

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society November 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, Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Long delay for a meeting in November. Because Golden Corral is honoring Veterans we are moving the Charleston Amateur Radio Society meeting to the next day, November 15, 2022. This is the third Tuesday but we have moved the meeting before. Also the second Tuesday is election day and not a good fit for a meeting.

We have the LowVelo bike ride to support on November 6, 2022 with communications. To everyone participating, thank you and the Children in the hospital will appreciate your time. Contact Tom Rader K4WJC for info.

Also on November 11, 2022 the Club will be operating from the Hanger Deck on board the Yorktown to recognize all of the Veterans in the Club and Low Country, come out and spend a little time operating. Contact Doug Clark KU4OC about a thank you event from the Isle of Palms people regarding the canceled Connector Run. Hurricane Ian did cancel the event.

I want to thank "Mark" KN4MJB for taking over the Public Information Officer duties for the Low Country region we might get a more favorable image in the State Capital. Mark, I may have some help for you too.

The Coastal Carolina Fair is in town so be careful up by the Exchange Park area.

Make sure you get with Paulette, KJ4AIK about the December Club meeting/ Holiday event. She does have a cutoff date and reservations are needed.

Busy time of the year with fall events, holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas lots of traveling and schools on different schedules. Take a deep breath, be nice to people and hope Santa gets you that new Ham gear you have been wanting.

Until January 2023.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

Our linked repeater system is very powerful, but it is a bit confusing to newcomers. Look at the list of repeaters on the web site and good luck trying to make sense of the letters and numbers in the Link column if you don't already understand it.

It would be helpful if someone familiar with our system could put together a tutorial, perhaps a YouTube video, explaining it.

Thanks again to Jim KO4MNB for another article for the Carrier and the web site. All are welcome to make submissions.

There's traditionally no newsletter in December, so don't get upset when none arrives.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

If you still have not paid your annual dues, you should have received a reminder in the mail by now. Of course if you still haven't paid your dues you probably don't read this newsletter anyway as there have been reminders in it each month since July.

We currently have 96 voting members in good standing (Rick, that makes a quorum 15 members in good standing). One associate member is paid up as well, with three left to go. Of regular members, we currently have 77 that are yet to pay their annual dues. As some are in the same household together, we didn't have to send out 77 different notices but we did have to send out around 56 or so. At today's prices that's over \$30 just for the postage. If we get two more individuals to pay I guess we almost get our money back but my old fat fingers aren't made for that much sorting and peeling and sticking and stamping.

Don't get the wrong idea, I love doing this for the club. We have a great membership and I am happy to encourage you all to maintain your association with it. Some things that help me out a lot are keeping me updated on your contact information including up to date phone, address, call sign changes, emails, etc. Hold me to account if you see something wrong on the Rosters I hand out (email me if you can't make a meeting and wish a roster sent to you via email).

I plan to introduce a motion at the next meeting which would allow us to consider a portion of the \$20 joining fee to be used to purchase a club name badge for each new member (similar to the one given each member for the 50th anniversary but without the anniversary blurb). I have been approached with that suggestion and it seems like a very good idea. Each badge is \$6.75, has a magnetic attachment device (if the new member has a pace maker or other device that might be affected by the magnet, a regular pin type attachment can be substituted), and has the members call sign and first name engraved on the clubs color for a background. Please consider supporting this motion when it comes to a vote (of course if you haven't paid your dues yet, you won't be able to vote).

This might be covered elsewhere in the newsletter, but don't forget to RSVP Paulette regarding the Christmas party and send her your portion of the cost. RSVP deadline November 28th with payment received by Paulette by December 5th. I'll send out another reminder mid November or so with the flyer.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Don't let your guard down, there's still another month in Hurricane season. Nothing to report today but look for storms to develop in the Gulf of Mexico or Carribean with less warning and prep time.

Hurricane Ian was NOT a major storm in the Low Country but it could have been one so stay alert, check your supplies, and evacuation maps and plans.

Darkness is at both ends of the daily commute times. The sun is up later in the mornings and goes down earlier in the evenings. Check your battery operated gear especially Smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors. Remember the Emergency people recommend changing the batteries when the clocks change. This year that wonderful night we fall back on is November 6, 2022 at 0200. We will see how many people check in to the Sunday night ARES nets on time instead of an hour late.

Change out your Emergency kits with proper clothing, it's colder in the mornings and once the Sun goes down. People do freeze to death in the Low Country. Check out your furnace, fireplace, and any other heating units you may have. Don't wait till it gets so cold you really need them and they are not working.

Vehicle batteries also are affected by cold weather so if you can't remember when you last checked or changed your battery take it to a shop and get it load checked, you do NOT want to be stranded with a dead battery.

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

No CARS Carrier in December so I will close by saying Next Year.

No changes to the trailer.

Until Next Month, 73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

Mike, KY4BO

FIELD DAY

No report.

KN4EXJ, Brian Smith, Field Day Captain

HAMFEST

No report.

Steve, KE4THX

MUSEUM SHIPS

They finally took the Clamagore away. We can't operate Museum Ships Weekend as a memorial unless there's an actual memorial or part of the ship here. We'll keep the NJ4DU call sign and put it to use from time to time though.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

The Lowvelo ride is Saturday November 5 ... they haven't contacted me yet but I'm sure they will want our help ... check out <https://lowvelo.org> ... it supports the MUSC Hollings Cancer Center. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events> or contact K4WJC.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

We are having trouble getting the two interested students at PSA to focus, so we skipped School Club Roundup and will regroup later.

Tom, AJ4UQ

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2022			
Checking Balance August 31, 2022			\$ 5,305.59
Cash Receipts September			
	Dues	290.00	
	Memberships	80.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	50.00	
	Interest	0.04	
Total Receipts			420.04
Cash Disbursements -September			
			-
			-
			-
	ARRL 1 Membership	(34.00)	
	Bank Fee	(5.00)	
Total Disbursements			(39.00)
Checking Balance September 30, 2022			\$ 5,686.63

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

October 10, 2022

Called To Order: President Rick Valentine at 7:00PM

Officers Present:

Rick Valentine, N8BKN, President
Tom, AJ4UQ, Vice President
Brian, KN4EXJ, Secretary
Charlotte, KJ4PLX, Treasurer

Introduction of Members.

Announcements:

ITU Secretary General is a United Nations organization and just elected as the next ITU secretary general Doreen Bogdan Martin, KD2JTX.

A Cub Scout troop leader request.
Low Country PIO request.
Operation Day 15th of this month aboard the USS Yorktown in the club room.
Simulated Emergency Test.

Secretary's Report: Brian KN4EXJ

Comments or Corrections: Accepted

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte KJ4PLX

Comments or Corrections: Accepted

Standing Events Reports

Hamfest: Steve, KETHX

No Report

Race Support: Doug, KU4OC and Tom, K4WJC

IOP run/party canceled due to Hurricane IAN.
LoVelo Ride – Saturday November 5, 2022 6AM
check the website Lowvelo.org for details. Looking for club support of the event. Money raised for Hollings Cancer Center. Multiple courses 100 miles to 10 miles. Six Rest areas needed to be manned.

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ

In preparation for the ARRL School Clubs completion we are trying to get K4PSA school club ready for the round up. The completion will be held on the HF bands.

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ

The club is still waiting for PBR QSL cards. The Call Cards are reported to be on the way. The USS

USS Clamagore has been stricken as a vessel and towed from Patriots Point to the scrap yard. It is possible to make it into a memorial as the periscope and other artifacts were salvaged before it was towed.

Education/Testing: Tom, AJ4UQ

Testing was conducted last week 5 persons were tested with 4 getting their licenses or upgrades. Next testing date is the 20th of November.

Communication Trailer: Mike, KY4BO

The Trailer is still pouting because it did not get to go to the IOP Run.

Repeaters: Bryce, K4LXF

All repeaters are operational. During Hurricane IAN some temporarily lost power but emergency power was quickly restored. Repeaters, like operators, must ID as per every 10 minutes per FCC rules.

Field Day: Brian, KN4EXJ

No Report

Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ

Pay your Dues.

First Reading: None

Second Reading:

Stephen Anderjack, KO4AFL, - Approved
Pam Nobles, KO4WWN,- Approved
Francis Clasby III, KO4RZA, - Approved

Emergency Prep:

Berkeley County: Linda, KJ4EUVV, No Report.

Charleston County: Rick, N8BKN
Simulated Emergency Test October 15th. ARRL Event, MARS is interested in participation. This will be a communications test 146. 580 simplex starting about at 10 AM.

Dorchester County: Beverly, W3BRB
Saturday Dorchester County ARES conducted a simplex exercise, the exercise went well with many lessons learned and areas for improvement. Practice in importance to determine the range of your simplex capabilities.

BE A POTA ACTIVATOR

Rick N8BKN explained the SC state communications plan and the use of VHF/VHF frequencies.

NETS: Please note the listings in the CARS Carrier and on the CARS website.

Old Business:

December Club Meeting/Christmas Party
Paulette, KJ4AIK, Reported that the numbers for the Christmas party went up a little from last year. \$2.04 more per person to be exact. I am doing the calculations based on 50 people and that can always change. I need a \$500.00 deposit to reserve the room which will be deducted off the balance. I did obtain a check from Charlotte, KJ4LLJ. I will be getting a flyer together and sending it to Lee, KI4LLJ, for him to put out in an email to everyone. We are still looking at \$20.00 per person with the club picking up the remaining balance. The event will be the second Saturday in December at the Round Holiday Inn in Charleston.

New Business:

LoVelo Bike Ride November 5, 2022.
Karen, instructor for the CPD/AED class at Trident Tech talked about learning CPR/AED.
The Monday/Wednesday/Friday Breakfast Group is now at the Bojangles, located on Ashley Phosphate near I-26 at 9AM. All are welcome to join in the fellowship.

Drawing: Larry, Phillip, KN4ANC, Won the ARRL one year membership.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted by Brian, KN4EXJ.

Getting Started: Step-by-Step Instructions
By Jim Wasson (KO4MNB), Tom Valencia (W4ID), and John Satterfield (KK4JS)

Parks on the Air® (POTA) started in early 2017 when the ARRL's National Parks on the Air special event ended. A group of volunteers wanted to continue the fun beyond the one-year event, and thus, POTA was born. General information about the program is available on the POTA website at <https://parksontheair.com> Click on the "Getting Started" tab to review the rules, download the guides, and watch the informative videos.

As explained on the POTA web site, activators are those amateurs who operate portable from within POTA designated parks. Hunters are those amateurs who make contact with Activators who are operating portable from within POTA designated parks. Awards can be earned for both activators and hunters, for example: Bronze Award is obtained by activating or hunting 10 different parks, Silver Award is 20 different parks, Gold Award is 30 different parks, etc.

Read the full article at:
<https://www.wa4usn.org/be-a-pota-activator/>

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