

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society January 2022 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, January 10, 2022 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The new year is the Club's 51st year and hopefully a return to pre-covid conditions will prevail. I know everyone is tired and frustrated by the restrictions.

Goals for the new year are as follows:

- Operating days at Patriots Point at least once a month.
- Regular participation in on the air events like: MARS Cross-Band event in May, Museum Ships and ARRL Field day in June.
- Support other events at Patriots Point by operating on selected holidays – Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor day, etc. Probably from hanger deck or outside.
- Moving current Club Room to a different location on the Yorktown. This will require new antenna locations, coax runs, and equipment set up.
- Member support will be needed for all of these events and both operators and logging will be needed on radio day.

As a Club we are always looking for new members. Recruit your friends that are hams or want to be hams. Invite them to a meeting or operating day. Classes will start as soon as a venue is available.

Remember the “Silent Keys” that were lost; Willie, WB4SOG, and Ronnie, KJ4IPB are two I can think of immediately.

Lastly, start thinking of ways to improve our Club. Think about new operating modes needing tutors or

“Elmers.” Maybe an occasional presentation about a new mode. Offer your personal help to another member to teach a skill set you have already. Maybe improvements to the Communications Trailer is interesting to you, many projects just need the first step.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

Another year, another opportunity to get on the air. I know that I need more BIC (butt in chair) time for contests and general operating.

One of my goals has been to get the club logging on computers. This makes for more accurate logs, and enables participation in Logbook of the World (LotW). I'm happy to see better quality logs coming in from our operating events. Let me know if you're interested in a presentation/demonstration of computer logging.

CARS has projects in repeaters, HF, APRS, IRLP, and more. Our members are involved in lots of other areas. If there's something in ham radio that you want to learn about, there's probably someone in the club who can help you learn, just ask.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings in the new year. Membership dues payments keep trickling in and we are now over 85% paid up for returning members. We will have second readings for two more this month which will

bring our total up to 168 (IF we can get the 24 left to pay, up to date).

For those 24 I will say, I will be going out of my way to try and give you every chance to stay with us for another year, and I'm pretty sure, looking at the list of those who have not yet paid that you just require a good kick in the "brain" to finally put that check in the mail. But, we are down to the last month to pay before the by-laws require that I purge the list of those still not in good standing. Also as a reminder, we will not be having the event this year where delinquent dues payers make that last ditch effort to bend the rules and get in under/over the wire. If we have a hamfest this year it will not be until much later than usual so you will not be able to wait and pay then, hoping I was slow to purge the list like in the past. Help brighten up my year and keep me from bugging everyone for those few who can't seem to put "the check in the mail." Blessed new year everyone and I hope to see many of you at meetings that haven't been able to go lately.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Winter is here and Hurricane season is over (until June). Winter season means it gets dark sooner, colder weather means different apparel, and wet or icy roads means longer stopping distances so stay safe.

Review cold weather operating techniques. HT batteries are affected by cold temperatures, so keep your spare battery packs inside your outer garment to keep them warm. You might be operating your radio wearing gloves, and it takes some practice to push small buttons. Pens don't write as well when cold; bring some pencils for your emergency kits. Lighting may be needed because of shorter daylight hours. Consider "hands free" lighting like a head mounted light or a table lamp leaving one hand available to operate your radio and one hand to write with. Check your vehicles because cold weather affects vehicle batteries too, A weak battery may not start your vehicle when it's cold, so get your battery checked now.

Charleston does get snow or ice storms in January or February so stock up on non-spoiling groceries. With the supply shortage start stocking up now. Remember the great paper shortage of two years ago.

One last reminder, review your "Go Kits." If you need help or suggestions reach out, there are resources available. Review any ICS forms needed and review filling them out correctly. FEMA and government agencies in general want paperwork to justify spending money for damages or to reimburse you for damages.

FEMA classes are available locally as well. Go to www.scemd.org and check out the training calendar. This covers classes taught statewide; some may interest you. Need help contact me.

Until Next Month, 73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

The 2021 scores are published in QST. We earned 2,266 points from three logs (the Yorktown station plus two member contributions). Another local club scored 4,482 from five logs.

Delmer, KW4XQ

HAMFEST

It's a bit late for a February 2022 hamfest; perhaps we can find a venue for a tailgate event later in the spring. Let us know if you have any candidate locations. One of the sticking points we had with other venues was a requirement that all vendors have local business licenses, no exceptions.

Steve, KE4THX

MUSEUM SHIPS

The Charleston PBR Group formed a club, and obtained the call sign WD4PBR for the Mk II PBR-105 boat at Patriots Point. It joins the USS Yorktown, USS Laffey, and USS Clamagore in our

collection of Museum Ships. See the article later in this issue for more information.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

Nothing to report.

Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

COVID is still making it hard to work with the schools. School Club Roundup is coming up in February.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

CARS trailer status is same. Added some new bungee cords to antenna tie downs. Plan to run generators under loads to keep them running. That's all.

Mike, KY4BO

50th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

The final anniversary event was a special event station from the USS Yorktown on 18 December 2021. About 100 contacts were made, and a special QSL card will be sent in response to QSL requests.

Brian, KN4EXJ

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
October 2021			
Checking Balance As Reported September 30, 2021			\$ 5,554.71
	Typo in		100.00

	September Report		
Checking Balance September 30, 2021			\$ 5,654.71
Cash Receipts - October			
	Dues	260.00	
	Memberships	-	
	Raffle Proceeds	72.00	
	Interest	0.04	
Total Receipts			332.04
Cash Disbursements - October			
	Weather Alert Radio	(57.40)	
	Business Cards	(53.11)	
		-	
	ARRL 1 Membership	(34.00)	
	Bank Fee	(5.00)	
Total Disbursements			(149.51)
Checking Balance September 30, 2021			\$ 5,837.24

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the NOVEMBER MEETING

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

Monday November 8, 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 November 8, 2021, at the Golden Corral in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There was only about 33 members and 3 guests at the meeting

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI:

The October 2021 meeting minutes were published in the November 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 September 2021 Financial Reports were published in the November 2021 newsletter and accepted as information.

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

Posted in November's CARS Carrier.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ + Del, KW4XQ:

Posted in November's CARS Carrier.

Races: Doug, KU4OC + Tom K4WJC:

Lowvelo bike ride was mostly rained out. Of the 14 Hams that were there to support the ride, 7 were let go, due to the reduced race. Most riders still braved the rain and cold to complete the smaller ride.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX:

Posted in November's CARS Carrier.

Repeater Report: Bryce K4LXF:

The repeaters seem to be working well. Did you know that most of our linked repeaters belong to hospitals? That is where they started.

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:

Emilie Wolitzer KE4VNW

Second Reading:

Bruce Roberts KI4YST

Welcomed the second reading member into the Club.

Emergency Prep:

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

There will not be an ARES meeting this month. There will be an operations day on the Yorktown on December 18th from noon until about 5 PM. Rick put out information about training classes available on the SCEMD LMS website. You will have to create an account then you will have access to the wealth of training courses you can find in the calendar. You can also sign up for their newsletter, showing upcoming courses

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:

December 11th 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

Looking into the need to have another test session at Citadel Mall on the odd months, probably on the 3rd Sunday starting around 3:00 PM. Preregistration is required. More information to follow.

School Programs: Alene, KG4NKD – K4DMS:

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ – K4PSA:

Posted in November's CARS Carrier

Communications Trailer: Mike Whisenant, KY4BO:

A motion was made to name the trailer after Willie Bennett, WB4SOG. Voted on and approved. A plaque will be made up and mounted inside the trailer.

Old Business:

Getting the PBR Club in progressing well, we have members to start the club and the call sign WD4PBR is still available.

New Business:

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

Announcements:

There are lots of 50th Anniversary name tags available, but not picked up. Check with Jeanette, KO4BPH to get your tag.

The replacement Club room, on the 07 level had a hazardous material in it. They are now looking at putting us in the CAG room, one level below the flight deck in the aft section of the ship.

Don, KK4WWV, is circulating a list around, to try to get people to sign up to act as Net Control Stations for the New Comers Net. Trying to make it so you only have to be the Net Control Station once a year.

Drawing:

Mark, KN4MJB won the drawing this month for a one-year ARRL membership

Being no further business, at 7:47 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Note: If there is any interest, I have ordered more club apparel and should be in, in about two weeks.

24 ball caps
6 L SS "T" shirts
6 XL SS "T" shirts
6 XXL SS "T" shirts
6 XXXL SS "T" shirts

The new items will be embroidery instead of silk screened.

I still have the following old apparel that was silk screened:

1 S SS "T" shirt
1 M SS "T" shirt
1 XXXL SS "T" shirt
2 XXXXL SS "T" shirt

1 M LS "T" shirt
2 L LS "T" shirt
4 XL LS "T" shirt
1 XXL LS "T" shirt
2 XXXL LS "T" shirt
2 XXXXL LS "T" shirt
1 XXL Hoodie

First come first served...

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.

MINUTES of the DECEMBER MEETING

The monthly Club Meeting and Christmas Party was held at the Round Holiday Inn in Charleston

Monday December 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES: The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. Christmas party was called to order by President Rick Valentine, N8BKN, at 7:20 PM on Monday December 13, 2021, at the Round Holiday Inn in Charleston, SC.

To start the Party, Rick wanted to thank Paulette for the effort she put into making the party a success.

Rick also talked about a new club has been formed from CARS members. The club is the Charleston PBR group and their call sign will be WD4PBR after the skipper of the PBR105.

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:

Jim Wood KO4UCZ

David Malara KB2UBO

Second Reading:

Emilie Wolitzer KE4VNW

Welcomed the second reading member into the Club.

Being no further business, at 7:35 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting and start eating. After the meal, those that brought presents participated in the Chinese Gift giving. Things were going smoothly until someone stole the can of Moon Pies. Then someone else stole the Moon Pies from them. There was also a bottle of wine, that was passed (stole) around twice. A box of chocolate was stolen and a windshield wiper/cleaner was also stolen. After the gifts finally found a home, a motion was made, seconded and passed to end the Christmas party.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI.

Charleston PBR Group

At the request of a CARS Club Member the Patrol Boat, River (PBR) located at Patriots Point was listed or activated for the 2021 Museum Ships weekend event. Because we had to use the WA4USN call sign the PBR was only on the air on Sunday. Many contacts were logged for the PBR.

Further research provided a short history of PBR 105. This PBR was commanded by Boatswain Mate First Class James E Williams on 31 October 1966. He was awarded the Medal Of Honor for actions in

South Vietnam on that day. James was from South Carolina and is buried in Florence National Cemetery. He passed on October 13, 1999 (Navy Day).

Because of PBR-105's history and relationship to the Low Country a call sign for the PBR-105 was requested for the 2022 Museum ships event. The FCC only allows ONE vanity club call per club and the Charleston Amateur Radio Society (CARS) already has 3 grandfathered call signs, so a new club was needed. At the November 2021 CARS meeting a new club of Navy Vietnam era veterans initially formed the Charleston PBR Group, Don, KK4WWV volunteered to be the trustee so a Club call sign was requested from the FCC. The FCC recognized the Club with the call sign KO4UVR. A vanity call was requested and granted by the FCC. The Charleston PBR Group's Club call is now WD4PBR. Don, KK4WWV is call sign trustee, the group President (per FCC requirement) is Rick, N8BKN, the Secretary (per FCC requirement) is Warren, KK4EVI.

Bylaws for the Charleston PBR Group have been written for Group approval and QSL card suggestions will be submitted at January CARS meeting.

This is intended to be a sub-club of the CARS club to meet FCC requirements for a club call for the PBR. This will allow members to activate anytime, not just Museum Ships events.

More discussion at the January CARS meeting

Rick Valentine, N8BKN

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