

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

June 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, June. 10, 2019



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I received an email from Don Heywood, WC4G, which I think speaks to the spirit of the amateur radio community.

"Hello, DE Don WC4G, I would like you to recognize Mr. Glenn Little at the next meeting for assisting me in the repair of a Harris receiver. Glenn took on the job of assisting me in repairing a module of one of my solid state receivers. Glenn took the module and reverse engineered it providing a schematic, which was not in the manual, then repairing the circuit board damage, installed new components and finally testing the functions of the module. We reinstalled the repaired module and the receiver now works as designed. Glenn is also providing the schematic to the folks on the Harris radio forum. A job well done by a long time friend." Thanks Glenn!

Hot off the presses (arrived in my email as I write this) is the ARRL Roanoke Division newsletter (http://arrl-roanoke.com/Roanoke_Newsletter_Field_Day_2019.pdf) with a column by our new division director, Bud Hippisley/W2RU, where he talks about the need for mentoring new hams and helping them get hands on.

Grab a copy, give it a read, and give some thought to how we as a club, and as club members, can up our mentoring game.

Field Day is our next big event coming up in a few more weeks. Come on out and operate on the ship!

I've been receiving reports that some people haven't been receiving the emailed newsletter. The newsletters are coming from a new email address (cars_members@wa4usn.org), so check your spam box to see if the newsletter emails got filtered out. You may have to whitelist or add the new email to your contacts list.

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

73

Eugene, AB4UG

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

Museum Ships Weekend was the first weekend in June, and once again we were the DX with a pileup. The Yorktown made about 185 QSOs all day including 21 other ships, and the Clamagore and Laffey each made about 160, operating alternately for half a day.

I'm already getting stacks of QSL card requests. We have professionally printed cards for the Yorktown and Clamagore. I've been printing my own for the Laffey, and challenge club members to come up with a design we can get printed professionally.

The new antenna for the trailer arrived, but it was too hot to be outside testing it. When we get a cool weekend forecast I'll schedule an antenna party at the firehouse to test it out.

Field Day is coming up in a few weeks. Come out to the Yorktown and participate. We'll teach you anything you need to know. I'll also bring a club computer to the club meeting to show how computer logging is done.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Welcome to the official start of the 2019 Atlantic Hurricane season. (1 June till 30 November) The first name "Andrea" has been used and the next name is "Barry". The weather service predicts an average season similar to last season so now is the time to prepare. Start assembling that "Go Bag" for each family member including pets, plan to stay or evacuate, prepare to help a neighbor or friend, get your travel plan and route in order. These are just some of the preparedness required during Hurricane season.

We have had two Hurricane Expo's so far, May 4, 2019 James Island Lowe's and 1 June, 2019 at Dorchester County Lowe's. Hope everyone had a chance to pick up stuff to help get ready for this season.

Hurricane's are NOT the only natural disasters that occur in this area. We have an earthquake region, and severe thunderstorms with tornadoes are possible. In the man made area we have a port downtown, trucks on the roads and never does an accident occur in the area. If you come upon a truck/train accident stay up wind and as far away as possible. Keep binoculars in your vehicle and spot the Department of Transportation sign for the product in the trailer or train cars. Stay alert on the highways and by-ways.

Now is also a great time to get your vehicles into shape for that long trip if evacuation is your preferred action. You need to check your Route A, then plan Route B, and back up with Route C. The local Highway department does NOT post plans for road closures very far in advance so pay attention to local news announcements and alter your plans accordingly.

Learn the planned evacuation zones and when to evacuate. The real plan is to go early and beat the rush.

A good practice event for a disaster will be the 8 June, 2019 South Carolina Communications exercise. Information is available at www.ares-sc.org. I will be at Charleston County Emergency Operations Center during the drill. Expect to be called on for simulated traffic and emergency assignments. This will test the state's ability to get timely reports from the Low Country and get the proper aid en route to help everybody in the Hurricane's zone.

Another good event is ARRL Field Day. June 21, 2019 is set up day on the Yorktown starting at 1400 until ready. Field Day starts at 1400 on 22 June, 2019 and runs until 1400 23 June, 2019. 24 hours of operations with tear down after the event. AS in years past we will be operating from outside of the club room just like in a field. Hope to see everyone there. And for the newer ham's you can operate HF because of Control Operators being present so come out and enjoy perhaps a different facet of Amateur Radio.

Until next month 73

Rick Valentine N8BKN

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

May 13, 2019

Checking Bal Mar 31, 2019 7,792.56

Cash Receipts - April

Raffle Proceeds	65.00
Dues	0.00
Memberships	0.00
Total Receipts	65.00

Cash Disbursements - March

ARRL - 1 Membership	(47.00)
Bank Fee	(5.00)
Jenny Myers - Stamps	(55.00)
Total Disbursements	(107.00)

Checking Bal April 30, 2019 \$7,750.56

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the May MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,

4968 Centre Pointe Dr. North Charleston 29418

Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

The monthly Club Meeting was held at the **Golden Corral** at 4968 Centre Pointe Dr. in North Charleston 29418

Monday April 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. Meeting was called to order by the President Eugene Mah, AB4UG, at 7:01 PM on Monday May 13, 2019 at the **Golden Corral** in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were about 40 members and guest present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The April 2019 meeting minutes were published in the May 2019 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The March 2019 Financial Reports were published in the May 2019 newsletter and accepted as information.

Museum Ships on the air: Tom, AJ4UQ + Jim, KW4UL

Tom, AJ4UQ, June 1st & 2nd is Museum Ships exercise. Sat. will work from Yorktown, wa4usn, Sun, will work from Laffy and Clamagore. Will work from the Clubroom from 8:00 AM until?

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Jim, KW4UL

Plan to work two transmitters this year. Will setup on Friday Jun. 21st afternoon.

Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC

Doug still has no firm reason the Hams were not asked to help Cooper River Bridge run this year. Still looking forward to helping with the Isle of Palms run this year.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

Next years Hamfest has been approved and sanctioned. There is about \$6606.00 in Hamfest fund Steve wanted to hold a short Hamfest meeting after CARS meeting

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF -

Nothing to report due to Jenny being in rehab. That is taking up most of his time.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading:

Second Reading: Dan Myers KC0FXP
Voted on and approved. Welcome into the Club.

Emergency Prep:

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

No meeting this month or in June, due to events coming up.

Jun 1st Hurricane EXPO at the Dorchester Lowes parking lot.

Jun 5th Chas County Certification drill (stationary hurricane),

Jun 8th Mt Pleasant & Dunes West drill (stationary hurricane and loss of coms)

Jun 22nd & 23rd Field Day on Yorktown, setup on Friday Jun 21st

Rick explained more about the OPCOM changes

Jun 1st – start of Hurricane season, runs until Nov 1st

Dorchester: John W4HNC – Meets on 2nd Saturday of the month, at the EOC.

Dorchester County Jun 8th drill

talked about the change in OPCOM status. Went from 5 stages to 3 stages.

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. **Tom, WW1JTA**, is helping Don by becoming the Newcomers Net, Net Controller occasionally. Don is still looking for more participation and additional Net Controllers to help out 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 / Cars Carrier: Greg, KG4GEK –

Newsletter was sent out and still working on Website. His job lost most of his other workers

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled VE testing should be June 8th 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 – K4DMS -

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ – K4PSA-

Two weeks left before Summer break

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG:

Plan to use the trailer on Jun 1st for the Dorchester Lowes EXPO

Old Business:

Bryce's purchase of equipment on hold due to Jenny's health

Tom's purchases are on order

New Business:

Brian, KN4EXJ, Church is planning on having a Hurricane EXPO on Aug 3rd from about

9:00 AM until about noon. Church is located at 2100 Bacons Bridge Rd at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Announcements:

Greg emailed current roster sheets to everyone on roster. If you don't have email, copies are available on table,

Carl, WD4CXW, wanted to thank everyone that help with the MARS setup.

Dennis, KV4WM, announced that W4NVO, Harold Wade SK'd Friday evening

Drawing:

Jennette won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership, but for some reason

Lee KI4LLJ took possession

Being no further business, at 7:35 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.