

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

February 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,

By the time this comes out, another Charleston Hamfest will be behind us. Hope everyone who was able to go had a good time at the hamfest. Thanks to everyone who helped out with organizing, setting up, and cleaning up at the hamfest.

The last weekend of February is the South Carolina QSO Party (February 29) followed by the North Carolina QSO Party (March 1). Check out the rules at their respective websites (<http://scqso.com/> and <http://ncqsoparty.org/>). If you haven't participated in a state QSO party, they're fun, relatively low-pressure ways to get in some radio time (unless you happen to be in a rare county, in which case you might have some pile-ups to deal with). You'll also earn points in the year-long State QSO Party Challenge (<http://stateqsoparty.com/>). I always love a good state QSO party.

Those of you looking to upgrade to the Amateur Extra license, the new Amateur Extra question pool (valid July 1 2020 - June 30 2024) has been released and is available at the NCVEC website (<http://ncvec.org/>). Go check it out and start studying it if you're planning to upgrade after July.

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](mailto:CARSinfo@wa4usn.org), or to my personal email, [eugenemah@gmail.com](mailto: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

## NEWS FROM THE VP

Winter Field Day was a bit of a disappointment. We had one advance sign-up and a handful showed up at the start, which is not untypical. Unfortunately there wasn't a solid plan for securing the site overnight or getting the trailer back into the firehouse on Sunday, so we packed up after three frustrating hours of equipment failure.

The trailer wasn't ready and the new antenna didn't work. More attention to and use of the trailer would ensure the tires are inflated and the battery charged when needed. Not testing the antenna is my fault for procrastinating. We had been warned that one of the radios in the trailer isn't putting out any power, and there are plans to get that looked at. I would have

driven my wife's SUV with a hitch, but my car was acting up and I didn't want to leave it with her.

Overall, lots of opportunities for improvement. Hopefully you took advantage of Hamfest to upgrade your shack and get eyeball QSOs.

73,  
Tom, AJ4UQ.

## MEMBERSHIP

No Further Updates Provided, since the January Minutes.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

No Further Updates Provided, since the January Minutes

## JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance – 11/30/19	\$9,269.96
Cash Receipts:	
No Activity	
Cash Disbursements:	
Bank Fee	( 5.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 12/31/19	\$9264.96

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of the JANUARY MEETING

**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 January 13, 2020 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 January 13, 2020 at the **Golden Corral** in North Charleston, SC.

## Introductions:

There was only about 35 members and guest present.

## Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The December 2019 meeting minutes were published in the January 2020 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded and passed.

## Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The November 2019 Financial Reports were published in the January 2020 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Still planning on having the third Saturday, as operating day on the Yorktown

## Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Del, KW4XQ

If you have any suggestions or comments about this years Field day, Email Del at KW4XQ@arrl.net Winter Field Day will be at the Dorchester Rd Firehouse on Jan 25(2:00 PM) – 26 (2:00PM). Setup will begin at noon on Saturday Start making plans for Summer Field Day

## Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC

Doug thanked everyone for NOT participating in the Charleston Marathon, this year

## Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

Still need lots of people to turn in their Raffle ticket money. Otherwise things are good to go. Looking at having a free (give away) table for your unneeded items. Perhaps someone else could make use of the items

## Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF –

Found the Trident (146.730) repeater was not linking in. Some frequencies were changed on the linking

transmitter. Perhaps someone has been fooling around with the equipment  
A Representative from the Yorktown has informed Bryce that we may need to relocate from the Club Room.

**Membership:** Lee, KI4LLJ & Jeanette (TBD),  
To maintain membership, dues are past due

**Applications for regular membership:**

First Reading: Russell Albright N4QJ

Mike Edwards KJ4TAC

Second Reading: Robert (Bob) Dillon KN4ZKM  
Bob was voted on and welcomed into the Club

**Emergency Prep:**

**Charleston: Rick**, N8BKN – ARES Team meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month  
No ARES meeting this month, due to attending Pastor Young's funeral.  
January is ice and snow month, so make preparations and stay alert

**Dorchester: John** W4HNC – Meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, at the EOC.  
New ID Badges and training on new Flex radio

**Berkeley: Linda** KJ4EVV - 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** Tom, AJ4UQ

After working on the Website for a while, Tom wanted to recognize John, WA4GPS, for all the work he did on the Website

**Education & VE Testing:** Connie, NR4CB -

The next scheduled VE testing should be Januray 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the VA Hospital auditorium  
The following VE Testing should be February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Hamfest

**School Programs:** Alene, KG4NKD – K4DMS -  
No report

**School Clubs:** Tom, AJ4UQ – K4PSA-  
No report

**Communications Trailer:** Willie, WB4SOG:  
No report

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Brian, KN4EXJ, wanted to remind everyone about the “To Go” box competition at this years Hamfest. If you have a “To Go” box, and want to brag on it, bring it and join in on the fun

**Announcements:**

Pastor Marshall Young, KM4PAY, went SK on Saturday January 11, 2020. Funeral will be at the Tall Pines Baptist Church on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Glen, WB4UIV, mentioned that the Clamagore is suppose to be in legal lockdown. Court date scheduled for sometime in July. Trying to stop the Clamagore from becoming a fish hotel

**Drawing:**

Terry, KZ4O, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership.

Being no further business, and people wanted to get home to watch **the** football game, at 7:25 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. Someone said the Tigers will probably win..

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.

**FROM THE EDITOR**

Don't forget to send me any articles, write ups, pictures with descriptions, or other helpful information you think needs to be included in the CARS Carrier. Send it to [mantooml@gmail.com](mailto:mantooml@gmail.com)

73,  
Michelle, KK4WQO

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