

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

April 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, Apr. 10, 2017



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

By the time you get this the Bridge Run will be over. I think Doug had a good turnout of Hams to help this year. My thanks to all who helped and I hope you had a good time. The Club has a lot going on now through Field day which is the last full weekend in June. Lets all get ready for this.

Bryce and I have some great news. We have two more Great Grand Baby's on the way. That will make ten, the family just keeps growing. We just have to love them all. Hope to see you at the meeting.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

[Alberta Meyers has a Great Great Grand Daughter already here (Nov. 2016) --- WA4GPS]

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

New Month and new events.

Upcoming events and opprotunities to practice, demonstrate, and improve your emercency skills and equipment.

- April 1, 2017 Cooper River Bridge Run
- April 2, 2017 Bike ride after the Bridge run
- April 8, 2017 MS Walk in Hampton Park

No Charleston County ARES Meeting because of various events in April.

May 13, 2017 0900 to 1300 James Island Emergency Preparedness Day.

James Island Lowe's store parking lot
James Island, SC

May Charleston County ARES meeting at this event.

Will invite Berkeley and Dorchester Groups to join us.

June 7, 2017 Charleston County Full Scale Exercise (Annual Certification) 0800 to 1600

Getting closer to Hurricane season so listen for change to SkyWarn tuesday night nets to go to weekly.

Time to check your "Go Kits" for the season changes – Warmer weather, insects out, snakes, etc, etc, May need more water/food for your kits and insect spray.

Recruit new members. We always need more volunteers to help with any emergency.

Handy websites to check out and learn from:

www.Ready.gov www.ARES-SC.org
www.SCHEART.us www.WA4USN.org
www.W4BRK.org

Call signs for emergency services to remember:

KA4CHS – Charleston County EOC
W4BRK – Berkeley County EOC
KX4DOR – Dorchester County EOC
WX4CHS–National Weather Service–Charleston
K4EMD – State Emergency Operation Center

Hurricane Net HF frequencies:

14.325 MHz National Hurricane Center
14.300 MHz Maritime Mobile Net

South Carolina Emergency Management EOC:

3.990.0 MHz or 3.993.5 MHz (HF)
7.232.0 MHz (HF)

Be aware that 40 meters is best frequency to use to State EOC.

It is also time to update your qualifications, equipment, and desires. Please e-Mail me with your current status and best way to contact you in a deployment situation. (example: VHF/UHF mobile, VHF/UHF base, HF Mobile, HF Base, Equipment to loan, etc,etc)

Please remember the rules for volunteering:

- Personal safety first,
- Family safety next,
- Availability to volunteer third.

Thank you and 73 until next month.
Rick Valentine, N8BKN

FEB. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 2/1/17	\$4,157.65
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	0.00
Memberships	0.00
Raffle Proceeds	39.00
Cash Disbursements:	
Warren Richey, Postage	(9.39)
AT&T - February	(87.62)
Bank Fee (new)	(5.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 2/28/17	\$4,094.64

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of MARCH MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, March 13, 2017 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, March 13, 2017 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 40 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

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

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ & Jim, KW4UL

Plan to work from Yorktown on Saturday and if enough interest, may work Clamagore on Sunday.

Field Day: Jim, KW4UL

Getting ready for this years Museum Ships and Field Day.

Will open the Yorktown Club Room on March 18th, from about 1:00 PM to about 4:00 PM, for visits and operation.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Need to get signed up soon, to operate the Cooper River Bridge Run. Additional Security takes time to get clearance. Doug explained signup sheet for Bridge Run.

Tom, K4WJC gave report on the After the Bridge Bike Ride. Would like a few more volunteers. Some of the riders cover about 100 miles.

Hamfest Report: Greg, KI4TVA

Turned out fairly good. There was about 282 attendees.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The 441.575 repeater is still not linking up with the state wide system. New interference coming from Orangeburg 146.670 repeater, which was linking

through the 147.270 repeater. Hopefully was just a one time happening.

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: Lawrence Gatton Sr KM4RDX
Stanley (Al) Sines W3AL
Kevin Jensen N1KTJ

Second Reading: Gregory Keys KG4GEK(new call)
Milton Freedman W4BFZ
Max Freedman N4MLF

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

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNK, Dorchester; Linda, KJ4EVV, Berkeley

Next ARES Meeting is on March 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 re-sign 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 re-register.

April 8th MS Walk down at Hampton Park. Volunteers welcome to sign up

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 9:00 AM at the Tall Pines Baptist Church. The church is located on 645 Treeland Drive, near the American Biker store.

The next Technician Training class will be on March 25th and 26th at the Boeing Welcome Center. Open testing will also be given on that Sunday at 1:00 PM.

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

School Club Roundup – they had a problem with loggers.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

No report.

Old Business:

Christmas party – A motion was made and passed to refund Jenny her cost for the Christmas party.

Another motion was made and passed, to have another party this next Christmas.

New Business:

Robert, AJ5E, worked Museum Ships from the USS Hunley with the TARC Club. Would like to spark some interest in having a challenge with the CARS club, this Museum Ships.

Linda, ?, asked if there might be interest in having a ladies challenge for Field Day.

Rick, N8BKN made the following motion:
I make a motion that the Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. has a Hamfest in the year 2018, and that a new committee be formed, with the authority to use the Hamfest funds. Motion was voted on and passed.

Announcements:

Bruce Lee Stufflebeam, W4PUX SK'd – a service was held on March 11, 2017.

Drawing:

Joe, K4LTF, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership.

Being no further business, at 7:58 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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