

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society July 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, July 12, 2021 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

First item of business is I owe everyone in the Club an apology. During the June meeting I did NOT ask the nominating committee chairman to present a slate of Officers for next year. We will be taking the nominating committee's recommendation and nominations from the membership at the July meeting for a formal vote. That mistake is on me, so the July meeting will be potentially longer with Officer discussions and the vote.

Next thing is Field Day is past and I hope everyone that participated either on the Yorktown or at home had a great time and maybe learned some new techniques or how to do better next Field Day. Make notes from this year of lessons learned to make next Field Day even better. Expect a preliminary report during the July meeting and watch for results in future QST magazine.

With the changes to the CARS By-Laws we do need to vote for Honorary/Life members and categorize standing so think about your position and discussions points.

Get with Brian, KN4EXJ about attending the picnic on July 10, 2021. Need a count so we have plenty of food and tickets for the gate. Be prepared to spend some time operating from the trailer or portable stations for the "Special Event" as posted in the July issue of QST magazine.

Also Warren, KK4EVI is spearheading a Technician Class July 17 and 18 down at the

VA Hospital with a VE test after the class. There are still some COVID restrictions so contact Warren to get an explanation of the requirements and the VE team needs some pre-registration items and data. Last count was spaces are still available so contact KK4EVI.

I want to thank everyone for making my task as President go so well, that's you supporting the Club and its Officers.

The 50th anniversary celebrations are taking shape and I hope the events planned are enjoyed by everyone in the Club. Stay tuned as the events unfold.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

I spent a few hours on the Yorktown last weekend for Field Day. It was good to get members together and operating. As usual, 10m opened up Sunday morning and produced many contacts. My favorite part is logging for the CW operator; my head-copy at 25+ WPM gets a workout. Next year I'd like to get some VHF (6 and 2m) operations going. VHF stations are "free" and could expose the club to some interesting new modes.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Although I may have seemed totally dazed and confused to all those attending the meeting last month, I can assure you that at no time was I aware

of what was going on. I did collect a bunch of money from folks and handed out little green cards with peoples names and a bunch of numbers and letters on them so hopefully things went ok. I haven't started getting the complaints in yet anyway so I'll pretend all went well. As far as I can tell we now have 30 members who are fully paid through next year so we have a good start to getting members' dues in.

In order to be timely and honorable all members should have their dues in to this office before August 1st If you want to be untimely and less honorable you can hold out until October 1st before we put you in that shameful status of "Member Not in Good Standing" (you must be a member in good standing to vote or hold office), and if you really feel like looking over the edge of the cliff you could wait and pay your dues on January 30th and still not lose your membership. After that your name is removed from all the pillars of the temple and from the stone tablets of the club secretary's records and you have to reapply for membership.

If you wish to avoid all the drama though, you can either pay your dues at the next meeting or send them to me at Lee Miller KI4LLJ, 207 Glebe Rd, Summerville, SC, 29485 (make checks payable to Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. (or CARS)). Dues are \$20 for first member in a household and \$10 for each additional member in a household.

We now have 153 voting members with 3 more to give 2nd reading and a vote to on July 12th. We also have 7 associate members supporting our club and its projects.

If you should have any questions about your membership or dues please feel free to text me at 843-518-0669 or email me at ki4llj@arrl.net.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Hope everyone that could practiced emergency communications this week-end with Field Day.

Take away lessons on how to improve your portable station, make set up easier, choose a better antenna location, and the list is seemingly endless. Any time you can operate, set-up, and communicate outside of your comfort zone you can learn to do it better and smarter.

There is a tropical wave in the Atlantic and another one that came off of Africa, the one that came off of Africa is a very low probability of threatening the US, the east southeast of the coast of South Carolina and Georgia is another matter. Remember Hurricane season starts June 1st and goes to November 30th.

Peak season is the month of September. To the best of my memory September is when this area really gets impacted by Hurricanes. So there is still time to prepare yourself. Take the lessons learned from Field Day and get most out of yourself and your equipment.

Check your repeater frequencies. Some repeaters are off the air and South Carolina Tactical Communications plan changed some reporting requirements and modifications to repeater access during an emergency situation. Also check memory data in your radios; some CTCSS tones have changed and some new repeaters have been added which may benefit your location, evacuation routes, or situation. Check out the procedures if a repeater in the linked network has a fault. Be cautious and always ask "What If?"

Keep aware of the weather, storms coming, high winds. Lots of rain weakens tree roots and high winds can make trees fall. Falling trees usually take down power lines so check daily commutes for trees that can block your normal route and plan for alternates.

Check out your own trees for damage or risk of falling. Get and keep a pair of walking or hiking boots for your vehicle and maybe a pair of gloves. You may have to walk to your destination and gloves make it easier to move debris out of your way.

Until Next Month, 73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

We had 17 participants. The total club score prior to home station submissions is 1,886. The majority of our 327 contacts came from 15m and 10m, which were open for most of the day on Saturday and Sunday. We had one operator at the GOTA/Public information table. Patriots Point has advised us we can return to normal 24 hour operations next year. The club meal was Chicken Bog and southern seasoned green beans (prepared by KW4XQ).

Anyone who wishes to apply their home station points to the club needs to go to <https://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php>. Click on the button at the bottom of that page (Go to Data Entry). Enter your Call Sign, skip GOTA, enter SC as your section. Enter "Charleston ARS" as the club name, enter the number of participants (you have to count the logger into this number if someone logged for you). Then enter the number of transmitters. You should pick class D or E. Then select your power source. Then your power level. The rest of the page has Question Marks, which link to an explanation of the remainder of the tabs. You will need to fill out the breakdown of contacts, then on the tab next to it, upload your Cabrillo log file. Then fill out your name, call, and email address.

When you click submit, it will flag any entry errors. If there are errors, remember, you will have to re enter your submitted files.

The deadline for the entry is July 27, 2021.

You will get 50 extra points for submitting online. There are instructions for submitting via mail at the original field day entry tab.

Delmer, KW4XQ

HAMFEST

No report.

Steve, KE4THX

MUSEUM SHIPS

The Museum Ships Weekend was held on 5-6 June. Logs were submitted and accepted, and we should receive certificates for activating the ships. There will be no participation certificates for working 15 ships, I was told.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

The IOP Connector 10k will be held on October 2. Watch for sign-ups at tinyurl.com/CARS-events.

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			
May 2021			
Checking Balance April 30, 2021			\$ 7,241.61
Cash Receipts - May			
	Dues	30.00	
	Memberships	40.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	86.00	
	Inerest	0.06	
Total Receipts			156.06
Cash Disbursements May			
	Field Day	(600.00)	
	Epic Event Technologies - Sound System Package - 50th Aniversary	(150.00)	
	ARRL 1 Membership	(47.00)	
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Total Disbursements			(797.00)
Checking Balance May 31, 2021			\$ 6,600.67

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the JUNE MEETING

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

Monday June 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES: The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. Meeting was called to order by President Rick Valentine, N8BKN, at 7:00 PM on Monday June 14, 2021, at the Golden Corral in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There was only about 37 members and 0 guest at the meeting

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The May 2021 meeting minutes were published in the June 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 April 2021 Financial Reports were published in the June 2021 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Tom submitted the Museum Ships contacts for credit. Yorktown had 76 contacts, Clamagore had 55 contacts, Laffey had 42 contacts and the PBR had 94 contacts.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Del, KW4XQ

Thinking of having the trailer on the pier, for those that have trouble getting to the Club room. Plan to have setup on Friday 25th, if you make contacts from home, use 1D (delta) to get credit. Plan to run 2A stations

Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC

IOP connector run is still on for October 2nd. Run director asked for Ham support. Usually meet at Harris Teeter around 6:00 AM, be escorted to locations around 7:00 AM, run starts around 8:00 AM and finishes around 11:00 AM. A lot of Hams then go to the SeaBiscuit for breakfast. Bring cash.. no checks or credit cards.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

No report

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF

Spent \$504.54 for new battery for the 146.79 repeater. The Adams Run repeater antenna and equipment was taken down for tower work. They did not ask Hams about putting it back up. In limbo.

Just for info: there are three linked repeater systems in the area: CARS, HEARTS and TARC repeaters.

By-Laws changes were approved to allow life members and reduced the requirement for approving votes.

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:

Michael White N4OBR
Steve Saef (Dr. Steve) AA2BB
Johnny Saef KN4NIT

Second Reading:

Thomas Ross WA8CER
Lisa Thunstedt KO4PGP
Kenneth Fisher KO4PGR
James Wallace KO4PGH

Second reading candidates were voted on, approved 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 June 19th.

There will be NO operations day on the Yorktown on June 19th.

June 2 – had an exercise and they found opportunities for improvement.

There are storms building off the coast.

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

Took down the 147.180 repeater for tower work

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 6:00 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 help with the CARS Carrier and would like articles to put in the Carrier.

Education & VE Testing: Connie, NR4CB:

August 14th 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

July 18, 2021 Sunday 0800 to 1200

July 18, 2021 Sunday 1300 Test

Planning on having a Technician Training class down at the VA Hospital Auditorium on July 17th and 18th, with the test session on the 18th.

School Programs: Alene, KG4NKD – K4DMS

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ – K4PSA

Out for the summer

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG:

Looking for someone to step up and take over as the chair-person.

Old Business:

50th anniversary picnic coming up on July 10th. All Area Hams are invited. Contact Brian,KN4EXJ, Rick, N8BKN, or Tom, AJ4UQ with the number of people that plan to attend.

New Business:

Already have a sign-up sheet going around for Field Day.

Voted on and approved repayment for web domain name.

By-Law article changes were approved.

Engineers spent \$504.54 for 146.79 battery, wanted approval for the \$4.54 over Engineers limit.

Lee, KI4LLJ requested \$110.00 to cover postage and supplies for mailings.

Announcements:

Drawing:

Warren KK4EVI (finally) won the drawing this month for a one-year ARRL membership

Being no further business, at 7:45 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.

AMATEUR RADIO TECHNICIAN CLASS AND TEST

Dates: July 17, 2021 Saturday 0800 to 1700

Location: Ralph Johnson VA Hospital Auditorium
109 Bee Street
Charleston, SC

Cost: NO Charge for Class or Test on Sunday

Requirements:

Preregister for class and test with:

Warren, KK4EVI E-Mail: kk4evi@arrl.net

Connie, NR4CB E-Mail: nr4cb.ve@gmail.com

Hospital requires face masks everywhere except classroom

Must get an FRN from FCC before class and test

Contact: Warren kk4evi@arrl.net and put class in subject line to register for the class
Connie nr4cb.ve@gmail.com to register for the test on Sunday

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