

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society August 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, August 9, 2021 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.***

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

August is here, another special event radio operation is planned from the Club room on the Yorktown celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club. Contact the Committee for details and to schedule operating time, and to contact station from home.

One topic I am concerned with is a club member will ask for club support to help cover an event, for example the Isle of Palms Connector run. The Club votes to support the race then NO ONE steps up to support the event. The Club has many members and more should volunteer when they vote to support it. I know everyone has other commitments but you should consider these commitments before voting to support the event.

Last, start planning for 2022. We should be back to normal operations in 2022 and a full schedule of activities are just around the corner. Stand ready next year and supporting the events.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## NEWS FROM THE VP

June and July have been active months for the club. Let's keep up the momentum into the fall. There should be more operating days on the Yorktown, ARES meetings, and maybe someone wants to volunteer to bring the trailer somewhere interesting to operate. I know there is a lot of interest in

learning more about the trailer, so maybe some operating time plus improved documentation should be on the schedule.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

## MEMBERSHIP

Good news, we now have 163 members, with three prospective members for first reading at our next meeting. Bad news, only 69 members are paid up for this coming year. If you are one of the paid up ones thank you very much. If not, expect a friendly reminder in the mail from membership regarding your delinquency.

Dues were due the first of August and although they have been trickling in, what we needed was a flood of letters in my mailbox. Most of those who regularly attend the meetings have paid, so one answer might be to get more folks to attend the meetings (I realize some are unable and I'm not speaking of you, although if all you're lacking is a ride I'm sure if you contacted someone in the club a ride could be arranged). We'd love to see the room packed with club members, many of whom we only get to see at meetings.

Not directly related to CARS membership, the Ham Breakfast Group (open to all) that has been meeting at the Bojangles on Ladson Road Monday, Wednesday, and Friday around 9am has been gaining ground again (we were suspended for a while during the peak of the COVID outbreak) and we'd love to see anyone who wants to, show up for that (not all talk about Ham Radio but some of that as well).

If you talk to hams (or those who may be interested in amateur radio) chat up the CARS club and lets get them associated with this group of hams who are knowledgeable, friendly, and willing to Elmer those in need. The more members we have the more possibilities for activities. Stay safe and well.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,  
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Hurricane season is still climbing to a peak of about 10 September 2021. The next storm will be named "Fred."

Severe weather – Thunderstorms and flash flooding is occurring – remember "Turn Around Don't Drown." The areas that usually flood during heavy rains and High Tides still flood so be careful. Educate new residents or visitors to the area about unique "Low Country" driving situations and maybe alternate routes to avoid dangerous spots.

As more people feel free to engage in public I WILL have a Charleston County ARES meeting in person on August 21, 2021. The location has changed; a member of ARES has volunteered his back yard so the meeting will be at Archie's K4IUG residence. I will send out an e-Mail to ARES members before the meeting with all the details. Anyone not ARES is welcome to come and can contact me for more information.

A friend once asked me about Non Government Organizations (NGO's) that provide services after a disaster. A great place to start your research is the FEMA online course IS-288. This course covers NGOs and what they do for the community of a disaster, even the ARRL is listed and mentioned. Also check local church groups, the Salvation Army, etc, to see if you can volunteer to help your neighbors both before a disaster and during the long process of recovery.

Until Next Month, 73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## **FIELD DAY**

Field Day is 11 months away. Per the Patriots' Point staff, 24 hour operations will be back in place for next year. In addition, the Solar Cycle is ramping back up and propagation is improving every day. Anyone who wants to assist with Field Day preparations please email me at [KW4XQ@att.net](mailto:KW4XQ@att.net). Remember Field Day is an activity for the whole club. If you have ideas which will improve the activity for any of the club members, email me. Just remember, if you come with ideas, you will be told to join the team and help out. There is no guarantee ARRL will continue the D class exemptions next year, which includes the D class points contributing to the club points. Due to this, and the 24 hour activities resuming, we will need many more people to plan, set up, and activate next June.

Delmer, KW4XQ

## **HAMFEST**

I attempted to reserve the armory park building, but it will not be available for the 2022 Hamfest. I have been given another contact with the city of North Charleston and will be contacting him this week to see if there are any other options available for that weekend with similar amenities we have with the armory park. I am also soliciting information on other locations at this time. Any other suggestions would be appreciated at this time.

Steve, KE4THX

## **MUSEUM SHIPS**

QSL cards from June's event continue to come in. There are quite a few for the PBR-105 activation, which is encouraging. Thanks to the members who suggested activating the boat.

Tom, AJ4UQ

## **RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE**

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

## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

The picnic and operating day at Wanamaker County Park last month was a success. The formal dinner will be on the Yorktown on Saturday October 9, 2021. RSVP soon to save your place.

Brian, KN4EXJ

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>CARS Treasurer's Report June 2021</b>			
<b>Checking Balance May 31, 2021</b>			\$ 6,600.67
Cash Receipts -June			
	Dues	40.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	68.00	
	Inerest	0.06	
Total Receipts			128.06
Cash Disbursements June			
	Lee Miller - Postage	(110.00)	
	HostGator-Website Host Renewal	(114.91)	
	Domain Name Renweal	(18.85)	
	ARRL 1 Membership	(47.00)	
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Total			(290.76)

Disbursements			
<b>Checking Balance June 30, 2021</b>			<b>\$ 6,437.97</b>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of the JULY MEETING

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

Monday July 12, 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 July 12, 2021, at the Golden Corral in North Charleston, SC.

**Introductions:** There was only about 35 members and 2 guests at the meeting

**Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI:** The June 2021 meeting minutes were published in the July 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 May 2021 Financial Reports were published in the July 2021 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Tom reported that the logs were accepted but there would be no certificates this year.

**Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Del, KW4XQ:** According to Del, everyone had a great time. There were 17 people showed up to participate. According to Yorktown staff member, will be able to go to 24 hour operation next year, provided COVID doesn't flare up again.

**Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC:**

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

**Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX:**

No report

**Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF:**

Some repeaters are picking up some intermittent noise and interference. The Adams Run repeater is gone.

**Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ & Jeanette, KO4BPH:**

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

Applications for regular membership:  
First Reading:

Second Reading:

Michael White N4OBR  
Steven Saef AA2BB  
John Saef KN4NIT

Upgrade Reading:

Associate vote:

**Emergency Prep:**

Charleston: Rick, N8BKN – ARES Team meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. There will be NO ARES meeting Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>.

There will be NO operations day on the Yorktown on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Berkeley: Linda KJ4EUVV – 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. (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:**

If you are not getting the CARS Carrier newsletter, let Tom, AJ4UQ, know.

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

August 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

There will be a Technician Training Class on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> down at the VA Hospital, with a test session on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you wish to join the new Laurel VE team, contact Connie at [nr4cb.ve@gmail.com](mailto:nr4cb.ve@gmail.com)

**School Programs: Alene, KG4NKD – K4DMS:**

**School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ – K4PSA:**

School's out for the summer.

**Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG:**

No report.

**Old Business:**

Brian thanked everyone that attended and helped at the picnic. No complaints were heard. Banquet will be held on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, dress is dressy casual.

**New Business:**

Bike Ride coming up on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Club has offered to support the ride. They would like at least 11 Ham Radio stations.

**Nominated officers:**

- Pres. - Rick Valentine, N8BKN
- Vice Pres – Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ
- Secretary – Warren Richey, KK4EVI
- Treasurer – Charlotte Groves, KJ4PLX

Request was made to make Roman Downer, N4SC, J.T. Green, K4ILT, Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, and Charlie Miller, AE4UX Life members – voted on and approved.

**Announcements:**

If you want to have something added to the meeting agenda, contact one of the officers.

Celebrated Bryce’s birthday with a card and cup cake.

**Drawing:**

Denise KN4OMO 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.

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