

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society February 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, February 11, 2023 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

February is here. Winter predicted to last 6 more weeks. Hope everyone is staying warm and dry. Look out for your friends, neighbors and especially yourselves.

Start planning spring time amateur work, make your lists, assemble the parts, line up your assistants, ask for help if needed, get the job done correctly the first time.

Since this is February dues are now past due. Your continued membership in the Charleston Amateur Radio Society could be ending. Get with Membership Chairman Lee, KI4LLJ and continue your membership

No Hamfest again this year. Still looking for a venue to have a Hamfest next year. If you have an idea for a venue check it out and get with a Club Officer need a spot soon or Charleston will get forgotten by vendors and visitors completely.

Working with the Patriot's Point folks to get more operating events to get recognition for the Charleston Amateur Radio Society and Patriot's Point features to increase visitors and Public support for the Museum. Ideas for operating events let a Club Officer know your ideas and what you think it will accomplish.

For those that haven't heard there are now 11 new Hams in the Low Country. Their new call signs are KQ4F??, make them welcome to the hobby and offer to assist them and answer the many questions

they will have. Use your experience to support them instead of having to learn the hard way.

The Submarine Clamagore is gone now so we are down to three (3) ships for Museum ships week-end in June. Events on the Yorktown are back to 24 hour events so lots of operators are needed, plan to come out and spend some time operating during these special events this year.

Hope to see everyone at the Club meeting.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

One of my favorite ham activities is supporting public service events. Hams have a situational awareness that most event staff lack, so we are a great resource to them. Unfortunately there are fewer requests for us (remember the Cooper River Bridge Run, Charleston Marathon, Lifepoint 5k?). Some of them just got too crowded with police, state guard, and a band every 50 yards, but there are still some good ones – IOP Connector Run (my favorite), LowVelo bike ride, and the Ride After the Run.

Keep your ears open for opportunities to participate; these are great opportunities to use the net operating skills you learn on the Tuesday and Thursday evening nets.

If you're part of an event that would benefit from ham radio support, reach out to Doug KU4OC or Tom K4WJC.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Sad news for membership as it looks like (barring any last minute sneak-ins) we may be losing about 22 members this year due to failure to pay dues (almost sounds redundant doesn't it). Some are long time members as well so therefore the sad thing. I know it's been a hard year for some but \$20 (and half that if you're someone's partner in crime)? I tried all the methods of reminders except for calling them all. I may try that as a last (after drop off day) effort but then I'll definitely have to pull the plug. We have one first reading this month so we'll start filling those empty slots but with a normal loss of 15 or so each year this one hurts.

See what's left of you on the 13th at the Golden Corral.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

January is over now into February. Ground hog predicted 6 more weeks of winter so stay safe and warm.

South Carolina annual full scale exercise, which is a communications test, will be held on March 11, 2023. This is a Saturday and I would like to participate this year. Besides the test of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) communications systems I would like to do a Simplex test using 146.580MHz. More details of the drill will be forth coming from the SCEMD people later in February so stay tuned. A Simplex test will demonstrate to folks who you can hear and talk to so you learn your limits and other Hams learn their limits too. This helps EMD at knowing where in an emergency we as ARES members may have to go as a relay position or to aid a facility to communicate with the EOC. Also we will try to communicate with Dorchester and Berkeley County ARES groups too. A major disaster will effect the Lowcountry differently than the Midlands or Up State so practice now is better than later.

Always looking for new members for ARES and new Hams may be a good source. Contact your friends and neighbors about getting a ticket and joining ARES. We did get 11 new Hams from the VA Hospital class and we can hold more classes if needed or requested.

Please make suggestions to me, Beverly, or Linda, your County Emergency Coordinators, I know that Charleston County EMD folks understand what we can do for them if they lose their primary communications networks. They have provided funds for equipment to use in shelters, back up equipment for both EOC's, and equipment for installs at Fire Stations around Charleston County.

Now is the time to make plans to improve your operating skills in an emergency situation whether that emergency be Natural or Man-made. SCEMD wants to use a digital format called "Winlink". This system gives them templates on all ICS forms and a hard copy of message traffic especially useful for being refunded by Federal Agencies. While voice messages work the last time we used voice messages the time delay was at times an hour to an hour and a half to get the message from county EOC to SCEOC. A very slow process and time sensitive traffic got lost. Digital may be the way to go. Also remember ALL traffic goes to county then to State.

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

We have registered our three ships for Museum Ships Weekend 2023. Expect a sign-up sheet for operators closer to June.

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

November-December 2022			
Checking Balance October 31, 2022			\$ 5,904.68
Cash Receipts - November			
	Dues	400.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	55.00	
	Dues Check Returned - ISF	(20.00)	
	Interest	<u>0.04</u>	
Total Receipts			455.04
Cash Disbursements - November			
	Holiday Party Deposit	(500.00)	
	Trailer Repairs	(76.62)	
	Name Tags	(135.36)	

	ARRL 1 Membership	(47.00)	
	ISF Fee for returned check	(30.00)	
	Bank Fee	<u>(5.00)</u>	
Total Disbursements			(793.98)
Checking Balance November 30, 2022			\$ 5,565.74
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Cash Receipts - December			
	Dues	-	
	Memberships	-	
	Raffle Proceeds	-	
	Interest	<u>0.04</u>	
Total Receipts			0.04
Cash Disbursements - December			
	Christmas Party	(1,821.45)	
		-	
	Bank Fee	<u>(5.00)</u>	
		-	
		-	
Total Disbursements			(1,826.45)
Checking Balance December 30, 2022			\$ 3,739.33

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the JANUARY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society January 9, 2023 Monthly Meeting

Conducting: Rick Valentine, President, N8BKN

Officers Present:

Vice President Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ

Secretary: Brian Smith, KN4EXJ

Treasurer: Charlotte Groves, KJ4PLX

Meeting Called to Order: 1900 hrs.

Introductions: Members present 30; Visitors present 2

Announcements:

Technician Class – to be conducted at the VA hospital down town Charleston on January 28 and 29.

HR 9670 Land Use Bill – Ref. the control of Antennas from HOAs to FCC

HR 9669 – Band Width v. Symbol rate

Committee Reports:

Secretary's Report accepted as posted

Treasurer's report accepted as posted

Standing Events Reports:

Field Day: Brian, KN4EXJ – Report for Field Day results for 2022. The Charleston Amateur Radio Society registered as a 2A station with a GOTA station. A special thanks to the engineers, operators, and support staff that made this event possible. The club placed third overall in the state in the 2A category with 3,380 points. The second place club was Spartanburg Amateur Radio Club with a total point score of 4,940 points. The First place club was Greer Amateur Radio Club with 8,206 points. The TARC club had 2,556 points. Again thank you for the club's support of this event.

Hamfest: Steve, KE4THX – No Report

Race Support: Doug, KU4OC -

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ – TARC got a grant from ARRL to bring technology to youth groups. Using this as a carrot for K4PSA and others.

Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ - No new members or second readings. A reminder that membership dues are due. Non renewals will be dropped from the club rolls.

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ – Caught up on QSL Cards with the exception of the PBR (WD4PBR). We are still waiting for the cards from

the printer. Will try to do better at advertising operating and special event days.

Emergency Preps:

Berkeley County: Linda, KJ4EUV – No Report
Charleston County, Rick, N8BKN – Meeting on the Yorktown 21st of January

Dorchester County, Beverly, W3BRB – No Report

Cars Carrier: Tom, AJ4UQ – Looking for interesting articles and photos for the CARS Carrier. Submit them to Tom. Thank you for Christmas and Low Velo pictures.

Communications Trailer – Mike, KY4BO – The trailer is fine, no new developments.

Education/Testing: Tom, AJ4UQ – Setting up a Tech Course 28-29 of January 2023 at the VA Hospital. Testing Sunday at 1300

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Testing at REFORGE on Sunday 15 January 2023 at 1500. RSVP required.

Testing at Tall Pines on Saturday 11 February 2023 at Tall Pines.

Nets:

Sunday: Low Country ARES net 2000 hrs. -2020 hrs.

SC ARES net 2000 hrs. – 2030 hrs. on SCHEART repeaters

Tuesday: SC ARES HF net at 1800 hrs. on 3.990.0 MHz

TARC Net 2000 hrs. – 2100 hrs. Low Country repeaters

Wednesday: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays Weather Training net 2000 hrs.

Thursday: SCHEART Training net 0900 hrs. – 1030 hrs. on SCHEART repeaters

New Comers net 2000 hrs. -2100 hrs. on Low Country repeaters

Old Business – None

New Business

A request for club support for Field Day 2023 was made by Brian, KN4EXJ, Field Day Captain. After

a discussion the club voted to support Field Day 2023. A request was then made for \$1200.00 for field day expenses. After a discussion a vote was taken and the request was approved.

General Class – A survey was taken of members present for interest in holding a General License Course. Three to 4 members showed interest in attending a General Class License class. If you are interested contact Warren KN4EVI or Rick N8BKN.

Drawing conducted by Larry, KJ4GZR

With no new business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, Seconded. Vote taken.

Adjourned 7:24PM

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