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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

September 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, Sep. 11, 2017



DUES ARE DUE

Dues for the year 2017-2018 are now due. They are \$20.00 per member or, if Family, \$10.00 for each additional family member in the same household. Please make check payable to CARS. You may pay at the meeting or mail to membership chairman: **Bryce Myers, K4LXF, 2630 Dellwood Ave., North Charleston, SC 29405-6814**

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I hope everybody had a good time during the solar eclipse on August 21 and that everybody was able to see at least a bit of the sun being blocked out. My eclipse experience was rained out by a thunderstorm, so I had to settle for watching my surroundings slowly get darker and then getting brighter as the eclipse passed. On a related note, both Tom Glaab/AJ4UQ and I were interviewed by a reporter from ABC4/WCIV for an eclipse and amateur radio story that aired the morning of the eclipse. You can see it online at <http://abcnews4.com/news/local/some-will-be-hamming-it-up-during-the-solar-eclipse>

Did you know that the club has a Facebook group? You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WA4USN/>. Feel free to join and interact with the others that are already there. We also have a Twitter account, @WA4USN, <https://twitter.com/WA4USN>. Follow us there! Let us know on Facebook or Twitter what you're up to on the radio!

Now that I've become president, there's been a small uptick in the amount of email I get as a result of CARSinfo@wa4usn.org being forwarded to me. Most of them have been questions that I've been

able to answer pretty easily, but I imagine that won't always be the case. If there's an area of amateur radio that you consider yourself to be an expert in (or at least more knowledgeable than most others), let me know so that I'll be able to refer people emailing CARS appropriately.

See you at the next meeting!

73, Eugene, AB4UG

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

August has been a very busy month, both on and off the air. Eugene and I were featured on the Channel 4 morning show talking about the club and how the eclipse would affect amateur radio. See the clip online at <http://abcnews4.com/news/local/some-will-be-hamming-it-up-during-the-solar-eclipse>. We also hosted two visiting hams on the Yorktown. Remember a privilege of being a club member is access to the club room for you and guests, so take advantage of operating days.

Over at the K4PSA Palmetto Scholars Academy club we were supporting the high altitude balloon launch to take pictures of the eclipse from above. Our primary contributions were APRS tracking technology and chasers. Unfortunately the primary objective was not met, but we did learn how a balloon fares in a thunderstorm (not well). Hopefully the kids will stay interested in ballooning and radio and do some more launches.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 7/1/17 \$3,766.46
Cash Receipts:

Dues	505.00
Memberships	20.00
Raffle Proceeds	48.00
Field Day Refund	82.44
Donation	5.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - July CARS Carrier	(26.86)
Warren Richie - Office Supplies	(17.33)
Jenny Myers - Copies, Envelopes	(34.22)
3 Years Domain Name "wa4usn.org"	(48.69)
ARRL - 2 Memberships	(98.00)
Bank Fee	(5.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 7/31/17	\$4,196.80

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 8/1/16	\$4,497.25
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	2,705.00
Memberships	460.00
Raffle Proceeds	423.00
Gifts	25.00
Cash Disbursements:	
News Letter	(254.98)
AT&T (Autopatch)	(745.04)
ARRL Memberships	(401.00)
Misc.(Printing,Stamps,BankFees.etc)	(320.17)
Christmas Party	(278.38)
Pinckney Carter Co.- Liab Insurance	(250.00)
US Postmaster - year PO Box Rental	(112.00)
Memorials & Flowers for members	(138.93)
Field Day - food & gas	(417.56)
CARS Picnic	(407.41)
Website Hosting	(107.40)
3 Years Domain Name "wa4usn.org"	(48.69)
Honda Generator Repair	(84.69)
CARS Banner	(347.20)
Ending Checking Balance - 7/31/17	\$4,196.80

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MINUTES of AUGUST MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by the new President Eugene Mah, AB4UG, at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 14, 2017 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 44 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

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

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ & Jim, KW4UL

Still working on fallout from Museum Ships QSL cards.

Family members can visit Yorktown, with Club member.

ABC News taped story about Hams Support during Eclipse, while on Yorktown. Should air Monday August 21st. during the eclipse.

Field Day: Jim, KW4UL

No report.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

IOP connector run is coming up on October 7th. A sign up sheet is being passed around and a TinyURL site has been created for the IOP and the CF ride on Sept. 30th. The CF ride would still like to have 3 or 4 more volunteers. The CF Netcontrol will need to be operational around 6:30 AM.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

The new Hamfest Committee Chairperson, Steven Lamendola, KE4THX, conducted the Hamfest Committee meeting. They are already making plans and developing the flyers.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

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

The 147.270 repeater quit linking? Found the 70cm antenna not working, connected a Diplexer and repeater seems to be working now.

Bryce wanted to say again that the repeaters are there to be used. There was a question about no one using the repeaters. If you don't use them, a problem might not be found when an emergency arises.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

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

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Robert "Rob" Dean, W4VRD
John Guerry, KN4EDN
Donald Hagan, KN4EXH

Second Reading: Bill Dean, N4JKA
Michael Hajny, NC8Z
Nicholas Donato, N8VKK

All second reading applicants were voted on and welcomed into the Club.

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

The next ARES meeting on August 19th will be cancelled because of the up-coming eclipse.

ARES will activate for the Eclipse Day, August 21st using the 146.790 repeater. No action is required, just be available in case help is needed.

Plan to activate ARES Net from about 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM, just in case. Rick may call for a roll call, just to see who is available. Keep your radio handy just in case.

Cell Towers may become overloaded, due to excess of visitors to city.

During an ARES alert, the VHF system is set up for general communications, the UHF is set up for hospital to hospital communications.

There will be a QSO party on Aug. 21st during the eclipse.

Tropical storm "Gert" has become a "Fish Kill"

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

John has put a link to the Eclipse path on the website.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled testing should be October 14th at 9:00 AM at the Tall Pines Baptist Church. The church is located on 645 Treeland Drive, near the American Biker store.

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

No report.

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ, K4PSA

Balloon launch on Aug. 21st in Moncks Corner.

The PSA Ham club will start meeting in the afternoons, looking for contacts.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

There is now a DMR radio in the Yorktown Club Room and in the Club Trailer.

Old Business:

Dave, K8UM, talked about the House bill H555 being passed and sent to the Senate, HOA guidelines. Looking for everyone to send in letters of support for bill to pass.

Tom K4WJC warned people to look at bill, before recommending it. Senate made quite a few changes to original House bill, some not so good.

Bryce K4LXF mentioned that Club dues are now due.

New Business:

Announcements:

A thank you letter was read by Eugene, AB4UG, from the Crockett and Taylor families, thanking the Club for the donation to the John M. Crockett Internship fund.

Drawing:

(There was no drawing at this meeting.)

Being no further business, at 7:45 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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