

# CARS



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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

January 2018 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, Jan. 8, 2018*

**DUES FOR THE YEAR  
AUGUST 1, 2017 – JULY 31, 2018  
ARE PAST DUE**

\$20.00/Year, \$10.00 for each additional 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

On behalf of the club, I would like to express our sincerest condolences to Greg Amirault, KI4TVA, following the death of his mother, Suzanne Roth, KE4RVF, last month.

I hope everybody had a good Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. The club Christmas party on December 11 was a lot of fun. We had a pretty decent amount of people come by, the food was good, the gift exchange was fun and it was nice seeing everybody having a good time. Many thanks to Paulette Harrison, KJ4AIK and the food committee for organizing the party.

Coming up in February is the Charleston Hamfest, February 3, 2018. I love a good hamfest. Spread the word and I hope to see lots of people at the hamfest this year.

Greg Keys, KG4GEK, has kindly offered the use of a projector, and Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ, has a screen we can use. Anybody who wants to give a presentation or talk at one of the club meetings should send an email to [CARSInfo@wa4usn.org](mailto:CARSInfo@wa4usn.org) and it will be arranged. If you have any articles, projects or anything else to contribute to the monthly newsletter, feel free to email that to the same address as well.

2017 Field Day results are in the Dec 2017 QST. WA4USN is there on Page 77 with 503 contacts and 2546 points.

On the air, there are a couple of year long events happening in 2018. The ARRL 2018 International Grid Chase runs all year. Grid chasing is normally a VHF/UHF activity, but for 2018, everybody on LoTW will be a grid chaser.

Celebrate a few anniversary events along with NASA with the NASA On The Air program

(<https://nasaontheair.wordpress.com/>). Club stations at various NASA facilities will be on the air throughout the year for special events to commemorate the founding of NASA (1958), the Apollo 8 launch (1968), and the ISS launch (1998).

A 50th anniversary celebration! Did you know that in just a few years, CARS will celebrate its 50th anniversary? The club was formed March 3, 1971 and called the Holiday VHF Society. A few years later, in January of 1978, the club got its current name. If you haven't already, go have a read through the CARS 25th anniversary booklet (<http://wa4usn.org/history01.htm>) on the [wa4usn.org](http://wa4usn.org) website.

In anticipation of this momentous occasion, I've started collecting some ideas for a CARS 50th Anniversary Project.

**CARS Archive** - This would be a collection of stories, recollections, and histories from as many current and former CARS members as possible. We would also include major club accomplishments, such as establishing the HEART repeater network. The concept would be similar to Story Corps (<https://storycorps.org/>), or like the QSO Today podcast by Eric Guth, 4Z1UG (<http://www.qsotoday.com/>). Stories would be collected in whatever format is possible (written, audio/video interviews, etc) and archived on the website.

**CARS Scholarship** - Establish a scholarship through the ARRL Foundation Scholarship program (<http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions>) to support one or more recipients. The scholarship could be funded through CARS hamfest proceeds, and/or donations from club members.

**CARS Website** - John Meyers, WA4GPS, has done a good job of keeping up the club website for the past 12 years. If the archive project goes forward, we'll probably need a new website to accommodate the archive.

**WA4USN special events and activations** - How can we let this anniversary pass without having special event activations of WA4USN, NH4TI, and NJ4DU? We could have these throughout the year to commemorate our 50th anniversary. The anniversary of the club's founding will be March 3, 2021, so we could do a week long special event to commemorate the anniversary.

Any graphic designer types out there willing to design a special 50th anniversary QSL card for the club to send out?

We can also involve the K4DMS and K4PSA school clubs in our activities.

Alert the media and amateur radio publications.

How about a special anniversary dinner, picnic, or other events?

Let's do something big for the 2021 Hamfest to celebrate the anniversary!

If you'd like to join the planning, or throw in some more ideas, I have a Google Doc (<https://goo.gl/LS3vHq>) that I'm using to jot things down. Feel free to add your own ideas, thoughts, and comments to the document.

Feel free to send me any comments, suggestions and/or questions to [CARSinfo@wa4usn.org](mailto:CARSinfo@wa4usn.org), or to my personal email, [eugenemah@gmail.com](mailto:eugenemah@gmail.com)

73, Eugene, AB4UG

## FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, even if it's another solar minimum. Remember that there's more to the hobby than HF. Local hams sponsor at least two middle-school clubs, getting the next generation licensed and on the air. We conduct training and testing to get more people licensed, then hold recreational nets to get them on the air. We provide community service via ARES and our support for the Bridge Run and other 10k races.

ARRL is sponsoring a grid square competition on the air this year. Any ham on Logbook of the World (LotW) is automatically a part. WA4USN has a LotW account, so our operating days, including Museum Ships Weekend and Field Day, will count toward awards. You just need to remember to do electronic logging and get the ADIF logs to me for submission.

We've identified a projector and screen to use at club meetings, so we'll be able to conduct presentations on topics like... computer logging. If you want to share your expertise on a topic let Eugene know to put you on the agenda.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ

## OCT. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 10/1/17	\$4,892.22
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	55.00
Dues	460.00
Memberships	40.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - Sept, Oct CARS Carrier	(31.92)
Jenny Myers - Copies of Rosters	(15.96)
Bank Fee	(10.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 10/31/17	\$5,389.34

## NOV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 11/1/17	\$5,389.34
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	64.00
Dues	745.00
Memberships	100.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - Nov. CARS Carrier	(17.15)
Jenny Myers - Stamps	(49.00)
ARRL - 1 Membership	(47.00)
Bank Fee	(10.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 11/30/17	\$6,175.19

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of NOV. MEETING

### Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,  
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM

## MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. meeting was called to order by the President Eugene Mah, AB4UG, at 7:04 PM on Tuesday November 14, 2017 at the **Golden Corral** in North Charleston, SC.

**Introductions:** There were 45 people present.

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

The October 2017 meeting minutes were published in the November 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 September 2017 Financial Report was published in the November 2017 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

The Club Room on the Yorktown will be open for operating day on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Field Day:** Jim, KW4UL

Operating Day scheduled for once per month. They can schedule more if needed.

The scout troop would like help with getting their radio merit badge.

## **Races:** Doug, KU4OC

Possible no club events until the Cooper River Bridge Run in April of 2018. The Charleston Marathon may not happen next year?

## **Hamfest Report:** Steve, KE4THX

Will have an envelope stuffing party sometime next month.

## **Repeater Report:** Bryce, K4LXF

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

The Seabrook repeater is not working, will investigate. The Wallace repeater also has developed a noise, not part of our system. The Trident repeater (HUB) not working, will check out but it isn't needed.

## **Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

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

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Van Herridge KN4GWH  
Chris Parler KN4GUE  
Monroe Blanton K4ZEV

Second Reading: David Tawes, KJ4BUF  
Brian Smith, KN4EXJ

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

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

Next ARES meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM.

There will be an ARES exercise on November 15<sup>th</sup> (GRID X). The exercise will be about what happens after losing the electrical grid for 3 days. As part of the GRID X exercise, all bands UHF/VHF, HF, will have check-ins at 0930 and 1300. A DMR net will ask for check-ins at 1130 and 1600.

The results of the MARS test have not been published yet.

Another Hurricane in Atlantic, but no threat to land. Hurricane season runs until November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Newsletter/Website:** John, WA4GPS

Nothing new.

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

The next scheduled testing should be December 9<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.

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

No report.

## **School Clubs:** Tom, AJ4UQ - School Radio Club - K4PSA

The school placed next to last in Round-Up. Looking forward to Round-Up in February 2018.

## **Communications Trailer:** Willie, WB4SOG

Trailer storage building door broken, looking into fixing. Repacked wheel bearings and seals. Will work on replacing bad bulbs and generator and compressor oil changes.

## **New Business:**

Greg, KG4GEK, offered projector to club members, for Show and Tell, if needed.

Will there be a Technician Class scheduled shortly? How many people are required to conduct a class?

The By-laws Committee chair-person has asked to revise one of the by-laws. Accordingly an E-mail ballot will be sent to all voting club members, asking permission to make change to quorum requirement.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Harbor Breeze again this year. Looks like the cost will be \$15.00 again this year, with the club picking up the remainder. Will be sending out invitations soon but would like a list of possible attendees by December 4<sup>th</sup>, so we can let the Harbor Breeze know how many to cook for.

Also planning on having a gift exchange party again this year. Again this year, there will be a \$10.00 limit (but no problem if you exceed that limit). Please mark gifts for a man/woman or either.

There was a motion to accept the remainder of the party cost by the club. Voted on and approved.

## **Drawing:**

Robert, AJ5E, won the first drawing for a one-year ARRL membership, Kevin, N1KTJ, won the second drawing for ARRL 1995 book (Bryce K4LXF won the book first but donated it for second drawing).

Being no further business, at 7:50 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

It was not brought up in the meeting, but due to talking at the meeting, there is now scheduled an open Technician Class at the Red Cross Building, across from North Charleston City Hall, on January 13th and 14th of 2018.

## **MINUTES of DEC. MEETING**

### **Charleston Amateur Radio Society**

Club Meeting was held at the Harbor Breeze on Patriots Point Rd. Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM

## **MINUTES:**

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. Meeting was called to order by the President Eugene Mah, AB4UG, at 7:03 PM on Monday December 11, 2017 at the Harbor Breeze on Patriots Point Rd.

**Introductions:** There were 50 people present.

**Membership:** Bryce, K4LXF

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Ervin Heins, KM4QE

Second Reading: Van Herridge, KN4GWH  
Chris Parler, KN4GUE  
Monroe Blanton, K4ZEV

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

## **New Business:**

Ed Walker, KQ4DC, talked about a 1926 Radio Call Book and a White's Radio Log book, he had. Ed also passed around an old original QSL card from the USS Yorktown, WA4USN. The card will be posted in the Yorktown's Radio Rook.

## **Announcements:**

It is with sadness, that it was reported that Susannah Roth, KE4RVF, went SK on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully more information to follow.

Being no further business, at 7:17 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

It wasn't discussed during the brief meeting, but the Club's Christmas Party started after the meeting closed. There was plenty of good food and drink, that hopefully everyone made use of. The hit of the evening was the Chinese Gift Exchange. The set of pliers, a cookie jar, a tin of cookies and a long box of cookies, made the trip around the room several times. After the Gift Exchange was over, an announcement was made to check under your chair. If you found a piece of green tape, you got to keep the pine Christmas Reef and the table center piece. There was a lot of people checking their chair bottoms. The party ended around 9:15 PM.