

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

January 2019 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. 14, 2019



DUES FOR THE YEAR

**AUGUST 1, 2018 – JULY 31, 2019
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

Happy New Year everybody! Hope all of you had a great Christmas and New Year!

Kicking off first club meeting of 2019 will be a presentation by Dave Stamps/K8UM about MARS (Military Auxiliary Radio System). The presentation will start at 6:30, before the meeting.

The new year also means the Charleston Hamfest is not that far off.

The Hamfest is February 2 this year at the same time and place as the past few years. See the club website for all the details.

73, Eugene, AB4UG

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I'll hit my ten-year anniversary of being licensed this year. I was looking over old photos to support a magazine article I was asked to contribute to, and it's amazing how many aspects of the hobby I've touched in that short time.

Winter Field Day is coming up on 26-27 January 2019. It's a low-key response to ARRL Field Day, just to make the winter states understand how uncomfortable Field Day can be for us in summer states, or so I've heard. CARS will operate from our communications trailer in the back of the old firehouse at 6390 Dorchester Road. It will be informal; no meals and no overnight operations. Call on the repeaters to see if we're up. This will be the first extended HF operation for the trailer, and I'm looking forward to testing it. We'll be a 10 SC station.

We're allegedly on the leading edge of the next sunspot cycle, so get on the air and enjoy the HF. If you don't have HF privileges, the CARS VE team will be at Hamfest on 2 February and at Tall Pines Baptist Church on the second Saturday of the even months (April, June, August, October, December). The new General question pool was just released with an effective date of 1 July, so I anticipate a busy test session in June.

If you're an FT-8 user, version 2.0 has been released. It is NOT compatible with older versions, so upgrade or you're going to be pretty lonely.
73, Tom, AJ4UQ

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Happy New Year everyone!

Given this is now January be aware of the weather in this area. Last January we had an ice storm and snow issue that caused driving, shopping, and just getting from point A to point B a major event. In years past January has produced ice storms and ice usually causes loss of electricity service and frozen water pipes so NOW is the time to prepare yourself. Get your vehicle serviced for cold weather, car batteries die in winter, put a blanket in your vehicle for the cold, keep your cell phone and HT's battery charged up you might just need them. Cooking can suffer without electricity, but peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are electricity free.

Now that Christmas has passed remember the Charleston Hamfest is coming on February 2 and this year there will be a "Go Box" event. You can show off your emergency station, get ideas from other hams to improve your own emergency station, and just pick up pieces and parts Santa didn't deliver on Christmas. Hamfest is ALWAYS a fun event, eyeball QSO's, parts and pieces, Great food, and the very informative Forums. This makes for a splendid Saturday in February.

TRAINING TOPIC:

ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services): A public service organization of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). Licensed Amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership, making themselves available for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes.

Qualifications: for ARES:

Be a licensed Amateur Radio Operator
 Willingness to serve
 Complete following On – Line FEMA courses;
 IS – 100, IS – 200, IS – 700, IS – 800
 These courses need to be completed within 1 (one) year of joining ARES

Always NEED more operators when a disaster strikes. Need pre event help and a lot of post event aid for sure.

Remember the priority in a disaster; Take care of yourself, Take care of your family, Finally when the first two (2) conditions are met volunteer to take care of the community.

Until next month, 73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

December 19, 2018

Checking Bal Sept 30, 2018	\$7,173.34
Cash Receipts - October	
Raffle Proceeds	70.00
Dues	280.00
Memberships	40.00
Total Receipts	390.00

Cash Disbursements - October	
John Meyers-Oct CARS Carrier	(27.06)
Bryce Myers, Storage Unit	(144.00)
Memorial	(25.00)
Bank Fee	(5.00)
Total Disbursements	(201.06)

Checking Bal October 31, 2018 \$7,362.28

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Cash Receipts - November	
Raffle Proceeds	56.00
Dues -	
Memberships -	

Total Receipts **56.00**

Cash Disbursements - November

John Meyers-Nov, CARS Carrier (17.72)

Bryce Myers - Copies of Roster (31.83)

ARRL - 1 membership (47.00)

Correction (0.17)

Total Disbursements **(96.72)**

Checking Bal November 30, 2018 \$7,321.56

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of Nov. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,

Tuesday, Nov. 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 7:00 PM on Tuesday November 13, 2018 at the **Golden Corral** in North Charleston, SC. The meeting was held on Tuesday instead of the regular Monday, due to Golden Corral saluting the Veterans with a free dinner.

Introductions:

There were about 38 members and guest present.

Secretary's Minutes:

(Please note that due to not having a December Meeting, some information is out of date and comments have been inserted as appropriate. Any information in italics like this is an additional comment not submitted as part of the official minutes.)

Warren, KK4EVI

The October 2018 meeting minutes were published in the November 2018 CARS Carrier. It was

corrected that Dave, K8UM won the raffle but returned the money to the club. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The September 2018 Financial Reports were published in the November 2018 newsletter and accepted as information.

Museum Ships:

Tom, AJ4UQ & Jim, KW4UL

Plans are on the third Saturday of each month, the Yorktown will be open for operations, from about 1:00 PM to about 4:00 PM. This will last as long as there is participation.

Field Day:

Jim, KW4UL

No report.

Races:

Doug, KU4OC

The Cooper River Bridge run will be coming up in April 2019, start making plans to join in on the fun..

Hamfest Report:

Steve, KE4THX

An envelope stuffing party, to fill envelopes with raffle tickets was held Sunday and the envelopes will be handed out or mailed out soon.

(Envelopes have been mailed to members)

Repeater Report:

Bryce, K4LXF

Nothing new to report on repeaters. Bryce printed out a new Club Member Roster and wanted to know if any changes were needed.

Membership:

Bryce, K4LXF

Yearly dues are now past due, for year 2019

New applications for membership:

First Reading:

None

Second Reading:

Tom Valenzia KJ6YRN

Votes:

Tom was voted on and welcomed into the Club

Emergency Prep:

Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNK,

Dorchester; Linda, KJ4EVV, Berkeley

Charleston: Rick, N8BKN – ARES Team meets on 3rd Saturday of the month

Next ARES meeting on November 17th at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM

Will open the Yorktown operating room after the ARES meeting.

(The next meeting will be on January 19th)

Dorchester: John W4HNK – Meets on 2nd Saturday of the month, at the EOC.

Berkeley: Linda KJ4EVV - Meet on last Saturday of the month. Their website w4brk.

Nets:

Newcomers Net 2 Mtrs gets on the air 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. Tom, W1JTA, will be helping Don by becoming the Newcomers Net, Net Controller occasionally.

ARES Net 2 Mtrs airs on Sunday at 8:00 PM. Local area 5 meets from 8:00 - 8:20 PM, then joins up to the statewide link up at 8:20 PM. Repeaters are now linking so no need to switch frequencies.

SKYWARN Net 2 Mtrs Still meeting on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 9:00 PM on linked repeater systems. Will probably change to every Tuesday at 9:00 PM during hurricane season or severe weather.

SCHEART Net: 2 Mtrs will start Net every Thursday morning at 9:00 AM.

Newsletter/Website:

John, WA4GPS

John would like someone to take over the Cars Carrier task.

(The CARS Carrier and Website have been taken over by Greg, KG4GEK)

Education & VE Testing:

Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled testing should be December 15th 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

They've had antenna problems lately, should be on-line now.

Communications Trailer:

Willie, WB4SOG

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Richard Kronick, W4RAK, passed away. Donated a lot of Ham equipment to the club. Rick, N8BKN, is committee chairperson for handling of equipment.

New Business:

The Christmas Party will be held December 10th at the Harbor Breeze again. The party will take the place of the regularly scheduled meeting. The party will start at 7:00 PM and the cost again this year will be \$15.00 for singles and \$30.00 for couples, the rest will be paid for by the Club.

Still looking for support to have a Winter Field Day January 26th and 27th, contact Eugene, AB4UG, to participate.

Dave, K8UM, would like to make a presentation on the "MARS" system, before or after, the January Meeting

Announcements:

Jenny Myers, WA4NGV, is in the hospital. Bryce gave Jenny's status and said she was in room 7044 at Ashley Towers. John, KK4UNN, led the Club in a prayer for Jenny's quick recovery.

(Jenny is now out of the hospital and at home)

Drawing:

Greg KG4GEK 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**