

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society January 2023 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 9, 2023 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Holidays are behind us, the December Meeting/Party was a success, in other words no one complained. Jeanette, KO4BPH made some party favors and Paulette, KI4AIK made all of the arrangements. Excellent in all respects.

New Year, new goals and projects. Anyone with ideas for Club projects please get your ideas to a Club officer or present them to the membership at a Club meeting.

For the membership; we have an experienced group of members that can assist in antenna work of all kinds, new modes of operating, clarifying a misunderstood electrical or radio theory, just about anything Amateur Radio, all you have to do is inquire or ask somebody.

What is a good lead time for an event? A week?, two (2) weeks?, a month?, two (2) months? Maybe a yearly calendar? Please speak up and say something to a Club Officer or to me at a Club meeting. I want every Club member to be fully in the loop for events but not overloaded with reminders so please speak up.

The Club has some donated electronic equipment that is residing or stored in the Club Room. What suggestions does the membership have? What do we the Club do with this equipment, it's good stuff for someone and just going to waste currently. Think about it.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

Lots of activity coming up soon. Unfortunately no Charleston Hamfest, but if you know of a good venue, let us know.

There will be VE testing in West Ashley at Reforge on Sunday 15 January. RSVP required. Another VE test session will be held in conjunction with a Technician license class at the VA hospital on 28-29 January. Contact Warren KK4EVI about the class; the test will be at 1300 Sunday. The regular February session will be on 11 February at Tall Pines Baptist Church, RSVP recommended. See the club web site at www.wa4usn.org for more information.

Winter Field Day will be on 28-29 January; the club has not voted on whether to operate as a club.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome and Happy New Year. Even though we had no input last month there hasn't been a lot of activity in the membership area. We had four new regular members join last month including one who advanced from Associate member to Regular Member. We have had no new membership applications since the last newsletter.

Most importantly, we are now less than one month before the By-Laws require we clear all members who are not in good standing from the membership books. That means if you have not paid your dues for this year by February 1st, you will be a non-

member and if you wish to re-enlist in the Society, a new joining fee, in addition to catching up on dues, will be required. If you are in doubt as to whether you are caught up, feel free to contact me at ki4llj@arrl.net and I will gladly let you know. You can mail dues to Lee Miller KI4LLJ, 207 Glebe Rd, Summerville, SC 29485 with a check made out to CARS (or Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. if you like to write a lot) for \$20 (first member in a household) and \$10 for each additional member of the same household.

We have several folks who have not yet paid so, flood my mailbox.

Hope to see many of you at the January Meeting next Monday, January 9th at the Golden Corral.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

New Year, same problems. Mother Nature hasn't changed so anticipate a year of usual weather and man – made events.

First weather event possible is an ice storm. The Low country does get ice storms and we haven't had one in years. Temperatures dropped in December and January and February are historically months that an ice storm can occur. It can start as rain then shift to sleet, then become snow flurries and finally freeze overnight. Traveling on ice is impossible. Think about the 911 folks that have to get through. If possible stay off the roads and just hunker down. Cold weather and ice cause power lines to fail and heat becomes critical, keep at least a half a tank of gas in your vehicles just like Hurricane season, that way you can run them outside and warm up sometimes. Cooking can be another issue, Grilling outside is fine if you have either propane or charcoal available. Keep the grills outside do NOT poison yourself by cooking on a grill inside. Even a hot cup of coffee or Hot Chocolate can make everything seem better. Check your water pipes a busted pipe is miserable to fix when plumbers or parts will be at a premium.

Watch for more traffic as people and kids get back to work or running to school buses again.

Make your New Year's goal to be more prepared for the future and any occurrences.

Stay safe, ask questions, and always help your neighbors and the community.

Check into the Low Country ARES nets on Sunday evenings at 2000 hours local time (8:00PM) on the local linked repeaters.

Until Next Month, 73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

No report.

KN4EXJ, Brian Smith, Field Day Captain

HAMFEST

Nothing new. Hopefully we'll find a new site.

Steve, KE4THX

MUSEUM SHIPS

I'm finally caught up on QSL cards for Museum Ships Weekend 2022, except for the PBR. Hopefully those cards will come from the printer soon so I can get them out.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

No report.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

No changes to the trailer.

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
October 2022			
Checking Balance September 30, 2022			\$ 5,686.63
Cash Receipts October			
	Dues	160.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	77.00	
	Interest	0.05	
Total Receipts			257.05
Cash Disbursements -October			
			-
			-
	Holiday Party Deposit		-
	ARRL 1 Membership	(34.00)	
	Bank Fee	(5.00)	
Total Disbursements			(39.00)
Checking Balance October 31, 2022			\$ 5,904.68

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the DECEMBER MEETING

(editor's note: this was just too good to transcribe. Captures the mood of the December meeting/party well.)

CARS MEETING
12 DECEMBER 2022

START OF MEETING: 1902

BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP; 3 TO VOTE, +1

OTHER;

ADJOURN:

Done 1905

Handwritten notes:
 Leword KA3EIP } 2nd
 Clarence W9HQC }
 Christopher K4YBK }
 John KQ4VHE - 1st
 Jenette - Table decorations
 Warren - Volunteer Award

LOWVELO SUPPORT

A couple of photos from supporting the LowVelo bike ride in November.



K4WJC



N4OBR



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