

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

November 2020 Newsletter

CARS Web Site --- <http://www.wa4usn.org>

CARS generally 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, November 9, 2020 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall and via radio on the repeaters.

NOVEMBER MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

By now everyone should be making plans for the upcoming holiday's. It is already November so we have Veteran's Day, thank you to all that have served, thanks to the first responders during these difficult times. Next is Thanksgiving a big family event – please stay safe and don't eat too much. Lastly, November 30th ends Hurricane Season – time to breathe a sigh of relief and think about next June when Hurricane season starts all over again. Review your actions from this year and improve and incorporate better ways to do this for next season.

Hope to see many members at the Club meeting in November and at the December Meeting/Party. Every December a great time is had by all that attend. Remember, weather conditions and changes means travel can be frustrating and is made worse by COVID – 19. Slow down, leave a few minutes earlier than usual and be careful.

2021 is the Club's 50th Anniversary. I think the Club members should want some special celebrations and SWAG for the 50th year. We as a Club should recognize the Charter members with a special show of appreciation for starting this fine club..Any ideas of how to recognize the Club's 50 years of Public Service, good fellowship, and befitting to all members and the Amateur community in the Low Country, please offer your suggestions to the club officers.

Coming up on the 50th year of the Club maybe a new Ham adventure is in order. Learn a new mode of operating like CW or maybe Digital modes. Help a new Ham or returning Ham with your expertise. Everyone knows to talk to Bryce, K4LXF about any antenna work but every Club member has an area of expertise share it with the Amateur community and Club.

Lastly, Membership dues are now past due. Hopefully you can resolve this issue soon.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

The hybrid option for our monthly meetings seems to be working, so I expect we'll keep doing that for a while.

There are plenty of opportunities to contribute to the club. AB4UG is working on the 50th anniversary event, and I expect he'll be looking for pictures, stories, and documents from those who have been here throughout the club's history, as well as inputs from newcomers.

The club website is aimed at members or prospective members. We really ought to have a prominent page for visitors to the Charleston area, telling them how the linked repeaters work and how to reach out to us. If you'd like to help with that, contact AJ4UQ.

There are still plenty of contests, operating events, special event stations, and other chances to get on the air. Many contests are updating their rules to

make it easier to work from your backyard and still count as an outdoor station (you used to have to go to a park). Now that the weather is getting nice, test yourself and your station.

73, Tom/AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't paid your dues yet you are considered to be a member not in good standing. This means you can't vote on club business, and you are at risk of being removed as a club member. Please pay your dues!

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - NOVEMBER

Last month of Hurricane Season. Seems like we have combined many years of hurricane's into one season. So far 28 named storms, using Greek alphabet – not since 2005 has Atlantic Hurricane season reached 28 named storms. This is NOT the time to relax so keep your eyes on the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico for a sudden storm to pop up and start thinking about how you can improve your own plans if a storm heads for Charleston.

Next weather item is cooler temperatures and potential for closures due to weather. Keep your food stocks and other supplies up because store shelves empty quickly and restocking could be days away. Remember the great paper products shortages in the Spring and how long resupply took to fill the shelves again. Get that extra loaf of bread now you can always freeze it, canned goods are handy, and do not forget your pets and food for them as well.

October was Fire Safety Month and November 1st is the time change back to EST so hopefully you have checked your Smoke Detectors, Carbon Monoxide detectors and replace the batteries. Check your flashlights and Emergency lights fix them and change the batteries there. Review your

family escape and meet up plans in case of any emergency.

Charleston County EMD is reviewing and amending the County Emergency Operations Plan for 2021. Changes include “social distancing”, COVID – 19 safety, and modifying activation procedures. So far other than “social distancing” rules and precautions there is limited changes to our ARES responses. Stand by for new problems and procedures in the future.

Keep recruiting new ARES members because post event shelters may be needed and standard communications will be down or overloaded so a communications network of trained operators are going to be needed.

One last item, Santa is looking for gift ideas NOW is the time to let him know what you need and start being good again.

Until January 73 Rick Valentine,
N8BKN

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 2020

Checking Balance July 31, 2020	\$8,689.54
Cash Receipts -August	
Dues	560.00
Memberships	60.00
Interest	<u>0.07</u>
Total Receipts	620.07
Cash Disbursements -August	
Lee Miller - Postage	(120.00)
Bank Fee	<u>(5.00)</u>
Total	<u>(125.00)</u>

Disbursements
**Checking
 Balance
 August 31,
 2020** \$9,184.61

September 2020

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Cash Receipts -
 September

Dues	420.00
Memberships	40.00
Field Day Refund	198.32
Interest	<u>0.07</u>

Total Receipts 658.39

Cash
 Disbursements -
 September

Christmas Party	(250.00)
Lee Miller -Mailing & Record	
KeepingSupplies	(54.47)
Bank Fee	<u>(5.00)</u>

Total
 Disbursements (309.47)
**Checking Balance
 September 30,
 2020** \$9,533.53

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the SEPTEMBER HYBRID 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 September 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

Meeting was called to order by President Rick Valentine, N8BKN at the Golden Corral and Vice-President Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ, on the linked repeater system at 7:00 PM on Monday September 14, 2020, at the Golden Corral in North Charleston, SC. Tom started taking check-ins around 6:45 PM.

Introductions:

There was only about 24 members and guest at the meeting and 11 members checked in on-line.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The August 2020 meeting minutes were published in the September 2020 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The July 2020 Financial Reports were published in the September 2020 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Nothing to report

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Del, KW4XQ

Nothing to report

Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC

IOP Connector Run has been canceled.

Tom, K4WJC, talked about the Bike ride event, 3rd weekend in October. Would like 3 to 4 Hams to help support ride. There was a sign-up sheet going around.

There was also a request for Hams to help out with the Scout GOTA Oct 17th and 18th

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

Nothing to report

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF –

Added Warren, KK4EVI, to Engineers list, for his offer to help with repeater work.

Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ & Jeanette, KO4BPH,

Its time to pay yearly Dues for 2021 year. Due to

COVID problem, Lee request you mail your dues to him.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading:

Jimmy Roberson KO4BNR
Romaine Howard KO4GAI
Donna Denise Carner KN4OMO
Albert Christopher KJ4PUB

Second Reading:

P. Whaly Baynard N4OOO
Johnny Calhoun Jr. KO4EKZ
Michael LM Jordan K3ZMD

Second reading applicants were voted on and with no objections were accepted into the Club.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, virtual clapping was allowed.

Emergency Prep:

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

No ARES meeting Saturday Sept 19th. Will have an Operating Day on the Yorktown on Sat. Sept. 19th.

Hurricane Sally off shore planning to make landfall tonight. Check your To Go Kits and be prepared.

Dorchester: Beverly, W3BRB – 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. 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.

Newsletter / Cars Carrier: Michelle, KK4WQO - Website: Tom, AJ4UQ
Nothing to report

Education & VE Testing: Connie, NR4CB - October 10th, will be regular test session at Tall Pines Baptist church at 9:00 AM. Contact Connie, nr4cb.ve@gmail.com, by email to register

If you wish to join the new Laurel VE team, contact Connie at nr4cb.ve@gmail.com

School Programs: Alene, KG4NKD – K4DMS - Nothing to report

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ – K4PSA- Have not set any priorities yet

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG: Found trailer battery dead and put on charge.

Old Business:

A request was made to pay Eugene back for funds for web-page yearly dues. Approved

New Business:

Checked on Golden Corral's plans for November 11th Veterans day free meals. May have dinner on Monday. May have to move our meeting date to Tuesday. More info to come

The Harbor Breeze will not be open so we will not have our usual Christmas Party there. Paulette searched for a replacement and found the downtown Charleston Round Holiday Inn will let us have a party there. Cost to Club is about \$1400 with each attendee paying \$20. The dinner will be catered instead of buffet style. The party will be Monday December 14th at 7:00 PM

Announcements:

Open House in the Yorktown Radio Room Saturday Sept. 19, 1:00 PM until...

Drawing:

No drawing this month for a one-year ARRL membership, Earl wasn't there to win (Hi Hi)

Being no further business, at 7:23 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting and return the repeaters back to normal usage

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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Bike Across S.C. Bike ride – October 16, 17, 18. So far only 6 Hams have signed up, would like at least 6 more. Ride happens at same time as Operating Day on Yorktown

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Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF –

Everything seems to be status quo.

Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ & Jeanette, KO4BPH,

Its past time to pay yearly Dues for 2021 year. Due to COVID problem, Lee request you mail your dues to him. For information Lee had a list of people that had not paid dues yet. If you are not sure, check with him. If your dues were not paid prior to October 1st, you will no longer be able to vote on Club request.

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Thinking about having a few VE's talk with applicants after the test, to answer questions about Ham Radio

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Nothing to report

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Nothing to report

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG:
No report

Old Business:

New Business:
Hamfest 2021 – Due to COVID-19 restrictions, thinking about having a tailgate party later in the year. A committee was formed to look into options. Most probably will cancel the 2021 Hamfest.

MARS communication exercise going on through October 28th. Contact Dave at K8UM@arrl.net for more information and to participate
Still looking at having the Scout GOTA station on Oct. 17. Help get the Scouts on the Air, contact Ritchard Kennington <rekennington@gmail.com> if you would like to help. The Jamboree will be held at Camp Moultrie

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Being no further business, at 7:33 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting and return the repeaters back to normal usage

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

73,
Michelle, KK4WQO

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