

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

February 2017 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, Feb. 13, 2017*



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a very good Christmas and will have a good New year. This has been a very busy year for us so far. The Charleston Marathon went well. I think everyone who helped enjoyed it. Now we are very busy getting ready for the Hamfest. We are hoping for another good one. I have taken over the Hamfest Chair for this year, as Greg, KI4TVA had too many obligations to take care of with his mother sick and his work. The next thing we have to take care of is the Cooper River Bridge Run on April 1st. This is a fun Day and it takes a lot of Hams to work it. So please sign up to help, it is also a good time to get your feet wet operating the Radio. I hope to see you all at the February meeting.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Happy Hamfest and my special day of course  
"Valentine's Day".

February is the usual month for an "ice storm" or two (2) so start making your preparations now. Go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and look for "winter survival tips" and also look under "Loss of power" hints too. Learn from other people's mistakes as well as your own. Loss of power can happen all during this winter. Also remember when the Ravenel Bridge had to be shutdown twice, first because of icy roads then days later as ice fell off of the cable stays. Routes can be impacted by ice easily.

I have not received much input about having a Low Country ARES group meeting but I suggest a late May or June meeting to update groups on Hurricane season and preparations for the up coming season. Remember with the Governor's office controlling

county evacuations coordination is going to be absolutely essential. Out going traffic routes and returning traffic routes need to be learned again and alternates planned. Hurricane Matthew opened the eyes of many new residents about the power of a hurricane and just how disrupting they can be.

Along with lessons learned because of Hurricane Matthew, the Red Cross and County Emergency Management is now asking for Ham Radio Operators be assigned to the few shelters to be established pre storm and to shelters for returning residents so I most definitely NEED volunteers for these shelters.

Contacting ARES members is another issue. Some time ago Charleston County got me to register ARES members on the EVERSTRIKE network which meant an e-Mail, and text would be sent to help activate everyone, if contacting you has changed please sent me a e-mail or text so I can keep your contact info up to date.

We have a new State/Section Emergency Coordinator by the name of: Billy Irwin, K9OH, and a new EMD District 5 Emergency Coordinator by the name of: George Mudd, KK4F.

Since these guys are new they need to up date the SC ARES members list so PLEASE go to [www.ares-sc.org](http://www.ares-sc.org) website and click on the join link at top of page and fill out the short form with your contact info. Go there and fill it out if you want to join ARES, get extra training, or heaven forbid leave ARES. These lists are going to be made available to County Emergency Coordinators to help us do a better job too.

I want to thank everyone for checking into the Low Country ARES Sunday Evening net at 2000 Local

time ( 8:00PM), we are getting about 20 check-ins and are much appreciated.

Until next month, 73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## **DEC. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Beginning Checking Balance - 12/1/16	\$4,375.39
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	0.00
Memberships	0.00
Raffle Proceeds - no Raffle	
Cash Disbursements:	
AT&T - December	(86.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 12/31/16	\$4,289.39

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## **MINUTES of JAN. MEETING**

### **Charleston Amateur Radio Society**

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,  
Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM

## **MINUTES:**

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Jenny Myers, WA4NGV, at 6:50 PM on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

**Introductions:** There were 45 people present.

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

The November and December 2016 meeting minutes were published in the January 2017 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The October and November 2016 Financial Reports were published in the January 2017 newsletter and accepted as information.

**Museum Ships:** Tom, AJ4UQ

Nothing to report.

**Field Day:** Jim, KW4UL

Nothing to report.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

Charleston Marathon Run to be held Saturday January 14, still looking for volunteers.

You can pick up your "T" shirt, Flags and Placards at Doug's office on Wednesday or Thursday.

**Hamfest Report:** Greg, KI4TVA

Plan on attending the Charleston Hamfest on Feb. 4, 2017. More information to follow.

Door Prize tickets are ready for mailing or handing out at Monday meeting.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

The 441.575 repeater is still not linking up with the state wide system.

Backup batteries have been replaced for the Yorktown Repeater. If needed, they are hooked up and working.

There is a Backup Diesel for the Yorktown on the pier. Need to check on operational use.

Buzz saw noise suspected from the Knightsville repeater. That repeater is unlinked from the system.

The 147.270 repeater had a problem giving a message about TARC club notices. It was fixed but is still showing up on linked repeaters. Will follow up repairs.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

Another reminder that Yearly dues are almost past due. If dues are not paid by the Hamfest, you may be dropped from the club rolls.

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Barbara Lamendola KM4FRD  
Steven Lamendola KE4THX

Second Reading: Richard Kennington KM4YYG

Associate membership: Austin Kilpatrick (working on getting licensed)

New second reading member and Associate member were voted on and welcomed into the Club.

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

No ARES meeting in January due to supporting the Marathon Run.

There is a new Section Coordinator, Billy Irwin (K9OH) and new District Coordinator, George Mudd (KK4F)

**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 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 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 1:00 PM on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hamfest.

Two new Technician classes coming up: February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a testing session on February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

No report.

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

**Old Business:**

The repeater controller phone patch will be disconnected soon.

**New Business:**

Will report on the Christmas Party information, next month.

**Announcements:**

Paulette and Debbie did a great job with the setup for the Christmas party.

**Drawing:**

Carol, K4CHK, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership.

Being that the Clemson Game starts at 8:00 PM, and there being no further business, at 7:22 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI



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