

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

April 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, Apr. 9, 2018



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Did you know that April 15, 2018 will be the 75th anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Yorktown (CV-10)? To commemorate the event, we'll be doing a special event activation on April 14 and 15 for a few hours each day. The current plan is for most of the activity to be on April 15, but I'm also planning on a few hours in the afternoon on April 14 as well. There are currently about 7 people who have expressed an interest in coming out so feel free to come join the fun.

April 15 is also the ARRL Rookie Roundup (SSB), so if you're a new ham that meets the ARRL's Rookie criteria, get on the air, or come on out to the ship and we'll get you on the air.

Speaking of operating on the Yorktown, we have operating days scheduled for the third Saturday of each month. If you're a newly licensed member, the operating days are an excellent opportunity to get a taste of what it's like to operate on HF. There is also a VHF/UHF and a DMR radio to play with as well. Want to try out some digital modes? Come on out! Even if you don't want to get on the radio, come hang out in the club room.

It's April already, which means another storm season is just around the corner. This is a good time to review your emergency plan, check your gear and start laying in the emergency supplies. Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties all have active ARES groups in the area who could always use more people. If emergency preparedness is your thing, or something you're interested in, please go check them out. They can always use more people.

Feel free to send me any comments, suggestions and/or questions to CARSinfo@wa4usn.org, or to my personal email, eugenemah@gmail.com. If you're on Facebook, there's a CARS group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WA4USN/>. We also have the @WA4USN account on Twitter that you can follow as well.

73, Eugene, AB4UG

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

I want to thank everyone in the Amateur community for the support to the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) in the tri-county area. From the use of the C.A.R.S. Club communications trailer, to the people to man shelters, set-up relay stations, or any requests for help.

Next, There will be NO Charleston County ARES meeting in April. We have the Cooper River Bridge Run and Century Bike Ride to support. This active support of the community is better than a meeting. Remember May 5, 2018 is the James Island Disaster Preparedness event at the Lowe's store parking lot on James Island from 0900 to 1300. This is a Saturday and a great event for seeing other agencies and groups that provide aid in a disaster. Get up to date on the upcoming season's potential disasters and solutions in the local community. Also the C.A.R.S. Club trailer will be on site, open and operating so come out and see the trailer and operate from a portable location.

Another issue is the actions you take when sent to a shelter or site to assist or provide communications. You are there to assist not to make demands or think you are in charge. Also remember you are supposed to be self reliant not a load on the site. And really don't just make yourself at home. If

invited to eat or partake in festivities be careful, respectful and thankful. DO NOT assume you are invited always ask first. Please dress professionally, clean clothes, sturdy shoes/boots, no holes or rips, look good, be comfortable but remember the impression you make reflects on all Hams.

Last, a new version of the SC Tactical Communications Plan is out and downloadable from www.ARES-SC.org website. Good information about how communications would be used in a local, county, or State emergency. At least review it so you have an idea of what frequencies/repeaters to use and all of the alternate ways to accomplish the task of communicating during an emergency.

“When ALL else fails”

Until next month,
73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

FEB. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 2/1/18	\$6,023.91
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	310.00
Memberships	100.00
Raffle Proceeds	45.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - February CARS Carrier	(13.68)
Jenny Myers - Printing Rosters	(18.53)
Bank Fee	(10.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 2/28/18	\$6,436.70

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of MARCH MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, March 12, 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 March 12, 2018 at the **Golden Corral** in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 37 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The February 2018 meeting minutes were published in the March 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 January 2018 Financial Report was published in the March 2018 newsletter and accepted as information.

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ & Jim, KW4UL

No report.

Field Day: Jim, KW4UL

No report.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Cooper River Bridge Run – Paper work is almost finished. Looking for someone to work the finish line. Hopefully you will be able to pick up “T” shirts and paperwork at Doug's office next week.

The Century Bike ride is still looking for help with the run.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

No report.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The 441.575 repeater is still not linking up with the state wide system. The Knightsville repeater controller, 146.940, has been updated and replaced. Plan to work on the 146.790 Yorktown repeater next. Just for information, three local repeaters have external clocks on them. The Yorktown, Knightsville and I think the Dorchester 147.270 repeaters have these clocks in them. If electrical power is lost, this external clock helps the repeater controller set the correct time. The time is used on the controllers, to announce messages on a schedule.

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: Jason Griffith, KN4AEC

Second Reading: Michael Eckard, KE4DHK
Martin Stapleton, KD8RGN
Richard (Rich) Aiello, KN4HRA
Michael Mc Sween, KD4RZV
T. Stephien Thomason, W4IJ
Robert Bradshaw, KN4JTZ
(was associate member)

Associate membership: Mike Whisenant (no call)

All second reading members were voted on and welcomed into the club.

Mike Whisenant (no call yet) was welcomed into the club as an associate member.

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

Global warming has caused third Nor'easter in the north east.

James Island will hold a Emergency EXPO on May 5th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the Lowes parking lot.

March 17th, the ARES meeting will be held at the fire station, where the trailer is kept, and the trailer will be pulled out and used for an exercise. All are welcome to attend.

The State EOC is connecting the local EOC's by using an internet program. Lots of information available to the EOC's.

Dorchester talked about the value of using DMR's.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled testing should be April 14th at 9:00 AM at the Tall Pines Baptist Church. The

church is located on 645 Treeland Drive, near the American Biker store.

The Sea Cadets have asked for a Technician training class on the 24th and 25th of March. This will probably be a private training class.

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

No report.

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

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

Will use the trailer for ARES training on the 17th of March.

Old Business:

New Business:

A request was made asking for more OO's, to help clean up the HF band.

Announcements:

Danny O'Neal went SK.

The Yorktown is approaching it's 75th anniversary on April 14th. Thinking about having a Special Event station, manned on April 15th (perhaps on the 14th also, depending on interest), to publicize this. If you are interested in helping out, contact Eugene AB4UG.

Drawing:

Ray, KM4FRG, 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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