

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

May 2021 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, May 10, 2021 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall and on the linked repeaters.

MAY MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Another month closer to the events celebrating the Club's 50 years of service to the community and Ham's in general. As President I get briefed about planned events status and how creative Club members are at getting ideas and arrangements completed.

Summer is coming and that means outdoor events and operating. Check your equipment and antennas. Some folks are planning road trips or visiting distant friends. Take a portable station on your trip. Many Club members can assist you in assembling a portable station, ask around I know ideas and help will follow.

Get ready and plan for Field Day in June. This is "THE" major chance to operate HF and enjoy the hobby. Any class operator can operate the Club stations because Control Operators will be available at both stations and at a "Get on the Air" (GOTA) station. If you are like me and not eager to operate, come and log contacts, help set-up and tear down of antennas, generators and power supplies. I encourage and will definitely welcome any and all Club members for this event. Bring the family and friends to demonstrate Ham Radio.

Another June event is Museum Ships week-end. This event is the first week-end in June. Not much set-up because we operate from the Club room or trailer. We have four registered ships this year. Of course the Carrier Yorktown, the Sub Clamagore, the Destroyer Laffey, and this year the PBR from

Vietnam experience. Come out and operate to honor these vessels and contact other Museum Ships. I really enjoy contacting the other ships and a pile-up is the usual response when you call "This is the USS Yorktown". Many of the replies are about a visit to the Museum in previous years or a veteran or family member who served aboard these ships so plan to come out and work the event June 5th and 6th, 2021.

Hope everyone is getting vaccinated if you choose and staying safe. Eventually I hope to stop the on air meetings and just have in person meetings but please always protect yourselves and others. Plan on attending the next meeting on May 10th, enjoy the meeting with fellow Club members.

See you all in May.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

Time to check out the generators and start W4KSD's Thanksgiving Disaster Meal. If you're not familiar with that, the idea is to buy hurricane supplies that can be used for Thanksgiving if there's no storm.

June is a busy radio month, see the items below for Museum Ships and Field Day. As we get our shots, the number of participants should get closer to normal.

Get out and get on the air!

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership continues to recuperate from the large number we lost during the COVID year. It's hard to stay interested in an active group when there are no activities allowed.

First readings for the May meeting are as follows:

1. Lisa Thunstedt, KO4PGP, Technician, N. Charleston, Homemaker
2. Kenneth Fisher, KO4PGB, Technician, Summerville, Retired
3. James Wallace, KO4PGH, General, Ladson, Retired

Applicants we will be voting on to accept at the May meeting are:

1. Thomas Thunstedt Associate, N. Charleston, no occupation given (maybe secret agent or something)
2. Richard Velazquez Associate, Goose Creek, self employed
3. William Huff, KI4NHQ, Extra, Charleston, Retired
4. Lori Zamosciany, KO4PGO, Technician, Summerville, Karate after school and summer camp co-director (do not mess with Lori)
5. Johan Zamosciany, KO4PGG, Technician, Summerville, COVID Collection - MUSC
6. John Ceinski, K9VYH, General, Saint Charles IL, Manager

No update to the % of club members attending the meetings that have been vaccinated.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Only one (1) month away from the start of Hurricane Season. Time to start planning for the worst case event of a hurricane hitting just south of Charleston so we get the worst quadrant of the storm.

Remember it isn't the high winds that do the most damage it is the storm surge. Just north of Mt.

Pleasant on Hwy 17 N are signs of how high the storm surge could be, very eye-opening. The picture from Hugo 30 years ago I remember best is a very large sailboat in the middle of Lockwood Blvd downtown, it tore its moorings and floated there. According to the National Weather Service April is the month for severe weather, especially for tornadoes, however May is a close second for tornadoes so stay alert, keep your NOAA radio handy or put weather channels in a HT. Severe weather happens often and with little warning so stay alert.

Have supplies available because stores only have the shelves full NO resupply in the back room. Remember the "Great Toilet Paper" shortages and how long it took to ply catch-up.

Flooded streets are another Low Country issue. Keep this in mind "Turn Around Don't Drown" it doesn't take much water to stall your car or worse, float it off the road. Keep a device to break a side window out, power windows don't work with a shorted or dead battery. Your vehicle is not worth your life, you need a way to abandon it and save your life.

Summer is also arriving, now is the time to keep a bottle of water or energy drink in your vehicle. It doesn't take very long to get dehydrated or heat stroke/exhaustion to set in so keep a method to stay hydrated.

Last, keep a pair of walking shoes/boots handy. A long walk in flip-flops over rough terrain is no fun and for the ladies heels are probably no fun in sand or rocks so sneakers may be a better choice.

Until Next Month, 73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

Signup sheets/website will be posted closer to the event. Watch <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events>.

Delmer, KW4XQ

HAMFEST

No report.

Steve, KE4THX

MUSEUM SHIPS

The Museum Ships Weekend is being held on 5-6 June 2021. The USS Yorktown, Laffey, and Clamagore will be activated from the club room as WA4USN, NT4HI, and NJ4DU respectively.

Saturday: WA4USN- Yorktown from the club room

Sunday: WA4USN – PBR #105 from the pier head
NT4HI and NJ4DU alternate from the club room.

Watch for signups at <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events>.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

The IOP Connector 10k will be held on October 2.

Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

Schools are starting to resume in-person classes, but extracurricular activities are still very limited.

Tom, AJ4UQ

50th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Last month at the monthly meeting the membership voted to approve the expenditures necessary for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society. The celebration includes the following events.

On Saturday July 10th, the club will be hosting a picnic for all hams in the Charleston area. The location is at the Cypress Hall pavilion located in

Wannamaker Park off of University Blvd in North Charleston. The gate admission is \$2.00 per person and will be covered by the club. This is a family affair and there are plenty of picnic tables and grassy area for the kids to play. The pavilion is fully enclosed and air conditioned. To obtain tickets please RSVP with a member of the 50th Anniversary committee. The event will start at 9AM and last to 5PM. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided along with chips and non-alcoholic beverages. We have applied for an ABC license thru the park. BYOB.

In conjunction with the picnic, the radio trailer will be on site and a special events station will be in operation on the 20 and 40 meter bands. OSL cards will be sent out. Operators are invited to take their turn in the trailer and be part of the special event station experience. If you would like to participate please contact a member of the committee. Any license operator may participate. New hams come get your feet wet on HF.

THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT.

The second part of the year long celebration will be held aboard the USS Yorktown at Patriots Point. The date is Saturday October 9th in hanger bay III starting at 6 pm. This will be a full catered dinner for club members and guest. Our guest speaker will be Rear Admiral James H. Flatley III. Dress for the affair will be dress casual. A cash bar will be available. Parking will be free. Please RSVP with Brian Smith at (843) 696-7104 or bsmith4210@yahoo.com. The earlier the better so proper seating and meal arrangements may be made. Additional information will be announced as the date draws closer.

A Second Special Events Station is also in the planning stages to take part aboard the USS Yorktown. Special event certificates will be issued for this date.

Brian, KN4EXJ

FINANCIAL REPORT

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Treasurer's Report			
March 2021			
Checking Balance February 28, 2021			\$10,486.94
Cash Receipts -March			
	Dues	85.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Interest	<u>0.09</u>	
Total Receipts			105.09
Cash Disbursements -March			
	U. S. Postal Service - 1 yr box rent		(146.00)
	Pinckney Carter Insurance		(320.00)
	Bank Fee		(5.00)
			-
Total Disbursements			-
Checking Balance March 31, 2021			<u>\$10,121.03</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the APRIL HYBRID MEETING

The monthly Club Meeting was held at the Golden Corral at 4968 Centre Pointe Dr. in North Charleston 29418

Monday April 12, 2021 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 April 12, 2021, at the Golden Corral in North Charleston, SC. Tom started taking on-line check-ins around 6:45 PM.

Introductions: There was only about 23 members and 8 guest at the meeting and 2 on-line members and 2 guest check-ins

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI:

The March 2021 meeting minutes were published in the April 2021 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX:

The February 2021 Financial Reports were published in the April 2021 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Still plan to conduct Museum Ships on June 5th and 6th. Plan to represent 4 ships (Yorktown, Laffey, Clamagore and Firebase PBR.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Del, KW4XQ:

See the report in the April CARS Carrier.

Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC:

No Report

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX:

No report

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF:

146.940 (Knightsville) repeater wasn't working. Bryce rebooted the repeater and it seems to be working now. 147.345 (Adams Run) and 146.610 (Berkeley EOC) repeaters will be out of service for tower work.

Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ & Jeanette, KO4BPH:

If you did not pay your yearly dues by Feb. 1st, you have probably been dropped as a regular member and removed from the roster.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading:

John Ceinski	K9VYH
John Zamosciany	KO4PGG
Bill Huff	KI4NHO
Lori Zamosciany	KO4PGO

Second Reading:

James Wasson	KO4MNB
Cheri Helgens	KO4MLJ

Second reading candidates were voted on and welcomed into the Club.

Emergency Prep:

Charleston: Rick, N8BKN – ARES Team meets on 3rd Saturday of the month. There will be NO ARES meeting Saturday April 17th. There will be NO operations day on the Yorktown on April 17th.

May 15th through November 30th – New Hurricane season dates. April has been named Tornado month.

Dorchester: Beverly, W3BRB – Meets on 2nd Saturday of the month, at the EOC.

Berkeley: Linda KJ4EVV - Meet on last Saturday of the month.

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.

ARES HF Net 3.990.00 meets on Tuesday evenings at 5:00 PM.

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 & Website: Tom, AJ4UQ Still looking for someone to help with publishing the CARS Carrier Newsletter.

Education & VE Testing: Connie, NR4CB:

June 12th will be the next 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:

No report.

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ – K4PSA:

May try to have contact with ISS. Chas. Public Library sponsoring attempt.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG:

Still looking for someone to be the Co-Chairperson to help with trailer upkeep.

Old Business:

Still in the process of making plans for the 50th CARS Radio Club Anniversary celebrations. May have a special event station, an outside picnic and a catered banquet.

Would members mind emailing Lee (KI4LLJ@arrl.net) letting him know if you have received the COVID vaccines and if so, how many have you received. Lee will then compile that information and let members know what percentage of protection club members have. May help more people to feel more comfortable attending club meetings face to face.

New Business:

Propose changes to Club Bylaws to allow for lifetime memberships.

Would like a vote on keeping Dr. Boehner (N2ZZ) and Charlie Miller (AE4UX) Charter members. Voted on and approved.

The club has a Twitter account, @wa4usn. If you have an item to post, send it to AB4UG or AJ4UQ.

It is time to select and vote on new Club Officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary). If you are interested in applying for these offices, please submit your name and what office you would like to apply for to President Rick at richardvalentine8@gmail.com. Applicants will be voted on in a future meeting.

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May be starting to have morning meetings at Bojangles again, starting at 0930 or so. Seating may be different.



Mike Whisenant (KY4BO) mentioned that Fire Station #8 may allow us to park trailer there, but would need a metal building built over the trailer. Still looking..

New policy for getting on the Yorktown, State officials are wanting an updated Club roster and picture ID of Club members. Still in planning stage.

Announcements:

April 24th will be conducting the state wide EOC emergency drill, expect some more radio traffic. Had a discussion on the FCC's new Ham Radio \$35.00 Fee for new licences and updates to existing licenses.

Drawing:

Glenn Little (WB4UIV) won the drawing this month for a one-year ARRL membership.

Being no further business, at 8:17 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

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 or the club web site. Send it to aj4uq@arrl.net.