

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society October 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, October 11, 2021 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

October means the 50th Anniversary Banquet has arrived. Hope to see many Club members there. Also hope everyone enjoys the efforts made by the Committee.

There will be another Special Event Radio day on board the USS Yorktown scheduled for 18 December, 2021 (third Saturday). This will be the last official event of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society (CARS) Club 50th Anniversary year. The formal announcement will appear in the December issue of QST magazine.

We the Club need to start making plans for the new year already. 2022 should bring more events to support and a return to normal. Overnight events on the USS Yorktown club room, more operations at Patriots Point, maybe even public service events like more races, Scouting on the Air events, and venues for Ham Classes to introduce more people to Ham radio or for some upgrades to General or Extra class.

Of course with cooler weather the outside becomes more attractive so antenna work is easier. Need new antennas installed or repairs and improvements become a priority before winter. Remember basic safety rules – always have a ground crew – safety equipment for climbing – no transmitting while working, etc.

Next, we used the Communications trailer for the IOP Connector run. Worked great but can still use

some improvements and attention. Mike, KY4BO has done a great job with internal mountings and equipment placement. The Club owes Mike a big Thank You.

The membership has suggested a Club call sign be acquired for the PBR (Patrol Boat River) at Patriots Point. Since the PBR was a Navy vessel and unique to the Vietnam War, I'm looking for Club members interested, #1 Navy veterans with Vietnam Era service, #2 Club members with Vietnam Era service (any branch), Club members in general, and finally a Club member to be Trustee of call sign. During 2021 Museum Ships event the PBR had a record number of contacts and well received by everyone that worked the PBR.

Any Club member with suggestions for a Club event or activity please contact a Club officer. We are always interested in new events or operating modes to try out.

Last – an Honorary/Life member of the Club is seeking the ARRL Roanoke Division Directors position. That member is Dr. James Boehner, N2ZZ. Dr. Jim has served in this position before and did a good job. He comes to our Hamfest and always visits the Club during Field Day. I have presented things to take back to ARRL headquarters and he did and replied with the ARRL's answer. Give his position and service a look when voting this month for Roanoke Director.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

This morning we supported the IOP Connector Run. It was good to get out again, and the runners are happy to see us helping out. The IOP run is one of my favorites, as it is a quiet, laid-back event. No crowds, no battle-of-the-bands on every corner, and great scenery.

If a group you belong to is having an event, consider inviting the club to provide support. We helped the K4PSA club with a fundraiser run the high schoolers organized, and they were amazed at our ability to provide situational awareness all across the course.

I'll be experiencing this from the other side later this month; my son and I will be doing a rural bike ride in the midlands. I've contacted the supporting club and will be riding with an HT to help them out.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Remember to pay your dues for the 2021-2022 year.

Stay safe and well.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

This season's Hurricane name list is almost used up. As I write this Victor is spinning away in the Atlantic. Check out the NOAA website for the reserve names because this year there are names NO Greek letters. Atlantic Hurricane season doesn't end until 30 November so still at risk and late season storms can start in the Gulf of Mexico, not off of Africa, meaning there is less warning of a tropical storm.

FEMA re-evaluated Charleston County and anything Cat 3 or less there WILL be shelters in Charleston County. County EMD has built "shelter boxes" to provide for shelter use. These boxes contain: Kenwood TM-281a 2 meter radio; a power

source capable of being recharged by 120 VAC, 12 VDC, or solar panels; 2 antennas – 1 Mag mount, 1 mounted to side of box; an EMD handi-talkie and charger; paper, pencils, light, manuals, etc, for operation. Anyone desiring training let me know and I will set up a class. People will be needed to assist with communications for these shelters – pre event and post event.

While Hurricanes get all of the attention in the Low Country, a recent earthquake caught people off guard. This is an earthquake area so plan accordingly.

Another disaster, a man-made one, is located in the port. Who really knows what's aboard the ships and containers in the port? Also a road accident is very possible. Try to carry the Department of Transportation (DOT) sheet identifying Hazardous Materials so if you are involved or see an accident you can call in the chemicals or materials involved. I keep a pair of binoculars in my vehicle so I can see the signs from a long way off and not get any closer than I have to.

School has been in session for a while now but soon the change back an hour means kids will be waiting for buses in the dark. Be extra observant driving sometimes kids don't look both ways before running into the street. Slow down and be careful.

Weather is changing too, cooler mornings and perhaps more rain. Leaves, especially wet leaves on roadways, are slippery (like ice) and stopping distance is longer, give yourself more room to stop.

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 am also soliciting information on other locations at this time. Any other suggestions would be appreciated at this time.

Steve, KE4THX

MUSEUM SHIPS

Certificates for activating four ships were received and will be posted in the club room.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

We supported the Isle of Palms Connector Run 10k on the second of October. It was a beautiful morning. We rolled onto the bridge at 7am and the net was secured at about 9:20am, allowing the crew to regroup for breakfast on the island.

We are looking for hams to support the LowVELO bicycle ride on 6 November 2021. Some will man rest areas, and others will bring their radios along in the event vehicles. This is a good opportunity to test your go-kit.



Club member AA2BB ran the IOP Connector

Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

School club roundup is coming up and we'll try to do something with K4PSA. COVID is still making it hard to work with the schools.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

The CARS trailer has been repositioned to Miles Road Baptist Church maintenance secured area. Trailer was cleaned inside and spare tire, pump, jack, lug wrench, numerous "D" rings attached for securing generators, gas cans, chocks, etc were installed.



KY4BO, KJ4OXF, and KO4BPL review the IOP Run comms plan

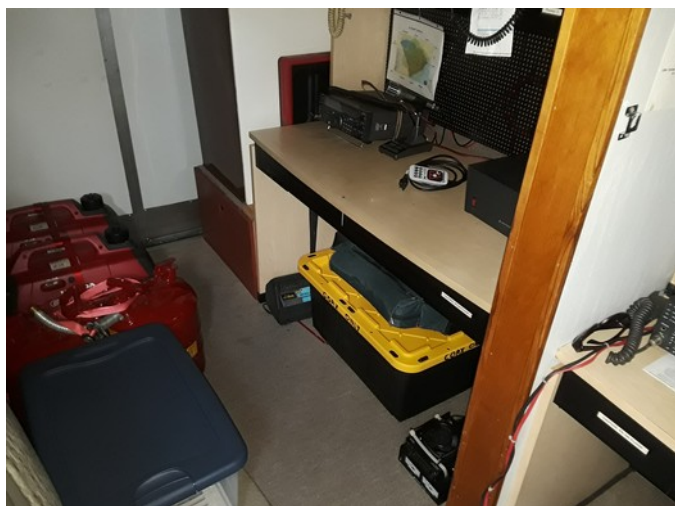


Brian, KN4EXJ

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| CARS Treasurer's Report | | | |
| August 2021 | | | |
| Checking Balance July 31, 2021 | | | \$ 5,727.79 |
| Cash Receipts -August | | | |
| | Dues | 260.00 | |
| | Memberships | 20.00 | |
| | Raffle Proceeds | 48.00 | |
| | Bank Error processing check | 0.60 | |
| | Interest | 0.05 | |
| Total Receipts | | | 328.65 |
| Cash Disbursements -August | | | |
| | Checks for Bank Account | (165.42) | |
| | Picnic, 50th Anniversary | - | |
| | ABC Trophies, Name Tags, Awards, 50th Anniversary | - | |
| | ARRL 1 Membership | (47.00) | |
| | | - | |
| Total Disbursements | | | (212.42) |
| Checking Balance August 31, 2021 | | | \$ 5,844.02 |

Charlotte, KJ4PLX



Mike, KY4BO

50th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

The banquet will be held on the hangar deck of the USS Yorktown on Saturday, 9 October 2021.

A special event station will be run in December.

MINUTES of the SEPTEMBER MEETING

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

Monday September 13, 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 September 13, 2021, at the Golden Corral in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There was only about 31 members and 4 guests at the meeting

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

Museum Ships on the air: Tom, AJ4UQ + Jim, KW4UL:
Nothing to report

Field Day: Del, KW4XQ:
Nothing to report

Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC:
IOP Connector Run Oct. 2nd they have changed the race course layout – See how it works out.

Bike ride – November 6th – for information go to LOWVELO.org. - Would like at least 7 or 8 Hams to sign up. Do not have to sign up for the whole time, if all you can work is partial time, he will take it. Starting time will be 0800.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX:

So far having trouble finding a place to have the Hamfest – North Charleston wants about \$1000 to rent the building.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF:
146.790 repeater is having a low output problem. Checked out and found some moisture in Hard Line coax. Drained the water and repeater output seems better now.

Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ & Jeanette, KO4BPH:
The October 2nd deadline has passed, if you don't pay your dues, you won't be able to vote.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading:
Suzanne Conrad-Johnson KO4RZC

Second Reading:
Jane Benton KD4JAN
Steven Campbell KO4PGM
Cynthia Page Richardson KO4RZB

Welcomed the second reading members into the Club.

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

There will be an ARES meeting Saturday September 18th again at Archie's house starting at 0900.

There will be an operations day on the Yorktown on September 18th from noon until whenever

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:

Still looking for articles to put in the Newsletter.

Education & VE Testing: Connie, NR4CB:

October 9th 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:

Both schools are going home, due to COVID problem

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG:

Willie is not doing well. Mike Whisenant has made improvements to the trailer and is asking to be repayed. Voted on and agreeded to refund Mike the money for the repairs.

Old Business:

The 50th Anniversary is coming up October 9th at 6 PM on the Yorktown. A shuttle will be provided to

get you down the pier. There will be a cash bar. If you plan to attend, send a conformation letter to Brian at bsmith4210@yahoo.com before October 1st.

New Business:

Dec. 18th there will be an operations day on the Yorktown

A suggestion was made to possibly starting up a Skywarn Net on Tuesday evenings at 9 PM. Would only use the locally linked repeaters. Will vote on suggestion next month.

Another suggestion was made to purchase a few spare UHF/VHF radios, for Club events.

Announcements:

Don, KK4WWV, would like to be replaced as Net Control Station for the Low Country New Comers Net. Any takers? Takes about 20 minutes a month.

Gordon – PIO – from the Myrtle Beach Club is planning on having a special event contest – more details to follow.

Looking into getting some QSL cards made up for the PBR-105. Made several contacts during the last contest – any ideas for a design?

Bobby, W4KSD, showed a power supply and solar cell for about \$450.00

Drawing:

Earl KJ4OXF won the drawing this month for a one-year ARRL membership.

Being no further business, at 8:08 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.

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