

CARS WA4USN CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

July 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, July. 8, 2019



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

There were a few good media articles recently about amateur radio and emergency communications, including an SCETV story featuring our very own Warren Richey, KK4EVI (<https://www.southcarolinapublicradio.org/post/ham-operators-ready-provide-emergency-communications-event-crises>). I've posted them to the CARS Facebook group so you can go check them out over there.

Another recent tower related death in PA made the news recently (<http://www.arrl.org/news/pennsylvania-radio-amateur-dies-in-tower-installation-mishap>). If you have a tower, please be safe when you need to work on it. Those of you contemplating a tower, the ARRL handbook has a good section on towers and tower safety.

By the time this reaches everybody, Field Day will be over and done with. Thanks to Delmer Powell, KW4XQ, for stepping in at the last minute to take care of this year's Field Day arrangements. Band conditions were so-so when I was operating for a few hours Saturday afternoon. Plenty of stations on the air in the phone portion of the bands, but trying to pick out stations was a challenge. Weather was a bit on the warm side Saturday afternoon, but the ocean breeze helped keep things tolerable. Unfortunately I ended up injuring my foot on the

way into the club room and wasn't able to make it out for the rest of Field Day on Sunday.

Club participation. In short, we need more of it. Everything from net controllers and net participation, helping out with events, and participating in activities. Since I joined CARS 7 years ago, it seems like the number of people at events and activities I've been able to go to has been dropping to the point where it's only a small group of the same people each time. I was a little disappointed to see only a few people out on the Yorktown for Field Day Saturday afternoon. Part of the reason for clubs to exist is to bring together people with common interests, share knowledge and resources, and provide learning and training opportunities. Without the participation of club members, the "club" essentially becomes just the small group of people who do want to participate. Those of you who do come out, thank you. If there are activities you'd like to participate in, presentations you'd like to see, build projects you'd like to do, let me know and let's make them happen.

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

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

ARRL Field Day 2019 is over, and it was underwhelming. It was hot, the storms came through, and the sunspots stayed home, but that's routine. We had eight participants and 102 QSOs, a record low submitted number for the club. Museum Ships weekend and Winter Field Day had similarly low participation numbers.

So what is keeping people from showing up? Is the Yorktown too intimidating? As members age those ladders get harder and harder to navigate. But where were our younger members? Early feedback from a Facebook post suggested that it's too hot (sorry, can't fix that), and the Yorktown is too hard to get around. So let's have Field Day at a more traditional location like a city park if that will help. Nominate your favorite and we can try a dry run -- there's some contest or another most weekends.

Our Field Day coordinator had to drop out due to work commitments, but we should have enough people trained up that there shouldn't be a stop-work when the leader isn't there. Step up and learn how to set up a station, and take the initiative to make things work. What message does it send if we have a disaster and know how to respond, but "nobody told me what to do"?

Our FD 2019 submitted score earned us 1098 points, pending verification by ARRL.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Plan on attending the August 3rd Emergency EXPO for Dorchester County, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on 2100 Bacons Bridge Rd

Until next month 73

Rick Valentine N8BKN

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

June 10, 2019

Checking Bal April 30, 2019 7,750.56

Cash Receipts - May

Raffle Proceeds	68.00
Dues	0.00
Memberships	0.00
Total Receipts	68.00

Cash Disbursements - April

ARRL – 1 Membership	(47.00)
Bank Fee	(5.00)
Total Disbursements	(52.00)

Checking Bal May 31, 2019 7,766.56

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the June MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,

4968 Centre Pointe Dr. North Charleston 29418

Monday, June 10, 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 June 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM

1. MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. Meeting was called to order by the President Eugene Mah, AB4UG, at 7:02 PM on Monday June 10, 2019 at the **Golden Corral** in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were about 36 members and guest present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The May 2019 meeting minutes were published in the June 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 April 2019 Financial Reports were published in the June 2019 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Light turn out of operators. Only made about 194 contacts from Yorktown Saturday and about 160 on Sunday from the Laffey and about 160 from the Clamagore

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Jim, KW4UL

Field Day is June 22nd & 23rd- setup is scheduled for Friday June 21st. Field Day runs from 2:00 PM Saturday to 2:00 PM Sunday

Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC

No report

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

No report

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF –

Some noise coming in – may just be propagation

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Jeffery Carner KN4NIQ

Second Reading:

Emergency Prep:

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

No meeting in June, due to County and State Emergency exercises being held.

Expecting a slightly busier hurricane season this year. The Wednesday and Saturday state and county drills went as expected. Some areas needing improvement were found

Plan on attending the August 3rd Emergency EXPO for Dorchester County, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on 2100 Bacons Bridge Rd

Dorchester: John W4HMK – 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. **Tom, WW1TA**, is helping Don by becoming the Newcomers Net, Net Controller occasionally.

Don is still looking for more participation and additional Net Controller operators 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 on state linked system
Newsletter / Website / Cars Carrier: Greg, KG4GEK –

New website should be up soon

If you are still not receiving the Cars Carrier Newsletter, check your spam or junk folders, may be in there

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled VE testing should be August 10th 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-

Out for the summer

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG:

No report

Old Business:

New antenna for the trailer is in and just need to find time and people to help install it

New Business:

We do not have a QSL card for the Laffey. If you have artistic talent and would like to help design one, contact Tom AJ4UQ

Announcements:

Don KK4WWV can't cover the New Comers net in July, looking for someone to help Tom WW1TA with the nets. IF you are interested in helping out with the nets, and gaining some experience, just send me an email at kk4evi at arrl dot net and I'll send you a copy of the preamble you read from. Not very hard really.

Anyone notice any changes that need to be made to the club roster Greg sent out? Just let Greg know or again send me an email and I'll let him know
Eugene read a thank you note from Don WC4G thanking Glenn Little, WB4UIV for his help

Drawing:

In Earls place (hi hi), Archie, K4IUG 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.