

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

September 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, Sep. 10, 2018



DUES ARE DUE

Dues for the year 2018-2019 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

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

September is the middle of the peak time for hurricanes to form off the African coast.

I am sure by now everyone has seen and heard of the effects of Hurricane Lane is having on Hawaii, think about 30+ inches of rain falling in the low country. We flood at high tide and a light rain imagine 30+ inches falling over a few days. Now is the time to get prepared for a hurricane.

If you want to listen in to radio traffic from Hawaii go to the SATERN Net at 14.265MHz with 14.312 MHz as back up frequency depending on band conditions. Also Hawaii ARES has asked for some space around 7.080MHz since they are using that frequency for emergency communications.

There will be NO Charleston County ARES meeting in September, another commitment will be happening then. Remember the Cystic Fibrous bike ride is happening on September 29th and it is a good ARES exercise and just fun event to help with communications. It will be out in the south county Edisto Beach area and using the Adams Run repeater (147.345MHz + no tone).

The Low Country Emergency Management folks understand Hurricanes and have plans and back up

plans and back ups to back up plans available. Please remember that when wind speeds are sustained at 40 mph ALL first responders are ordered to shelter. Basically you are on your own until winds drop below 40 mph. Another major event could be an earthquake. To get yourself up to speed get a copy of the March 2009 QST article about the amateur preparedness steps that have been taken and why this are would become 18 islands. Big reason ALL bridges and overpasses would be deemed unsafe to cross until inspected.

School is back in session so traffic patterns will change, little ones don't always check traffic when crossing streets so please be careful driving out there, watch for the kids and be extra careful on the roads. Also leave a little extra travel time buses stopping will add time to your commutes.

Everybody stay safe, think ahead, and keep Hawaii in your thoughts.

Until next month, 73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

\$5,411.98
50.00
(16.98)
(47.00)
(10.00)
\$5,388.00

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 8/1/17	\$4,196.80
Cash Receipts:	
Memberships	440.00
Dues	2,375.00
Raffle Proceeds	469.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - CARS Carrier	(195.39)
ARRL - Memberships	(357.00)
Misc.Expenses (printing, stamps, bank, etc)	(229.91)
Christmas Party	(328.10)
Pinckney Carter CoGen Liab.Insurance	(254.00)
US Postmaster - 12 Months PO Box Rent	(96.00)
Memorials & Flowers for members	(25.00)
Field Day food & gas	(500.00)
Website Hosting	(107.40)
Ending Checking Balance - 7/31/18	\$5,388.00
Savings Account Balance	27.39

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MINUTES of AUG. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall, Monday, Aug. 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. meeting was called to order by the President Eugene Mah, AB4UG, at 7:02 PM on Monday Aug. 13, 2018 at the **Golden Corral** in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 44 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The July 2018 meeting minutes were published in the Aug. 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 June 2018 Financial Report was published in the Aug. 2018 newsletter and accepted as information.

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ & Jim, KW4UL

Nothing new to report. Still plan on having operating day this Saturday and on the third

Saturday of each month. Timing should be about 1:00PM to about 4:00PM.

Field Day: Jim, KW4UL

No report.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Tom, K4WJC – Cystic Fibosis Bike Ride for Life coming up on October 29th. Still time to sign up, to participate. If interested in helping with the event, go to the wa4usn.org website and click on CARS EVENTS tab, to sign up.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

Still working on preparations for the 2019 Hamfest.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

For some reason, we are getting intermittent bleeding over from other repeater systems. Trying to figure out why. Knightsville not linking up all of the time, keeps dropping out? Working on a solution.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Yearly dues are due again, for year 2019

New applications for membership:

First Reading: John Oakes, KD4IYN

Second Reading: Gary Hager, KM4ZGN

Leon Hopkins, WZ0M Philip Meyer, KN4MJC Ed Mullis, K4WEM Stan Trussell, KB4SBE Jan Kauser, KN4FZP

(new Extra call KX4MI)

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

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

Charleston ARES meeting August 18th at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM.

New Storm predictions: 9-12 storms, 6 named, and 2 major. September 14th is peak Hurricane period for S.C. Nothing in the Atlantic right now. Still a good idea to check your to-go kits. Get water, food, spare cash, batteries and fuel now, may not be available before the storm. Also may want to check first-aid kits for expired medication. You may want to take a drive some day to check-out your evacuation routes. If your primary route could be jammed, have a secondary route available. Even look for a third evacuation route. Don't get stuck in harms way.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS Nothing new.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled testing should be October 13th 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

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

Thinking about having an operational/checkout of the trailer sometime in September.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Announcements:

In the ARRL newsletter, Channel 4 was acknowledged for the coverage of the Ham Radio participation of the solar Eclipse.

Asking for interest in having a winter Field Day sometime in January (26 or 27). May make use of the trailer. Contact Eugene, AB4UG, if interested in participating.

Drawing:

Joe, K4LTF, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership,

Being no further business, at 7:23 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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