

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

June 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, June 12, 2017*



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

June us going to be a busy month. We have Museum Ships on Friday June 2nd - Sunday June 4th 2017. This will take place on the York Town, please sign up to help. It will be a fun week end. The Forth full week end of June we will have Field Day. This is also on the York Town. WE need lots of help for Field Day Week end. It's a fun and learning time. Food will be furnished by the club for Field Day.

June is the month for the club to nominate new officers for the up coming year. I have asked Bryce, K4LXF, to head that Committee. Rick, N8BKN, Sonja, WA4WVD and I (Jenny, WA4NGV.) will make up the Committee .

We have good news. We now have a repeater up and running in our communications trailer. It is on 145.25 /w pl tone of 123. This is a job well done. Thanks Guys.

Hope to see you all at the Meeting .

73, Jenny

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Welcome to Hurricane season 2017. There are many things to consider and to prepare for the season. Expect the Skywarn net to be conducted every Tuesday at 2100 local and this will run from June 1, 2017 until 30 November 2017. Look at several sources for information. The local newspaper had the 2017 Hurricane Guide, NOAA site, Ready.gov site, and your own home owners insurance companies have resources and guides

with good ideas and tips for this season. Also now is the time to check out your exit route if evacuating. There is construction on many routes like 41 and the I-26 reversal worked during Hurricane Matthew so expect it to be used again.

Starting in June, the Sunday evening Low Country ARES net will start on W4KSD's Hurricane Preps on a budget so everyone will be prepared by mid August when hurricanes strike the Low Country.

On June 7, 2017 the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and Charleston County EMD will be conducting the annual Full Scale Exercise with the event being a Hurricane. Expect a net for either Skywarn or ARES or both on that day. Please participate as it is good practice and demonstrates Amateur Radio's abilities and the contribution to the area that hams make every day.

As Charleston County Emergency Coordinator, I have been asked to help set up radio stations at various Fire Stations around the county and at shelters so there will be a need for several teams of communicators as back up to conventional methods during a real emergency and the recovery. So expect a request for support from me.

We currently have a station in the Low Country Fire fighter support station where we keep the CARS Communications trailer and now at the St. Paul's station #1 and in the Isle of Palms fire station so in an emergency there is back up communications in these locations. Next on the schedule is Awendaw Fire Station, stay tuned for more.

Speaking of the Communications trailer, there is now a working 2 meter repeater installed. The frequency is 145.250, down 600Hz, Tone 123.0.

The tone will in the future be selectable and most probably off.

Until next month.  
73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## **APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Beginning Checking Balance - 4/1/17	\$4,501.91
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	135.00
Memberships	60.00
Raffle Proceeds	44.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - April CARS Carrier	(17.52)
U.S.PostalService-BoxRent+LateFee	(112.00)
Charlotte Groves - Postage	(9.80)
AT&T - April - Last Bill	(87.76)
ARRL - 3 Memberships	(141.00)
Bank Fee	(5.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 4/30/17	\$4,367.83

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## **MINUTES of MAY MEETING**

### **Charleston Amateur Radio Society**

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,  
Monday, May 8, 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, May 8, 2017 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

**Introductions:** There were 43 people present.

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

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

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

Museum Ships will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Plan to work Yorktown on Saturday from 8:00 AM until... Then on Sunday plan to work from the Clamagore. The Clamagore has received a reprieve from becoming a fish hotel, at least for now.

**Field Day:** Jim, KW4UL

Plan to use Phone and CW, for Field Day.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

Still no word on if or when there will be a Cooper River Bridge Run party.

**Hamfest Report:** Jenny, WA4NGV

Had a Hamfest Committee meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Still have not selected a Chair-Person. May have a possible volunteer, will confirm later.

Plan on having a Hamfest Party at the River House on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Committee members and Hamfest helpers are welcome to stay the weekend. Plan on having a meal on Saturday around 2:00 PM. Let Jenny know if you plan to attend.

Jenny passed around an information sheet with directions and comments on attending the party.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

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

Bryce gave a talk asking people to wait to see if someone wants a radio check or if they are just checking their radio.

Bryce also explained a few of the repeater controller functions: If you press the DTMF keys in a sequence, you can get feedback from the controller.

Key your mic and identify yourself and then press the number 3 twice (33) and un-key. The repeater should come back with the date and time.

Key your mic and identify yourself and then press the number 4 twice (44) and un-key. The repeater should come back and say something like "ready to record". Key your mic and say a sentence or two and un-key. The repeater should repeat your messages back to you and you should hear what you really sound like.

Key your mic and identify yourself and then press the number 5 twice (55) and un-key. Now when you press any DTMF key(s) the repeater will tell you what keys you pressed.

This information only goes through the repeater you are tuned to, not over the linked system.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Mario Del Signore, KI4HKB

Second Reading:

**Emergency Prep:** Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HKN, Dorchester; Linda, KJ4EUV, Berkeley

Emergency Area 3 will be conducting a Medical Emergency Drill May 9<sup>th</sup>, may be more traffic on area repeaters.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Charleston county will have their Emergency Preparation Drill.

This is National Hurricane Awareness Month and next month (June) starts the Hurricane Season until November 30<sup>th</sup>. Check your to-go kits for readiness.

**Nets:** John, KK4KBQ

**Newcomers Net:** meets on Thursdays at 8:00 PM. If you are interested in trying to conduct a net, send Don, KK4WWV, a note and he will get you the information. Don 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

Time to renew the wa4usn website for another year.

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

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

Still 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

No report.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

There were two motions made:

John, WA4GPS, Made a motion to renew the wa4usn website for another year – cost \$107.40. Voted on and approved

Jim, KW4UL, Made a motion to approve \$500.00 for food and gas for the upcoming Field Day exercise. Voted on and approved

### **Announcements:**

Received a thank you letter from the family of John Crockett (SK),W3KH, thanking the club for the flowers that were sent to his funeral.

Tom, AJ4UQ, talked about efforts to run a Ha Mesh Net, and was looking for an omni-directional antenna.

### **Drawing:**

Greg, KG4GEK, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership.

Being no further business, at 7:48 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI



WA4GPS new cell phone, one that I can understand

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