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Charleston Amateur Radio Society

February 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, Feb. 12, 2018



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Alberta J. Meyers, 89, of Sangaree near Summerville, SC, wife of John W. Meyers, WA4GPS, passed away Monday afternoon, January 29, 2018.

In addition to her husband, John W. Meyers, Alberta also leaves behind her son, Glenn Walters of Georgia; daughter, Sue Freeman of Pennsylvania; numerous grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

A Memorial Service will be held February 16 at 1:00 PM at Simplicity Lowcountry Cremation & Burial Services, 281 Treeland Drive, Ladson, SC.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

By the time everyone reads this we will have had a snow storm with ice, and what seems like weeks of below freezing temperatures. The question to ask is where is the Global Warming that everybody is talking about. Remember we still have another 6 to 8 weeks of winter to go so stay observant and prepared.

Hope every body has a great time at the Hamfest and gets everything you need for up coming projects. Always make a list so you don't forget something you need for those projects.

Reminder, the SkyWarn net is on vacation currently but will restart again on April 3, 2018 at 2100 hours local time on the SCHEART network of repeaters. It will meet every first and third Tuesday during the rest of the seasons.

There will be NO Charleston County ARES meeting in February. I will be out of town in Columbia. We will be getting training at the State

EOC by Gabe Turner, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, Billy Irwin, K9OH Section/State Emergency Coordinator, and George Mudd, KK4F District 5 Emergency Coordinator. They will be training us on State EOC procedures and communications procedures during emergency nets and familiarizing us with State radio capacities. I will be taking notes to get everybody locally up to speed later.

Next announcement is the March Charleston County ARES meeting will be at the C.A.R.S. Communications trailer. We will be training on the features of the trailer and improvements needed. The location is: 6390 Dorchester Road, North Charleston, SC. This is between Mischeaux Parkway (Boeing entrance) and Air Force Base gate 5. The Low Country Firefighters Support Building.

I think we in Charleston County ARES should be willing and able to assist during emergencies in either Berkeley and Dorchester Counties. And of course they should be willing to assist us. In that concept of cooperation we need to train ourselves on the Dorchester and Berkeley counties equipment and procedures. So plan on a schedule and location for mutual training in the future. Also start listening to and checking in on Sunday nights to the Low Country ARES net from 2000 to 2020 local on the local repeaters and switch to SCHEART repeater system for the South Carolina ARES net. Both nets cover topics about emergency equipment, procedures and best practices when we are needed for emergency communications. Those that listened on January 21, 2018 got a suggestion(s) for building a "Go Kit" and there will be further training later.

Another net is the Thursday morning SCHEART net on the SCHEART repeater system starting at 0900 local. This net is designed for hospitals and health care folks but the training topics cover all

forms of communications and service to hospitals. As Hams and ARES we need to be trained and available for emergencies in Hospitals. A cut fiber line near a hospital could cause a major failure to a hospitals internal and external lines of communications. This is an area that has been allowed to wither away and will require action from ham community to solve.

A new requirement from Department of Homeland Security/FEMA now requires any medical facility that accepts Medicare/Medicaid patients now has to have a back up communications network. No word on what South Carolina will require or just how extensive hams will be involved but stand by as more is learned I am sure hams will be requested and can support this requirement. Remember the motto "When All Else Fails" hams provide.

Until next month,
73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN
Charleston County EC.

DEC. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 12/1/17	\$6,175.19
Cash Receipts:	0.00
Cash Disbursements:	
Bank Fee	(10.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 12/31/17	\$6,165.19

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of JAN. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. meeting was called to order by the President Eugene Mah, AB4UG, at 7:00 PM on Monday January 8, 2018 at the **Golden Corral** in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 33 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The November and December 2017 meeting minutes were published in the January 2018 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The October and November 2017 Financial Reports were published in the January 2018 newsletter and accepted as information.

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ & Jim, KW4UL

Nothing new to report. An operating schedule for the Yorktown will be announced later.

Field Day: Jim, KW4UL

Starting to make plans for Field Day. Hopefully we will make more use of Human Power (on the bicycle) this year.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Nothing to report – We will not be supporting the Charleston Marathon, this year. The Cooper River Bridge Run will be the first Saturday in April 2018. Start thinking about supporting the run.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

The Hamfest Committee had an envelope stuffing party last Sunday. The envelopes contain 12 tickets for the raffles at the Hamfest. Please pick up your envelope before you leave the meeting, will save the club postage.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

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

We are working on updating the repeater controllers for the CARS linked repeaters. We will upgrade one controller, remove that old controller, reprogram that controller for the next repeaters and then replace that repeaters controller. We will try to do this until all controllers have been upgraded to the latest version.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

The 2018 dues, are past due. If not paid soon, member may be dropped from the club roles.

New applications for membership:

First Reading:

Second Reading: Ervin Heins, KM4QE

Ervin was voted on and welcomed into the Club.

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNK, Dorchester; Linda, KJ4EUV, Berkeley

Next ARES meeting on January 20th at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM

The electrical exercise the state held showed the state was not prepared. Lots of work to be done, getting prepared for that type of emergency.

The Berkeley and Dorchester EOC's went to Level 3 during Ice and snow emergency. Charleston watched conditions but did not activate. During emergency conditions, think about keeping above ½ tank of fuel in your vehicle. If you get stuck somewhere the extra fuel may help. You may want to keep a small bag of Kitty Litter in your trunk, in case you need more traction if stuck on ice. There will be a Skywarn training course offered February 12 at 4045 Bridgeview Drive room B339 from 6 to 8 PM. Register on-line at: <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/training-registration.php>

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled testing should be February 3rd at 1:00 PM at the Charleston Hamfest.

There is a scheduled Technician training class scheduled for January 13th and 14th with an open test session scheduled for 1:00 PM on Sunday the 14th of January. The training will be held at the Red Cross Building near North Charleston City Hall off of Montague.

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

No report.

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

Right now they are out of school and will start up again Friday.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

The trailer has been restored and repairs made. The fire house door is still broken.

Old Business:

The Christmas party went well and the cost came in under \$1000.00.

New Business:

Eugene, AB4UG, wrote a presentation on suggestions for the 50th anniversary of the CARS club, coming up soon. If you have any ideas about what to do for the anniversary, let Eugene know.

A motion was suggested and approved to allocate \$500.00 to fund Field Day.

A motion was also made to allocate \$500.00 to fund the Hamfest, but that was turned over to the Hamfest committee.

Announcements:

A memorial will be held January 12th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Simplicity Cremation & Burial Service building, at 281 Treeland Drive, for Suzanne Roth, KE4RVF, (SK)

Drawing:

Monroe, K4ZEV, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership,

Being no further business, at 7:30 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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