weather till then. Speaking of Hurricane's, I hope everyone has recovered from Matthew without damage or great loss. Remember there are Ham's to help re-install antennas or repair broken ones. Reach out to the community of Ham Radio.

With the season's changing enjoy the fall colors and temperatures. It is time to restock "Go Kits" with weather appropriate clothing and supplies. The time to need something is not when you are stuck on the roadside or at work.

Check out your vehicles too, cold weather is affects batteries significantly. Also your fluids need checking especially windshield cleaning fluid, You tend to use more in the fall and winter to keep the windshield clean while driving.

October was Fire Safety month, so does everyone have a fire extinguisher in their vehicle and home? Is it older than 5 to 7 years old? Might need to replace it because the powder may be a rock or the pressure has leaked out so effectively it won't work. Check your home smoke detectors too, if older than 10 years you need to replace them, very unreliable after 10 years.

Next big planned event is the Charleston Marathon in January. A great chance to test your emergency gear, spare radios, antennas, and clothing. Sign up when you can this is a fun event and a good test of your new gear from Santa.

Until next month – Happy Thanksgiving to all – 73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## SEPT. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 9/1/16	\$4,700.04
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	20.00
Memberships	20.00
Raffle Proceeds	45.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - Sept. CARS Carrier	(30.19)
Food for CARS Picnic	(325.00)
AT&T - September	(86.73)
ARRL - 2 Memberships	(81.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 9/30/16	\$4,262.12

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of OCT. MEETING

### Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,  
Monday, October 10, 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, October 10, 2016 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

**Introductions:** There were 29 people present.

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

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

**Museum Ships:** Tom, AJ4UQ

Nothing to report.

**Field Day:** Jim, KW4UL

Getting ready for next years Field Day.

Saturday October 15 from 1:00 PM to about 4:00 PM Yorktown radio room will be open for operations.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

IOP Connector run had a good turnout. These exercises are good training for handling Net Control during emergencies.

**Hamfest Report:** Greg, KI4TVA

Had a committee meeting, to get things started.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

The 441.575 repeater is still not linking up with the state wide system and now the 147.105? The Buzzing noise is still showing up. Since the 146.94 repeater was unlinked, there has been no buzzing noise. Linked it back in and buzzing noise came back. Unlinked that repeater again.

Remember: When all else fails, Ham Radio still works.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

Another reminder that Yearly dues are past due. New applications for membership:

First Reading: Kimberly Metcalf KM4VUN  
Jack Munn Jr. KM4VUM

Second Reading: Jonathan Butler, AK4TP  
Arnold O'Neal, KI4KRV  
Bobbi Jo O'Neal, KI4KRW  
Dave Malara, KB2UBO  
Tom Arno, KM4WFO

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

**Emergency Prep:** Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HKN, Dorchester; Linda, KJ4EVV, Berkeley

Next Charleston ARES meeting - on October 15th at the Public Service Building on Dorchester road, about 09:00 AM.

The Red Cross was wondering why no Ham's showed up at shelters. No Hams were asked! There are a few new call signs, for the EOC's: Charleston – KA4CHS, Berkeley – W4BRK, Dorchester-KX4DOR, State – K4EMD, and Weather – WX4CHS. Due to hurricane emergencies, allow a few extra seconds between transmissions, to listen for emergency traffic.

**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.

**Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS  
Nothing new.

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

The next scheduled exam will be 09:00 AM on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Looking at having the test at the Tall Pines Baptist Church. The church is located on 645 Treeland Drive, near the American Biker store.

There are two Technician training classes in the near future, one is on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the VA Hospital and the second one is November 5<sup>th</sup>

and 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Boeing Welcome Center. There is still plenty of room for walk-ins.

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

No report.

**Communications Trailer:** Willie, WB4SOG  
No report.

**Old Business:**

Bryce, K4LXF, made a motion to have a picnic paid for by CARS and invite TARC club and approve an additional \$500.00 to be taken from the Hamfest funds. Motion was voted on and approved.

**New Business:**

The Hamfest Committee makes a motion to have a Hamfest in the year 2017, and that a new committee be formed, with the authority to use the Hamfest funds. Motion was approved.

The Food Committed made a motion to have a Christmas Party at the Harbor Breeze again this year, on the regular December meeting date (December 12<sup>th</sup>). Times to be announced. Voted on and approved.

Request for a total of \$500.00 for purchase of new club banner – voted on and approved.

Bryce, K4LXF asked for refund of \$67.04 for printing and envelope cost. Approved.

**Announcements:**

Susannah is at home healing.

Would like to see a big turnout for the picnic.

**Drawing:**

There was no drawing this month.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

## USS LAFFEY ASSOCIATION

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c/o Charlotte Groves  
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Dear Charlotte,

We want to thank you for your generous donation of \$25.00 to the USS Laffey Association Work Party Fund in memory of our shipmate George Ploth.

I was a shipmate of George. He came aboard in 1959, I was right behind in 1960. He left the ship in 1961 when we returned from the Mediterranean. I really didn't know him other than knowing him from standing in the chow line and passing in the passageways. He was a Sonarman Third Class and worked down in the bowels of the ship. I was a

Radioman Seaman and worked on the 01 level just below the bridge.

I remember him as a quiet guy and kept his nose clean. It was good to see him at Patriots Point after 40+ years. It was a shock to hear of his passing. He will be remembered at our memorial service aboard the ship on Tuesday September 27, 2016 at 11:00AM. We honor all of our shipmates that have passed since our last reunion the prior year. If you can get away, it would be good to meet you at the service.

The work party fund is made possible by donations from folks like you. This makes it possible to keep the ship painted and looking her best for the visitors to enjoy and learn of her history.

Thank you all and my best to "the other Ed Walker". I believe he is a member of your society.

Very truly yours,  
Ed "Sonny" Walker  
President

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