

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

July 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, July 10, 2017*



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

June has been a busy month. I think every thing has gone well. We had nominations of officers at the June meeting, and we will take nominations from the floor at the July meeting . New officers will be voted on at that time.

I'm sorry to say one of our members became a SK, McRoy (Mack) Canterbury, Jr., KK4YFA. He will be greatly missed.

Field day was this week end. I was not able to go, however I understand it was a good one. We had lots of help, our new field day Captain Jim, KW4UL, did a great job and of course Michelle, KK4WQO fixed some great food. My Thanks to all who came out and gave of their time.

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

## FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

I write this just getting home from Field Day. It was good to have a steady stream of operators and loggers, especially those learning new skills. And of course, thanks to the set-up and take-down crews, and the food crew.

With the imminent change in leadership of the club, it's a good time to think about what we want our club to be, and take the steps to get there. Based on our Field Day this weekend, we're already planning to return to a 3A configuration -- continuous phone, digital, and CW operation. This means we'll need to do more operating days to get everybody familiar with how to operate. We also run one of the best

linked repeater networks in the state -- there is a lot to learn there. And broadband ham mesh networking is generating interest in the area, an area where technicians have full privileges to experiment.

So think about what you want to do with the club, and how you'll help get us there.

tg, AJ4UQ.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Now that Hurricane season is here and we have had 3 named storms already --- NOW is the time to start checking your emergency kits, evacuation routes and vehicle status. Also, the Red Cross and Charleston County Emergency Management Division has requested Ham Radio support at the shelters. I am compiling the list of shelters and would like folks who live nearby the shelter and are not planning to evacuate, to volunteer if possible to support these shelters. The approved shelters for Charleston County are:

North Charleston High School, 1087 E. Montague Ave.

Stall High School, 3625 Ashley Phosphate Rd.

A.C. Corcoran Elementary, 8585 Vista Rd.

Midland Park Primary, 2415 Midland Park Rd.

Ladson Elementary, 3321 Ladson Rd.

Edmund A Burns Elementary, 3795 Spruill Ave. (pet/pet owner shelter)

These are pre – event shelters, there will be more post event shelters requiring Amateur support for post event shelters and relay stations.

Hope everyone enjoyed “Field Day”. A great learning process for disaster and public service events where weather and the elements affect operations and conditions. This is always a good experience and fun experience. Speaking of planned public service events and weather conditions. This year on August 21, 2017 there will be a solar eclipse over the Charleston County area. City of Charleston has asked the County Emergency Management Division to activate the County EOC. Because of this request the Charleston County EMD is considering a partial activation for this event. The times considered are from 0900 to 2100 on August 21, 2017. If they activate, I will man the EOC radio room and do a roll call for ARES at approx. 0930 and then at approx. 1400 since the event should occur between 1400 and 1500. I do NOT expect any problems but I will ask you to have a radio nearby and support this activation. The reason the City of Charleston asked is, as of June 12, 2017, over 85% of hotel space is already booked and 66% of county space is booked. Also have been informed that the Columbia area is filling fast. So it is a precaution only.

Remember again, the lane reversal of I-26 and using I-526 to go from Mt. Pleasant to West Ashley or from West Ashley to Mt. Pleasant WILL force you onto I-26 and send you to Columbia. Consider this when travelling during an emergency situation.

Until next month, everybody stay safe.

73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 5/1/17	\$4,367.83
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	45.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - May CARS Carrier	(27.32)
Website Hosting Renewal	(107.40)
ARRL - 1 Membership	(34.00)
Bank Fee	(5.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 5/31/17	\$4,239.11

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of JUNE MEETING Charleston Amateur Radio Society Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall, Monday, June 12, 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, June 12, 2017 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

**Introductions:** There were 38 people present.

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

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

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

Museum Ships went well. From the Yorktown we had 463 contacts, 25 of which were other Museum Ships. From the Clamagore we had 234 contacts, 17 of which were other Museum Ships.

Ed, KQ4DC – Talked about Naval Ships book he had.

**Field Day:** Jim, KW4UL

Field Day will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25. Setup will begin around 2:00 PM Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Plan to run two stations, one phone (voice) and one for phone, digital and perhaps CW. The sign up sheet is going around or use the link on the wa4usn website.

**Races:** Doug, KU4OC

Nothing to report.

**Hamfest Report:** Jenny, WA4NGV

We now have a new Chair-person.. Steven Lamendola, KE4THX will Chair the Hamfest for 2018.

**Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

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

The work on the repeater for the trailer is mostly finished. The repeater will operate on 145.250 with no tone as of now. A CTCSS tone can be put on if needed.

Getting a lot of bleed over radio conversations on the linked system lately. Trying to figure out why the conversations are getting into the linked system.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

Sheila, KT4YW and Sonja, WA4WVD are collecting the 2018 dues.

New applications for membership:

First Reading:

Second Reading: Mario Del Signore, KI4HKB

Mario was voted on and welcomed into the club.

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

Next ARES meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM.

The hurricane season is quite so far.

Rick talked about the recent Charleston Disaster Drill and the Ham participation in it. The drill went well.

**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

Nothing new.

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

The next scheduled testing should be August 12th at 9:00 AM at the Tall Pines Baptist Church. The church is located on 645 Treeland Drive, near the American Biker store.

There will be a Technician training class at the LDS church in Moncks Corner on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> (Friday and Saturday).

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

No report.

**Communications Trailer:** Willie, WB4SOG

No report.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Nominations for Club Officers: President - Eugene, AB4UG - Vice President - Tom, AJ4UQ - Secretary - Warren, KK4EVI and Treasurer -

Charlotte, KJ4PLX. Anyone wanting to submit their name for one of the positions, submit their name to Bryce, K4LXF.

### **Announcements:**

Tom, AJ4UQ, would like to update QSL cards for the wall on Yorktown. He would like about \$40.00 for stamps and envelopes – money was voted on and approved.

We found out that McRoy (Mack) Canterbury, Jr., KK4YFA, went SK (passed away).

### **Drawing:**

Archie, KD4TXX, 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

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