

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society September 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, September 13, 2021 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Another month closer to the banquet on October 9, 2021. Please RSVP to Brian, KN4EXJ and keep him informed of your choices. Everyone should enjoy the banquet and socializing. Remember a 50th Anniversary only happens once.

As I write this, Hurricane IDA is hammering the Gulf coast as a strong hurricane. The next storm will be called Julian. The season is not over so stay ready and get prepared. IDA struck on the 16th anniversary of Katrina. September will be 32 years since Hugo struck the Low Country. [editor's note: In the days since Rick sent this in, Julian came and went almost overnight, Kate wandered around the mid-Atlantic, and Larry is on the verge of being a major storm in the Atlantic.]

Club membership is continuing to go up with a mixture of experienced operators and some newly-licensed members of the Amateur community. Give the new hams some of your experience and skills in radio. This also the time to explain about the "New Comers Net" and that the purpose of the net is to help new comers ask questions and get needed explanations.

The Net Manager for the New Comers Net is Don, KK4WWV. He has been an outstanding manager for several years and he has asked to be relieved and give another ham the opportunity to take the job. Remember as Net Manager your job is to get net control operators for the net. Don needs a break so give it some thought and step up.

Last, please enjoy the hobby of Amateur Radio and extend a helping hand to the Ham radio community. Also share your expertise with this fine Club and enjoy your membership. Attend a Club meeting and meet face to face the voices on the repeaters.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

There are many tasks being done to keep the club running. As is typical, most of the work is done by a small number of members. I'd like to list all the opportunities, who's performing them, and open it up to get more members involved. At a minimum we'll be better prepared if we have multiple people who can perform any given task.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings from the Membership Committee

Amazingly the three prospects that we did a first reading on last month...get a second reading this month. Cynthia Page-Richards KO4RZB, Jane Benton KD4JAN, and Steven Campbell KO4PGM are up for a vote. As soon as I get the dues from the two that didn't include them with their applications, we will have three more regular members. We have one applicant for first reading and that is Suzanne Conrad-Johnson KO4RZC.

Same number of members this month, since we had no second readings last month. Only three people sent in dues this month so we still have a ways to go on collecting that all important income for the club

(keeping the club equipment working and holding activities costs money folks). Please consider sending in your \$20 dues (\$10 for each additional member in the same household) as soon as possible to:

Lee Miller KI4LLJ
CARS Membership
207 Glebe Rd
Summerville, SC 29485

Make checks out to Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. (or just CARS if you so desire).

email - ki4llj@arrl.net or you can phone or text (843) 518-0669 with any membership questions.

Ignore my announcement from last month about the breakfast club meeting at the Ladson Rd BoJangles. That location had closed and locked doors too many times and the one on Ashley Phosphate Road (just off the interstate) has informed us that they will be open for dining indoors (with the exception of the two days they will be closed for employee break). September 13 is the only one of those left to work around and that is CARS meeting day so we will all get our "eat out" fix that day anyway.

Stay safe and well.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The anniversary of Hurricane Katrina is about to be repeated with Ida. Hurricane season goes until 30 November so stay observant of the Atlantic and be ready to aid the community any way you can if called upon.

Now is the time to check your supplies and restock as necessary. Stores are having shortages due to delivery time, lack of supplies, and some panic buying. Remember the great toilet paper shortage of two years ago. Also some businesses are stocking fewer brands and package sizes.

School has started again, some in class, some virtual. Scroll buses are on the roads and kids may not look

before crossing roads – Please be careful and watch out for the kids – everybody will thank you.

Currently the Low Country is over rainfall for the year by greater than 7 inches. Rain means many things like risk of wildfire is reduced, your vehicle stopping distance on wet roads is farther so leave more room. Saturated ground means trees can uproot easier and take out power lines. People also get careless with generators and die from Carbon Monoxide poisoning by running the generators indoors or near an open window, Put the generators outside.

Lastly, Make sure you have a weather radio or can tune your Ham radio to a weather frequency, it might be only other form of communications left.

Until Next Month, 73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

Nothing to report until the 2021 scores are published in QST.

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

I just read a book on Guadalcanal and discovered that our USS Laffey follows the USS Laffey that served early in WW2 and was sunk near Guadalcanal. So two of our ships were mid-war replacements. CV-5 Yorktown was lost after Coral Sea, and DD-459 Laffey was lost near Guadalcanal.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

We still need people to sign up for the Isle of Palms Connector Run on Saturday morning, October 2nd.

We'll meet in the parking lot of the grocery store. The communication trailer will be in the public service building parking lot.

The race course is slightly different this year in that the start/finish line is on Ocean Boulevard and the race will run down 14th Street, crossing Palm Boulevard to the bridge. Police will be stationed at the Palm Blvd. crossing and will let cars across the race course as there are gaps in the runners. I don't know how they'll do it on the return run, since everyone will be spread out. But that's not our worry.

This is a fun and relaxing event, and if you can stick around, we'll be meeting at the Sea Biscuit Cafe for brunch afterwards for more fun and fellowship.

Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/CARS-events

Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

School's back in session, but things are a mess with COVID so we'll wait.

Tom, AJ4UQ

50th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Well CARS members the year 2021 is drawing to a close and so is our celebration of the club's 50th anniversary. We had a family style picnic at Wannamaker County Park in July where families, friends, and all amateur radio operators were invited to join us in the celebration. The club trailer was brought out and a special event station setup. Problems were overcome and contacts made were as far away as Finland on 20 meters. Dr. Steve AA2BB brought out his key and made CW contacts as well.

Next on August 21, 2021, another radio special event station was conducted this time aboard the USS Yorktown. Members and guests maned the radios from the club room where 56 contacts were made via SSB and CW. (see the report submitted by Avery W4QIV below). The event was cut short by lightning in proximity.

The last event planned for this year's celebration is the banquet to be held aboard the USS Yorktown October 9th at 6:00PM. All Club Members and their guest are invited to attend. There is no cost (except for the cash bar). Parking is free, admission is free, a shuttle service and elevator is provided.

HOWEVER, YOU MUST RSVP by OCTOBER 1st. Contact Brian Smith, KN4EXJ at (843) 696-7104 or bsmith4210@yahoo.com

Look forward to seeing you there.....

Brian, KN4EXJ

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
July 2021			
Checking Balance June 30, 2021			\$ 6,437.97
Cash Receipts -July			
	Dues	850.00	
	Memberships	100.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	70.00	
	Field Day Refund	172.35	
	Inerest	0.06	
Total Receipts			1,192.41
Cash Disbursements July			
	Warren Richey-Postage	(10.60)	

	Picnic, 50th Anniversary	(668.95)	
	ABC Trophies Name Tags, Awards, 50th Anniversary	(1,189.04)	
	ARRL 1 Membership	(34.00)	
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Total Disbursements			(1,902.59)
Checking Balance July 31, 2021			<u>\$ 5,727.79</u>

	Picnic)
	50th Anniversary-Deposits	(3,206.54))
	Field day food and gas	(427.65)	
	Website hosting	(114.91)	
	Domain Name Renewal - W4USN.org - 1 yrs	(18.85)	
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	Total		(7,630.42)
Ending Checking Account Balance - July 31, 2021			<u>\$ 5,727.79</u>
Net Decrease for Year		\$ (2,961.75)	
Savings Account Balance		\$ 27.39	

	Annual Financial Report			
	For the Year ended July 31, 2021			
Beginning Checking Account Balance - August 1, 2020				\$ 8,689.54
Revenues				
	Memberships	580.00		
	Dues	3,610.00		
	ARRL Drawing	279.00		
	Membership Dues & ARRL Drawing		4,469.00	
	Bank Error on Deposit		0.44	
	Interest Earned		0.91	
	Refund of Prior Year Expenses		198.32	
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	Total			4,668.67
Expenses				
	ARRL (memberships)		(175.00)	
	Misc. expenses (printing, stamps, bank charges, etc)		(470.11)	
	Christmas Party		(832.41)	
	Pinckney Carter Co.-Gen Liab Insurance		(320.00)	
	US Postmaster-12 mos PO Box rental #70341		(146.00)	
	50th Anniversary		(1,918.95)	

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the AUGUST MEETING

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

Monday August 9, 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 August 9, 2021, at the Golden Corral in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There was only about 27 members and 5 guests at the meeting

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI:

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

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

No report.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Del, KW4XQ:

A report was posted in the August CARS Carrier Newsletter.

Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC:

IOP Connector run is still on for October 2, 2021. Hams will meet at the Harris Teeter Store around 0600 and move to positions around 0700. Race should start around 0800 and run to about 1000. Usually meet at the Sea Biscuit restaurant for breakfast after the race. Bring cash, no checks or credit cards accepted.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX:

A report was posted in the August CARS Carrier Newsletter.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF:

147.345, Adams Run repeater was removed for tower work. There were no plans to replace repeater on the new tower. If clubs would like to have the repeater put on the tower, the cost is projected to be about \$9,000.

Also, the 146.760 and 441.725 Awendaw repeaters are still not linking, numerous work tickets submitted.

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. We have about 155 voting members.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading:

Jane Benton	KD4JAN
Steven Campbell	KO4PGM
Cynthia Page Richardson	KO4RZB

Emergency Prep:

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

There will be an ARES meeting Saturday August 21st at Archie's house

There will be an operations day on the Yorktown on August 21st from noon until whenever

September 10th is the peak of hurricane season, make sure you are ready.

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. Until 146.760 repeater is repaired, may need to use 147.105.

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.

When using a low power hand held radio, it may be hard to check into the Nets.

Newsletter / Cars Carrier & Website: Tom, AJ4UQ:

If you do not receive the monthly CARS Carrier Newsletter, contact Tom, AJ4UQ.

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

School Programs: Alene, KG4NKD – K4DMS:

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ – K4PSA:

Schools are getting ready to open, watch for buses.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG:

Still looking for someone to take over Chair Person to replace Willie. We are losing the current storage location for the trailer, may move to a Church lot.

Trailer tires may need to be replaced.

Old Business:

50th anniversary banquet is coming up, make plans to attend. Contact Brian, KN4EXJ to confirm.

The MUSC Hollings Cancer Center Lowvelo bike ride is planned for November 6th. Ride has a 22 mile, 50 mile, and 100 mile course. They would like about 10 Ham operators to support ride. Club voted to support the ride, now we need members to show up to support the ride. The ride will start at Hagood Stadium around 0700 and run to about 1600. All rides should finish up at the Isle of Palms.

With the Awendaw repeaters not linking, low power hand held radios may not work. Bike ride supporters may consider having higher powered radios. The ride was voted on and approved by the attending club members.

New Business:

Bobby, W4KSD, is looking for interest in starting a Skywarn Net on Tuesday evenings at 9:00 PM on the LowCountry linked repeaters. Not a State wide Net, just on local repeaters.

Announcements:

The FCC will conduct a National Test of the emergency broadcasting system on August 11th may hear traffic on radios, TV and cell phones.

One of the Club's Life Member JT Green (Buggy), K4ILT, went SK (passed away or silent key).

Drawing:

Monroe K4ZEV 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.

WA4USN 50th Anniversary Special Radio Report

Submitted by Avery W. Hill Sr. W4QYV

On August 21, 2021, we had a special radio event on the Yorktown. We arrived around 11:30AM to get the room set up. We had 8 club members and 3 guests come to the event.

Made 56 contacts with 19 states, 3 Canadian Provinces and one station in Okinawa, Japan via a remote station in Michigan. Had 50 contacts on 20 meters phone, 1 contact on 17 meters phone and 5 20-meter contacts via CW.

We had reports of RF on one of the antennas, so we decided to shut that station down. The second station had to be shut down early due to lighting strikes within 5 miles.

A special thanks to the following for supporting the special event station aboard the USS Yorktown, Avery W Hill Sr. W4QYV and Ewin Heins KM4QE as the special event coordinators. Radio operators Avery Hill Sr. W4QYV, Eugene Mah AB4UG, Connie Mah NR4CB, Dr. Steve Saef AA2BB (CW operator), Johnny Saef KN4NIT (CW operator), and guest Rebecca Hill for logging. A special thanks to the club engineers that also supported this event Bryce Meyers K4LXF, Rick Valentine N8BKN, and Warren Richey KK4EVI. Without these individuals this event could and would not have occurred.

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ATTENTION ALL CARS MEMBERS

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You and your Guest are cordially invited to attend the **50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND BANQUET** of the **Charleston Amateur Radio Society** aboard the USS Yorktown located at Patriots Point Maritime Museum in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

WHEN: October 9th, 2021

TIME: 6:00 PM til 10:00 PM

The evening events will include a cocktail hour (cash bar), dinner, recognition of charter members, and Rear Admiral James H. Flatley III as our guest speaker.

Dress for the banquet is dress casual. This is a **free event** (except for the cash bar) Parking and Admission is free also. A shuttle service and elevator are available for those who need it.

RSVP is required: Please contact Brian Smith, KN4EXJ, at (843) 696-7104 or by email at bsmith4210@yahoo.com **Deadline is October 1, 2021**