

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

May 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, May 8, 2017*



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

New Month and new events.

Upcoming events and opportunities to practice, demonstrate, and improve your emergency skills and equipment.

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](http://www.Ready.gov)

[www.ARES-SC.org](http://www.ARES-SC.org)

[www.SCHEART.us](http://www.SCHEART.us)

[www.WA4USN.org](http://www.WA4USN.org)

[www.W4BRK.org](http://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

## MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 3/1/17 \$4,094.64

Cash Receipts:

Dues 865.00

Memberships 160.00

Raffle Proceeds 43.00

Donation 20.00

Cash Disbursements:

John Meyers-Feb./Mar.CARS Carrier (31.92)

Christmas Party	(278.38)
Jenny Myers - Office Supplies	(27.67)
AT&T - March	(87.76)
Pinckney Carter Insurance	(250.00)
Bank Fee	(5.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 3/31/17	\$4,501.91

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## **MINUTES of APRIL MEETING**

### **Charleston Amateur Radio Society**

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,  
Monday, April 10, 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, April 10, 2017 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

**Introductions:** There were 37 people present.

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

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

**Museum Ships:** Tom, AJ4UQ & Jim, KW4UL

Everything is ready for Museum Ships. We will try working the Yorktown and Clamagore (may be last year for Clamagore – may become a fish hotel).

**Field Day:** Jim, KW4UL

Starting a Field Day sign up sheet going around and online sign up sheet on wa4usn website.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

Cooper River Bridge Run went well.

Tom – After Bridge Run ride went very well. Was very happy with the amount of support.

Gary Breit – Ride Director put out information that there was about 500 riders, an accident hurt several riders but all are doing well.

Linda – MS Walk went well.

**Hamfest Report:** Greg, KI4TVA

The Hamfest Committee is looking for members to join and also looking for a Chair-Person to take over the leadership.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

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

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

New applications for membership:

First Reading:

Second Reading: Lawrence Gatton Sr KM4RDX  
Stanley (AI) Sines W3AL  
Kevin Jensen N1KTJ

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

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

There will be a James Island Hurricane EXPO on May 13<sup>th</sup> from about 9:00 AM to about 1:00 PM, in the James Island Lowes parking lot. Come out and join the fun.

June 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ares-sc.org), please take a minute to register or re-register.

There will be two Skywarn classes coming up: April 25<sup>th</sup> on Yorktown and April 26<sup>th</sup> on Delwood Rec center.

Arri gave out a listing for FRS, CE and GMRS Radios

**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. May switch to weekly in May.

**Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS

Nothing new.

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

The next scheduled testing should be June 10th at 9:00 AM at the Tall Pines Baptist Church. The church is located on 645 Treeland Drive, near the American Biker store.

Working on a General Class Training class, more information to follow,

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

No report.

**Communications Trailer:** Willie, WB4SOG

Still working on a programming problem with the trailer controller.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Announcements:**

John, KK4UNN is in hospital – received word that he is home now.

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**Drawing:**

Earl, KJ4OXF, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership.

Being no further business, at 7:40 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

**Getting the Story Straight**

[ From Page 148, April 2017, QST ]

*"There's a saying, often attributed to Winston Churchill, that 'an [untruth] gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.' In an age of modern communications, this phenomenon is more apparent than ever."*



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