

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

March 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, Mar. 13, 2017



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I want to thank Tom, AJ4UQ, for presiding at the Feb. meeting. I was in the hospital with fluid on my Lungs. I'm doing some better now . I go to rehab three times a week. This will last for 6 weeks I'm hoping this will help me. Thanks for all the prayers and good wishes.

The Hamfest was a Success . We did well, how ever we did not make as much as in the past. My thanks to all who pitched in at the last minute and helped. We all worked together and made things happen.

The Club has a lot going on in the next few months. The next big thing is the Cooper River Bridge Run. This run takes a lot of Hams to pull this off, somewhere around 30 to 40 Hams. Please go to the web sight and sign up to help. It is a fun day. The after The Bridge Run Ride is the next day, so sign up for this if you can. Field day is the last full week end in June, it is on the York Town. This is really a fun week end, it gives you time to operate the radios and talk to Hams all over the world. So please put this on your calendar. The club will provide food and drinks.

I plan to be at the March meeting, see you there.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The winds of March are here now. Time to make plans for antenna work to repair winter damages and build and install new antennas for this year. Remember to be safe when installing, repairing, or moving your own or other hams antennas. Always

have a ground crew to assist and stay clear of overhead wires. Make sure to take all precautions if digging so you don't cut a phone line or worse underground power lines.

Up coming events that test communications equipment and your own skills are the Cooper River Bridge Run, and Bike Ride after the Bridge Run. Operators are always needed and it is a good way to practice deployment and operating outside of the home shack. Contact Doug, KU4OC, for CRBR and Tom, K4WJC for Bike ride. If this is your first event ask to be placed with a ham that has done it before so you can learn how much fun they can be.

The next big deployment event is in May when the Town of James Island will have a disaster preparations event to demonstrate some of the many emergency services available in the Low Country from Government , Non Government agencies, and volunteer groups. More details to follow.

New this year, the Charleston County Emergency Management folks have asked for hams to participate in the annual full scale exercise on June 7, 2017. We are going to need hams to volunteer to provide communications from various shelters and logistical sites to aid in communications to demonstrate "When all else fails" hams will get it done.

Please mark the date on your calanders and get in touch with me for availabilities and as locations are known I will ask you all to participate.

Last, the Section/State Emergency Coordinator, Billy Irwin, K9OH, has asked for everyone who is a member of ARES, interested in ARES, or wants to leave ARES to go to www.ares-sc.org and click the "join" button, fill out the form on line and you will be contacted by local Emergency Coordinators to

respond to your desires and this will create a master list of members and interested hams to get everybody trained up and up to speed before we have a disaster and have to train on the job. The District 5 Emergency Coordinator is George Mudd, KK4F, from Sumter so if you hear him on the air say Hi.

Until next month, stay safe.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

JAN. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 1/1/17	\$4,289.39
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	0.00
Memberships	0.00
Raffle Proceeds	44.00
Cash Disbursements:	
J. Meyers - Oct, Nov, Jan, Carrier	(82.86)
AT&T - January	(87.88)
Bank Fee (new)	(5.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 1/31/17	\$4,157.65

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of FEB. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ, at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 32 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The January 2017 meeting minutes was published in the February 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 December 2016 Financial Report was published in the February 2017 newsletter and accepted as information.

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ & Jim, KW4UL

This may be the last time we can operate from the USS Clamagore NJ4DU. It may become a reef for fish.

Will open the Yorktown Club Room on February 25, from about 1:00 PM to about 3:00 PM, for visits and operation.

Field Day: Jim, KW4UL

Getting ready for this years Museum Ships and Field Day. Plan to use CW, Digital, Phone, satellite and may try to talk to the ISS.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

For those of you that received flags for the Marathon Run, please return the flags to Doug so we can use them again next year.

Need to get signed up soon, to operate the Cooper River Bridge Run. Additional Security takes time to get clearance.

Hamfest Report: Greg, KI4TVA

With Jenny being absent, no report was available.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

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

The repeaters are doing quite well.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Due to failure to pay the Club dues, about 20 members have been removed from the rolls.

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Gregory Keys KN4ADX
Milton Freedman W4BFZ
Max Freedman N4MLF

Second Reading: Barbara Lamendola KM4FRD
Steven Lamendola KE4THX

Associate membership: Chris Kilpatrick

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

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

Next ARES Meeting on February 18th at the St Andrews Public Service Building at 9:00 AM.

There will be a James Island Hurricane EXPO on May 13th from about 1:00 PM to about 3:00 PM, in the James Island Lowes parking lot.

June 7th Charleston county will have their Emergency Preparation Drill.

The ARES team is trying to get everyone to resign or register again in the ARES database, this is so they will have a current roster of members. www.ares-sc.org, please take a minute to register or reregister.

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 testing should be April 8th at 1:00 PM (location to be announced).

There are two Technician Training classes coming up: March 4th and 5th – at the VA Hospital Auditorium and March 25th and 26th at the Boeing Welcome Center. Open testing will also be given on the Sundays at 1:00 PM.

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

School Club Roundup coming soon, listen for Club calls in the afternoon.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

No report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A motion to participate in this years Field Day with a \$500.00 budget was given and passed.

A motion to participate in this years After the Bridge Run Ride was also voted on and passed.

A talk was given by a guest speaker: Gary Breit, about the Coastal Cyclist's "After the Bridge Run" support. They expect about 400 riders and would like about 6 or 8 Hams for support.

Announcements:

Paulette's Mother passed away.

Alberta and Jenny in the hospital.

Skywarn Training class March 16th from 1800 to 2000, at the Lonnie Hamilton Bldg. room B339. Contact Brock Clary at bclary@charlestoncounty.org for more information.

Being no further business, at 7:47 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

Drawing:

Terry, KZ4O, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership.

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