

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society June 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, June 14, 2021 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

EDITOR'S NOTE

With the turnover in the newsletter editor position, we didn't realize that a few members still don't have email and rely on USPS delivery. We have identified the members without email. If you're getting this in the mail and have an email address, please provide it to membership director ki4llj@arrl.net to ensure speedy delivery of the CARS Carrier.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Announcements:

- Board of Directors Meeting June 14, 2021 at 1845
- Bylaws change approved effective May 17, 2021

Thanks everybody for responding to Bryce, K4LXF for the Bylaws changes. It was a needed update.

COVID restrictions are easing as vaccines spread and rates of new infections drop, so come on out to the Club meeting at Golden Corral on June 14 at 1900. come early to socialize and enjoy dinner.

I think Tom, AJ4UQ, has done an outstanding job running the on-air meetings which have stopped as more people come to the meeting in person. Also as Museum Ships Chairman he set up an easy program on Saturday we had a good turn out of operators and loggers. I hope Sunday does as well.

I have been informed that an opportunity for a Technician Class is being proposed if a venue is available in July or August, with a General Class perhaps in September. Stay tuned for more information as I get it.

The first event celebrating 50 years of Amateur Radio for the Charleston Amateur Radio Society is a picnic-type event on July 10, 2021. This will happen at Wanamaker Park in North Charleston (Hwy 78). Give Brian KN4EXJ a count of how many folks will attend so plenty of food and soft drinks are ordered and available.

The Communications Trailer will be on site so some HF/VHF/UHF practice can be had by all. The pavilion is location has a/c so temperature and rain is no problem.

Please reach out to fellow hams and offer them your experience or assistance. Many of our Club members are new to Ham Radio – help with knowledge, teach them your mistakes so they don't get frustrated and lose interest, offer suggestions about radios, antennas, test devices needed vs nice to have, etc, etc, etc. We experienced Hams must pass on our knowledge to the next group of Hams to keep the hobby fun and interesting.

Lastly, two subjects – DUES can be paid at the June meeting, are due at the July meeting and OVERDUE August 1st. See Lee KI4LLJ or Jeanette KO4BPH to pay your dues. I usually pay mine at the June meeting or on Field Day. Second, Club Officers are elected during the July Meeting so start thinking and planning to attend the July meeting.

NEWS FROM THE VP

I spent today on the Yorktown for Museum Ships weekend. A number of ships around the world had to drop out due to continued COVID concerns and weather; it's good to see that our members are getting their shots and we're getting back to "normal."

I noticed two of our operators this weekend came up through our youth mentorship work. N4TFC Todd got licensed through the K4PSA school club, and KN4IXC Tradd has been engaged with us since getting licensed in high school. I'm happy they choose to learn from us.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is good. We are gaining more folks than we are losing. Of course after delinquent dues "execution" day in February no one really leaves until July 31st so the only way we go is up.

Currently we are at 156 members with 4 new additions to be voted on at the June 14th meeting. 7 current members are associates so after this month's meeting we should be at 153 voting members. As of this time we have one application for first reading at the meeting so applications are slowing a bit, but we have less than 2 months before the end of the membership year (July 31st) anyway. If anyone needs to bump up their savings to pay their annual \$20 dues, now would be the time to do that.

Also, for those who are fashion-conscious and want to make sure you have outfits that will match your membership cards, we will be using green this coming year so plan accordingly.

Hope to see a lot of you at the meeting on the 14th. Until then be safe, be well.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

Hurricane season has begun. Accuweather and the National Weather Service have put out their best guesses as to how many and how severe. Late August, all of September, and early October are prime times for Gulf and Atlantic storms. Start your preparing NOW. Get your equipment ready, important papers assembled, evacuation routes and alternates checked, food, batteries, snacks, and vehicle serviced. The next named storm is Bill and no Greek letters this season – a second list of names is available.

Charleston County had their full scale exercise for the EOC. Lots of new people in different places but exercise went well and everyone learned from the experience. Remember the South Carolina Tactical Communications Plan is available @ www.ares-sc.org and the plan calls for Hams to report to the county EOC with reports of conditions and any needs, so check the Communications Plan for your county's repeater and simplex assigned frequencies. Charleston county's assigned repeater is the WA4USN repeater on the USS Yorktown 146.790. Review how to fill out the following FEMA forms; ICS-213 and ICS-214. It is very important to get the information correct and all of the info needed to get action.

Sunday night ARES nets are a great source of information. Check into the Low Country edition from 2000 to 2020 on the linked Low Country repeater system, and then at 2020 the South Carolina ARES net will link the SCHEART system with the Low Country system. A short training topic in each net will help get you up to speed and is very informative.

Many new folks have moved into this area with NO experience about hurricanes. Share your personal knowledge and experiences from Hugo, Matthew, Irma, Florence, Dorian, etc, etc. Upgrade yourself and improve your neighbors and neighborhoods. Take care of your pets too. Learn your evacuation routes and where shelters may be available if you can't leave and a worst case scenario happens.

Also, when sustained winds get to 40 MPH ALL Fire, Police, EMS agencies stay hunkered down – You are on your own so please plan accordingly. Next month we'll explain return and recovery guidelines.

Until Next Month, 73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

Signup sheets/website have been posted to <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events>. Sign up early so we can plan operations and food. It's not clear yet whether we will be able to operate overnight.

Delmer, KW4XQ

HAMFEST

No report.

Steve, KE4THX

MUSEUM SHIPS

The Museum Ships Weekend was held on 5-6 June 2021. The USS Yorktown, Laffey, and Clamagore were activated from the club room as WA4USN, NT4HI, and NJ4DU respectively. Club members requested a more accessible option, so we operated the MK1 PBR boat #105 from the parking lot as WA4USN.

Saturday: WA4USN – Yorktown from the club room

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



Propagation was not great, but we had a few mini-pileups during good swings. The club room computer worked well enough for logging, which will make reporting much easier.

Tom, AJ4UQ



RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

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

Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

School's out for the summer. We will try to work with the schools to generate interest when they open in the fall.

Tom, AJ4UQ

50th ANNIVERSARY 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 (if you have a Gold Pass you can use it to get in). Please RSVP with Brian Smith at (843) 696-7104 or bsmith4210@yahoo.com.

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. 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 Event 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

CARS Treasurer's Report			
April 2021			
Checking Balance March 31, 2021			
			\$ 10,121.03
Cash Receipts -April			
Dues		110.00	
Memberships		120.00	
Raffle Proceeds		55.00	
Inerest		<u>0.08</u>	
Total Receipts			285.08
Cash Disbursements April			
Patriots Point		(1,867.50)	

	Naval & Maritime Museum -50th Aniversary Deposit		
	Charleston County Parks & Recreation - 50th Aniversary Deposit	(1,250.00)	
	ARRL 1 Membership	(47.00)	
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Total Disbursements			(3,164.50)
Checking Balance April 30, 2021			<u>\$ 7,241.61</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the MAY MEETING

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

Monday May 10, 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 in North Charleston, SC. Unless there is another need, there will be no more on-line check-ins.

Introductions: There was only about 38 members and 2 guests at the meeting

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI: The April 2021 meeting minutes were published in the May 2021 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded and passed.

Correction to last months notes: under New Business – change Charter member to Honorary member

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX:

The March 2021 Financial Reports were published in the May 2021 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

No report

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Del, KW4XQ:

Sign-up sheet going around for helping with Field Day. Looking to have TinyURL on club page.

Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC:

IOP Connector Run still scheduled for October 2nd from 0600 until... usually around 10:00 AM.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX:

No report

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF:

The Adams Run repeater is having tower work. New tower will be about 450 feet tall. Club may need to pay to have antenna re-installed.

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:

- Thomas Ross WA8CER
- Lisa Thunstedt KO4PGP
- Kenneth Fisher KO4PGB
- James Wallace KO4PGH

Second Reading:

- John Ceinski K9VYH
- John Zamoscianyko KO4PGG
- Bill Huff KI4NHO
- Lori Zamoscianyko KO4PGO

Upgrade Reading:

- Rodney Perkins KO4MLK

Associate vote:

- Thomas Thunstedt
- Richard Velazquez

Voted on the second reading candidates, plus the upgrade candidate and the two associate members and welcomed them into the Club.

Emergency Prep:

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

There will be NO ARES meeting Saturday May 15th.

There will be NO operations day on the Yorktown on May 15th.

June 2nd: Charleston County Full Scale exercise, expect additional radio traffic

Estimated to have 16-20 named storms, 7-10 hurricanes and 3-5 direct US impacts.

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

The 18 and 27 repeaters being moved. Looking to add a DMR repeater.

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

The .610 repeater down for tower work.

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. Repeater are now linking so no need to switch frequencies.

ARES HF Net 3.990.00 meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. (New time)

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:
No report

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:

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ – K4PSA:

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG:
No report.

Old Business:
50th anniv. picnic planned for July 10 from 0900 - 1700 at Wannamaker Park. Open to all Licenses Hams.

Banquet planned for Oct 9th on Yorktown from 1800-2200. Dress is dressy casual. Parking will be free and a golf cart will be available to drive down pier.

New Business:
Bryce, K4LXF, would like to make changes to By-Laws: would like to make changes to bylaws to require 2/3 of majority. Also would like quorum votes changed to 15% from 20%.

Looking for anyone wishing to be nominated for Club officers.

Announcements:
FCC will no longer accept SSN on forms, need FRN instead. Also you need to have a current email address on file.

Go to LMS website to see list of training topics available.

Drawing:
Charles KM4HXA won the drawing this month for a one-year ARRL membership

Being no further business, at 7:50 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.

FEATURED ARTICLE

Provided by Warren KK4EVI.

A few comments about joining a Net.

To help the communications on the Net go smoothly, please remember these few items:

Most Nets are open to all licensed Hams to participate in. There are some Nets that want you to register with them, online, to receive a member number. Other Nets will ask specific members to check-in first, they then open the Net to all licensed Hams.

Nets are a good way to get experience participating in Ham Radio protocol. Most Nets ask for check-ins, for example, from Alpha to Foxtrot, then Golf to Lima, then Mike to Romeo, and finally Sierra to Zulu. They are asking for check-ins using the first letter after your Call Sign's number. For example if your call is "X X 4 C X X", you would check in with the Alpha to Foxtrot section. This is just to try to organize the number of people checking-in. If you check-in early or late, don't worry, no one will punish you.

Here are a few more items, to remember about checking-in to a Net:

First – Please do not call the Net Controller by his/her call sign. All stations should please just call "Net Control". This way if the Net Controller is changed or replaced, there will be less confusion.

Second – To give the (about 20 repeaters locally and about 30 repeaters statewide) time to link up, when checking in, please follow these guidelines:

Listen to make sure no one else is calling Net Control.

Key your mike and wait a second or two, to give all of the repeaters time to link up.

Call Net Control (not his/her call sign) and then un-key your mike.

If you don't hear anyone else talking, key your mike and wait another second or two, then slowly identify your station using standard international phonetics, give your call sign, name and location slowly.

Then un-key your mike and listen to see if Net Control asks you any questions.

Third – Listen in as others check in; if Net Control has trouble hearing a station, you may be able to relay to him/her.

Fourth – If you hear an emergency announced, stand by to help with any assistance required.

Lastly – Just have fun and enjoy the hobby.

[Customs vary across the country. If checking into a local net while traveling, listen to how the regulars work, and follow their lead. For example where we call “net control”, others may call “here is” – Ed.]

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