

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

January 2020 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. 13, 2020 at the Golden Corral near Tanger Mall.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

From your President,

Happy New Year everyone! Hope everybody had a good holiday!

Starting in January, the VE team will be trying out new amateur radio license test sessions on the odd-numbered months in addition to the currently scheduled testing sessions on the even numbered months. The new sessions will be held the third Sunday of the odd numbered months (January, March, May, etc) at 2PM in the conference room at the Ralph H Johnson VA Hospital downtown. The first of these new test sessions will be January 19 followed by another one on March 15. It's hoped that the additional location will give people another option for taking the licensing test. The schedule for the test sessions on the even numbered months (Feb, April, June, etc) remains the same. If you have your VE credentials and would like to help out at any of the test sessions, get in touch with Connie, NR4CB, at nr4cb.ve@gmail.com.

The Charleston Hamfest is just around the corner on Feb 1 this year at the same time and place as usual. See the (new) website for all the details.

In radio news, the FCC is looking to remove/relocate existing users of the 3.1 - 3.55

GHz band (<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-formally-adopts-proposals-to-remove-amateur-3-ghz-band-invites-comments>), which includes an amateur radio allocation at 3.3 - 3.5 GHz on a secondary basis. I

don't know how much of that band is being used around here, but I do know that it's used for amateur radio mesh networks in other locations. Comments are currently being accepted on the FCC's NPRM (WT Docket 19-345). See the ARRL post for additional information and a link to the NPRM.

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

MEMBERSHIP

We are currently at 127 members with paid up dues through July 2020. We have one second reading for membership in January and one first reading. The more people we can get to hurry up and pay, the fewer we will have to send "get ready to be removed" letters this month. As of the 1st of

February those who haven't gotten around to it will be in danger of being removed with the purge of the roster. We want to see you all stay with us so please consider taking care of this right away.

73,
Lee Miller KI4LLJ
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

2019 is ending, 2019 is ending! Winter is coming!
Winter is Coming!!!

Even though as I write this it is 70+ degrees outside I believe January is NOT going to be 70+ every day. With that said here are some WINTER preparedness ideas: In January 2017 we had the ice/sleet/snow storm to remember. If memory serves it lasted about 4 days, the area got 4 to 6+ inches of snow over sleet/ice on the roadways and to make matters worse it melted during the day but refroze at night because for 3 nights temperatures dropped below freezing. Historically in Charleston area January does bring nasty cold weather so prepare for it and if it stays 70+ you won't need the stuff. You should keep a blanket, sleeping bag, or some other heat retaining cover for yourself and family in the vehicle. With the motor shut off the vehicle will lose heat quickly becoming a refrigerator you need to stay warm somehow. Next pack some walking shoes to change into if forced to leave the vehicle, flip flops or dress loafers are not the best choices. Ladies with high heels will appreciate sneakers for walking over heels. Try hunting boots or old fashioned overshoes. Keep your vehicle fuel level at least half full. Traffic jams, re-routing around on side streets may limit refueling. Lastly think of your visibility, dark clothes are hard to see even against snow carry a light or wear reflective outer clothes, nothing worse than surviving sliding into the ditch and then getting run over because no one saw you standing there. Remember bridges freeze first and then thaw out last.

Let's start the New Year out with refreshing your knowledge of

Emergency Frequencies:

Berkeley County Tactical Repeater: 146.610 - Tone 123.0

Charleston County Repeater: 146.790 - Tone 123.0

Dorchester County Repeater: 147.180 - Tone 123.0

Low Country Linked Repeaters WILL stay linked up (if possible)

In a State wide emergency the SCHEART system will be linked state wide for communications to Columbia too.

Emergency Operating Procedures:

Always contact your county Emergency Operations Centers before calling Columbia.

If possible use 911 instead of radio but always use what you know works.

Check on your neighbors and family cold weather affects people differently.

Also now is the time to restock your food supplies after the holidays and of course your battery supplies after toys at Christmas.

Check your flashlites/lanterns because light is necessary when power grid fails.

Lastly remember the Safety Order:

Yourself first – Then you can help your family,

Your family next – That way you know they are safe,

And finally Help others/Community.

Until next month 73 Rick Valentine N8BKN

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance – 10/31/19	\$8,683.96
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	610.00
Raffle Proceeds	55.00
Cash Disbursements:	
ARRL - 1 Membership	(49.00)
Ed Walker Memorial	(25.00)
Bank Fee	(5.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 11/30/19	\$9269.96

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the NOVEMBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

The annual Christmas Party was held at the **Harbor Breeze** at 176 Patriots Point Rd Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Monday December 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. Meeting was called to order by the President Eugene Mah, AB4UG, at 7:00 PM on Monday December 9, 2019 at the Harbor Breeze - 176 Patriots Point Rd Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Introductions:

There was only about 35 members and guest present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

Not reviewed

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

Not reviewed

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

No Report

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Del, KW4XQ

No report

Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC

No report

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

No report

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF –

No report

Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ & Jeanette (TBD),

To maintain regular membership, dues need to be paid for 2020 prior to 10/01/2019

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: Robert (Bob) Dillon KN4ZKM

Second Reading:

Emergency Prep:

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

No report

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

No report

Berkeley: Linda KJ4EUV - Meet on last Saturday of the month. Their website w4brk

No report

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. **Mike KM4LDM and Tom, WW1TA**, are 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 on state linked system

LowCountry Digital Net Tom, AJ4UQ, mentioned the net on 2 mtrs (145.700 MHz) meets on Sundays at 8:30 PM and Wednesdays at 8:00 PM using Contestia 64/1000. (information needs confirmed)

Newsletter / Cars Carrier: Michelle, KK4WQO -
Website: Greg, KG4GEK

No report but CARS Carrier was sent out on December 9th

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled VE testing should be December 14th 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 -

No report

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ – K4PSA-

No report

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG:

No report

Old Business:

No report

New Business:

No report

Announcements:

No report

Drawing:

There was no drawing for the one-year ARRL membership.

Being no further business, and people were ready to eat, at 7:04 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting and start the party

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.

OPERATING DAYS

Happy New Year! Hope you had some time to operate over the break. You've probably noticed the club web site has a new look. The key content has been migrated but there is still quite a bit left to work on. I'm learning just how much John WA4GPS had put into the site. If you'd like to adopt a page or contribute content, send a note to the webmaster.

We're planning a low-key Winter Field Day activation at the firehouse on Dorchester Rd on 25-26 January 2020. We'll set up around noon Saturday and run overnight if there's interest, otherwise we resume Sunday morning. Watch for a sign up sheet on the web site.

Next year marks 50 years of CARS. Now is the time to be digging up old records, photos, and stories to share. See the 25th anniversary booklet on the web site for ideas. We'd like to have someone volunteer to lead that committee.

Tom, AJ4UQ.

CARS APPAREL

I am planning on getting out of the apparel business, so while they last, I have:

Short sleeve "T" shirts while they last, \$10.00 instead of the regular price of \$15.00

S - 1

M - 2

L - 2

2XL - 2

3XL - 1

4XL - 2

Long sleeve "T" shirts while they last \$15.00 instead of the regular price of \$20.00

L - 3

XL - 5

2XL - 2

3XL - 2

4XL - 2

Hoodies while they last \$20.00 instead of the regular price of \$25.00

L - 1

XL - 3

2XL - 1

I'll take orders either at one of the breakfasts, at the January Club meeting at Golden Corral or by email. If you email me with what you want, I'll try to bring them to either the breakfast or to the January meeting.

The hats are still going to be \$10.00..

Warren KK4EVI

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