

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society November 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, November 8, 2021 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.**

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The last scheduled 50th Anniversary event is another Special Operating Event on the Yorktown Club room. The date is December 18, 2021 from 12:00 local to 17:00 local time. Check the December QST magazine for more information and come out and operate or log for the people operating.

From my viewpoint the Isle of Palms race went well. I was the Net Control and the traffic was orderly, concise, and excellent clarity. We as a group noted things we could do better and suggestions were given to Doug, KU4OC as Race Coordinator.

I received many positive comments from Club members about how well the Banquet came off. Admiral Robert Besal did an outstanding stand-in for Admiral Flatley and being keynote speaker he was well received by all. Admiral Flatley did contact me after the banquet to explain why he couldn't make it and to ask about Admiral Besal's role. Admiral Flatley's aid to this club has been appreciated over the years CARS has been on the Yorktown.

After all of the 50th Anniversary events the Club should still have an annual Christmas party. Paulette, KJ4AIK has investigated a location and menu for this event. The Club needs to vote to have a party and the proposed date is December 13, 2021 which is the normal meeting night as the second Monday in December. Hope the Club votes to have a party and we get a large turnout for this year's

Christmas party. I am always ready for a good Christmas party with my Amateur radio friends.

Last, Remember to change your clocks back one hour on November 6, 2021 and the Coastal Carolina Fair is in town from October 28 thru November 7.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## NEWS FROM THE VP

Unfortunately some personal issues kept me from the Banquet. I'm looking forward to a full report from the committee, and will work with them to create a dedicated page on the club web site.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

## MEMBERSHIP

I hope this finds everyone safe and well.

I'm writing this while watching the World Series so if I seem to drift off a bit it might be because of a double play or a home run but I'll try to maximize my writing during the insurance and credit card commercials.

We currently have 165 listed members. With 59% of those members paid up and in good standing, that still leaves me a lot of reminders to mail out to folks who haven't caught up their dues yet. Normally the initial reminders would have already been sent out but with the 50th anniversary celebrations I have been tasked with mailing out the over 100 name tags that were not handed out at the banquet. I'm going to try and do that at the same time I mail out reminders to save a bit of postage for the club but it

will delay the reminders getting out. If it looks like it's taking too long to combine the tasks I may have to whip up a reminder first so that I don't get people thinking about Christmas and CARS dues at the the same time (hmmm... do I buy Johnny that Tonka Truck or pay my CARS dues?). Of course good luck finding a genuine TONKA Truck for \$20. We're still the better value.

We have one second reading for the November meeting, Bruce Roberts KI4YST is re-joining the club after a four year absence. I am currently waiting for an application for first reading from Emilie Wolitzer KE4VNW. She has been inactive for a few years and is looking to become active again. Hopefully we'll all get to meet her and her partner Bob at the November meeting.

If you read this and decide it's time to pay your dues (even without a reminder letter) you can send your \$20 (+\$10 for each additional member in the same household) dues check made out to CARS to my address. If you have questions as to whether or not your dues are current you can call or text me at (843) 518-0669 or email me at ki4llj@arrl.net.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,  
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

November is the last month of Hurricane season. Lot's of named storms this season and still a few weeks left. Do Not let your guard down just yet.

Clocks fall back one hour on November 6, 2021 so the Sunday ARES net will start at 20:00 local time, see who forgot to change their clocks. With the time change kids will be at bus stops in the dark in the mornings and maybe near dark when they are coming home. Watch out for the kids and school buses.

I had a conference call with South Carolina Emergency Management and the Section Emergency Coordinator. Lots of new classes are coming on line now with COVID under better control. Also some thought is being given to having regional training instead of traveling to Columbia.

The leadership wants everyone to know how much you are appreciated and what you do for the local area.

Start thinking about how we would man shelters both in your home county and maybe counties more inland where evacuees could be taken. Also prepare for post-event shelters, after the event may require shelters for people returning to the area only to find out they have nothing to stay in still standing. Remember some disasters take weeks/months for recovery not just days.

Other areas could be hospitals losing communications and would require hams to provide communications between floors or with other hospitals. Maybe your church may need communications with other community churches or relief agencies. All of these NGOs or groups could need assistance communicating. Remember normal systems – cell phones, internet, etc – may be overloaded or not usable. The internet may fail and EMS/Police/Fire may also need back-up communications like during Hugo. Stay prepared and ask for training if you feel you need some. There are people available to help you, learning before the disaster is better than learning during the disaster.

Lastly, expect some different kinds of ARES training on the Sunday net. In this area we seem to concentrate on hurricanes but other natural disasters can and do occur. We also have man made disasters equally as devastating. Stay prepared because it's not if something will happen it's when something happens.

Until Next Month, 73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## **FIELD DAY**

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

Delmer, KW4XQ

## **HAMFEST**

We're still looking for a location for the February hamfest. The North Charleston Armory is not available.

Steve, KE4THX

## MUSEUM SHIPS

Certificates for activating four ships were received and will be posted in the club room. Just before printing them I discovered an error, and received a corrected copy from the sponsors.

Tom, AJ4UQ

## RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

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. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events>

Doug, KU4OC

## SCHOOL CLUBS

COVID is still making it hard to work with the schools.

Tom, AJ4UQ

## COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

The CARS trailer is still sitting quietly and safely at its location. I straightened the tongue and wrapped the exposed coaxial connections for weather protection. All normal....that's all to report.

Mike, KY4BO

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



Brian, KN4EXJ

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>CARS Treasurer's Report</b>			
<b>September 2021</b>			
<b>Checking Balance August 31, 2021</b>			\$ 5,844.02
Cash Receipts -September			
	Dues	-	
	Memberships	-	
	Raffle Proceeds	68.00	
	Inerest	<u>0.05</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>68.05</b>

Cash Disbursements -September			
	Battery for Trailer	(137.44)	
	Trailer Maintenance	(172.92)	
		-	
	ARRL 1 Membership	(47.00)	
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Total Disbursements			(357.36)
<b>Checking Balance September 30, 2021</b>			<u>\$ 5,554.71</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of the OCTOBER MEETING

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

Monday October 11, 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 October 11, 2021, at the Golden Corral in North Charleston, SC.

**Introductions:** There was only about 36 members and 2 guests at the meeting

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

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

Nothing to report

**Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Del, KW4XQ:**

Nothing to report

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

IOP Run went well. Law Enforcement control of cross traffic on Ocean Blvd went well also

**Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX:**

No report.

**Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF:**

Repeaters seem to be behaving themselves

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

The October 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline has passed, if you don't pay your dues, you won't be able to vote. About 164 members.

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading:

Bruce Roberts                      KI4YST

Second Reading:

Suzanne Conrad-Johnson KO4RZC

Welcomed the second reading member into the Club

**Emergency Prep:**

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

There will not be an ARES meeting this month, used the IOP Run for meeting.

There will be an operations day on the Yorktown on October 16<sup>th</sup> from noon until about 5 PM

The next hurricane will be Wanda

The next hurricanes name will come from alternate list.

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

Berkeley: Linda KJ4EUV – 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:**

December 11<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. 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:**

No report.

#### **Communications Trailer: Mike Whisenant, KY4BO:**

No report.

#### **Old Business:**

Banquet spent about \$18,000 and seemed to be enjoyed by all that attended.

A discussion was made about purchasing some radio equipment for the Club events. Will have more discussion in November meeting.

LowVelo Bike Ride still planned for November 6<sup>th</sup>. Still asking for a few more Ham radio volunteers.

#### **New Business:**

Looks like we will be losing the CARS Club room on the Yorktown for about two to three years. The Patriots Point Museum team will be doing some remodeling and will take over the club room for their people to use as office spaces. A new CARS Club room will be moved up to the 07 level. The new room will have to be provided with electricity and additional radio club needs.

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a special event operations day on the Yorktown from noon to about 5:00 PM

There is a vote going on for the Roanoke division ARRL director. Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, is running again for this position. Dr. Boehner is also a Life Member of the CARS Club.

A request was made to purchase a couple of new HF antennas for the temp club room, asking about \$2000, voted on and approved.

Thinking about forming a new club within the CARS Club, for the (James Elliot William's) PBR-105 display. Would like at least 4 Vietnam era Club members and someone to step forward and apply as the Club trustee, so a New Club can be formed and given a Call Sign.

#### **Announcements:**

Willie Bennett, WB4SOG, went SK on 10/5/2021. His memorial will be on Monday 10/18/21 at the Cotton Dock Boone's Hall from 12:00 PM to 13:00 PM. Dress is casual.

**Drawing:**

Bruce, KI4YST, won the drawing this month for a one-year ARRL membership

Being no further business, at 7:57 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.  
Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.

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