

CARS WA4USN CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

August 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, Aug. 12, 2019



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

On behalf of CARS, I would like to express condolences to Bryce/K4LXF and his family on the passing of Jenny/WA4NGV. Jenny was a valued member of the club and she gave a great deal to the club, stepping in to fill several key roles including hamfest chair even though she was not in the greatest health. I was able to attend the July 30 memorial service for Jenny and was happy to see so many club members there as well. At the service, there was a photo of Bryce sitting in a wagon with Jenny pulling him down the aisle at one of the hamfests a few years ago. Even though I've only been a ham and club member for a relatively short time (7 years now), that photo struck me as classic Jenny and Bryce. If you have any fun stories or remembrances of Jenny that you'd like to share with the club, send them in and we'll include them in the next newsletter.

Nominations for the club executive positions have opened. The current slate of nominees is the same as the currently serving executive members. If this reaches you before the August CARS meeting and you'd like to throw your hat into the ring for one of the club executive positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer), let Bryce/K4LXF know. All the positions come with excellent pay and benefits!

Marshall/KM4PAY, Pastor at Tall Pines Baptist Church, had a room at the church renovated to serve as a radio room and he's offered it to the CARS to

serve as a second club room. The room is ready, but needs to be populated with equipment. Rick Valentine/N8BKN will be coordinating the effort to find some suitable equipment to set up in the room. My thanks to Marshall and Tall Pines Baptist Church for offering us the space. If you've got some extra gear taking up space in your shack and you think it might be useful for CARS club room #2, let Rick know.

From ARRL SC Section Manager Marc Tarplee's June 2019 report, CARS was awarded "The Most Unusual Field Day Location Award" for our Field Day operation on board the Yorktown. You can see Marc's monthly reports at the ARRL SC Section website (<http://arrlsc.org/>) or the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/arrlsc/>).

Have anything to contribute to the monthly newsletter? WAS and want to brag about it? New addition to the shack? Discover something new to you about amateur radio? Have a project you want to talk about? The whole point of the club's monthly newsletter is to keep club members informed, not just about what's going on with the club, but also what club members are up to. Write it down and send it in! We want to hear from you! 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

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

July 28, 2019

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

Things have been a bit anti-climactic after Museum Ships and Field Day. The high heat index doesn't lend itself to outdoor activities in July.

It's summer; peak E-skip season. If you have 6m capability, try it. There is a lot of activity on 6m FT8. 6m (50MHz) is called the "magic band" due to its characteristics; one of which is power needed. You can go a long way on 25 watts. Give it a try. If you're not set up for digital, monitor 50.125 MHz for phone activity.

There's a local "weak signal" digital net Sunday and Wednesday evenings on 145.700 MHz SSB. If you have an all-band all-mode radio like a Yaesu FT-991 give it a listen (8pm Wed, 830pm Sunday). We use the digital mode Contestia 64/1000, which W1HKJ's FLDIGI software supports. Give us a listen and check in if you can. Reception reports are welcome at aj4uq@arrl.net.

As always, if there's something you want to learn, let the club leadership know and we'll try to find someone to educate us on it.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The August 3rd Emergency EXPO for Dorchester County, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints went well. We set up the Trailer outside as well as a table inside displaying a variety of emergency communication gear. Several individuals expressed interest in getting licensed. IOP EXPO coming up in Sept. More info to follow.

Until next month 73

Rick Valentine N8BKN

Checking Bal May 31, 2019 7,766.56

Cash Receipts - June

Raffle Proceeds	47.00
Dues	0.00
Memberships	0.00
Total Receipts	47.00

Cash Disbursements - June

ARRL – 1 Membership	(47.00)
Bank Fee	(5.00)
FTD 65 Folded Terminated Dipole	(357.55)
Total Disbursements	(409.55)

Checking Bal June 30, 2019 7,404.01

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the July MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,

4968 Centre Pointe Dr. North Charleston 29418

Monday, July 8, 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 July 8, 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 7:00 PM on Monday July 8, 2019 at the **Golden Corral** in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were about 37 members and guest present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

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

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

No report

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Jim, KW4UL

Delmer, KW4XQ took over Field prep with short notice. Did a great job. Voted him to do it again next year. He didn't decline anyhow

Brian, KN4EXJ worked the GOTA station, but didn't have much luck

Michelle, KK4WQO handled the food spread for Field Day, quite a spread

Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC

No report

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

Preperations are on schedule

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF –

Propagation noise coming into the system

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF.

Lee, KI4LLJ will be taking over Membership duties for a while.

2019-2020 Club dues are due. Lee asked that members start paying their dues at next months meeting

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading:

Second Reading: Jeffery Carner - KN4NIQ
Jeffery was voted on and welcomed into the Club

Emergency Prep:

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

Next ARES meeting on July 20th at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM

Gulf coast is preparing for a low pressure area that might turn into Tropical Disturbance

Chas. County lost their 800 service for about 4 hrs. Asked for Hams to standby if needed.

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. Should run 9:00 AM to about noon.

IOP EXPO coming up in Sept. More info to follow.

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

Had a meeting to work on antennas

Berkeley: Linda KJ4EUV - 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.

SHEART Net: 2 Mtrs will start Net every Thursday morning at 9:00 AM on state linked system
Newsletter / Website / Cars Carrier: Greg, KG4GEK –
No report

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.
New General test started July 1st.

School Programs: Alene, KG4NKD – K4DMS -

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ – K4PSA-
Out for summer

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG:
No Report

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Delmer asked if the Club wanted to support a Field Day exercise in 2020, voted on and approved. Some discussion about where to have Field Day, Yorktown or somewhere else.

Internet bill for club web page came to John, WA4GPS for \$107.40. John paid the bill and asked to be refunded. Approved
Tall Pines church built a club room for Ham operators use. Anyone have equipment they would like to donate?

Announcements:

Tom, AJ4UQ created a new Laffey QSL card, ordered cards and asked to be refunded for the \$86.00. Approved
Charlie Miller, AE4UX and Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ have been honorary members for years, nomination made to re-vote them in as honorary members for another year. Voted on and approved
New officers were announced, Eugene, AB4UG, for Pres. Tom, AJ4UQ, for Vice Pres, Charlotte, KJ4PLX, for treasurer and Warren KK4EVI for Secretary. Mike KN4LDM expressed interest in helping Warren with Secretary's duties. If no objections by next meeting, they will serve for at least another year.

Drawing:

Mike KN4LDM won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership.

Being no further business, at 7:47 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.