

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society April 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, April 10, 2023 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Another month has passed and as a Club we are getting into our busy season to support the hobby and the community.

- April 15, 2023 Bike Ride - Contact Tom, K4WJC
- April 15, 2023 80th Commissioning of the Yorktown - Contact Eugene, AB4UG
- May 13, 2023 MS Walk - Contact Doug, KU4OC
- May 13, 2023 MARS Cross band event
- June 3/4, 2023 Museum Ships - Contact Tom, AJ4UQ (Overnight event)
- June 24/25, 2023 ARRL Field Day - Contact Brian, KN4EXJ (Overnight event)

Take some time to offer your expertise to assist a new Ham or even an older Ham with station work. Might be as simple as checking the coax to an antenna it's just hard for the Ham to do themselves. Just stay away from overhead power lines – saves equipment and lives.

Come out to the meetings on the second Monday every month. You do NOT have to eat to attend the meeting. Meet some of our Club members and ask questions about radio and Club activities. Learn or demonstrate HF operating techniques on the Club operating days on the third Saturday of every month from 11:00 to 16:00 on the Yorktown in the Club Room. Need directions? Call on the repeater 146.790 MHz and we will meet you and escort you through the ship to the Club Room.

Got some ideas for events, operating activities, or new modes you want to learn contact a Club Officer. You might be surprised at how many other Club members would be interested or already use the mode. Ask around.

Hope to see members on the Yorktown for her 80th Anniversary and supporting the Bike Ride. For the Yorktown come out and honor the ship, air wings, and ship's company that made the "Fighting Lady" work and succeed.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

We're moving at full speed into the busy season, look at all the opportunities to get out and operate with the club over the next few months.

The MS Walk at JICP is a good opportunity to test your Go-Box in the wild. The last time we did a simplex event there we found that stations could operate with handie-talkies only because net control had a j-pole up 15 feet. Go-Boxes at all stations would be great. Since we'll be stationed along the walking trail, you'll need to get out of your vehicle.

There's been some interest in learning digital modes (there's more to life than FT-8). I'll try to set up some tutoring at an operating day or Museum Ships. Let me know if you're interested.

You may have noticed that we don't include email addresses for members in the Carrier; this is done to protect you from spammers. You can get a club

roster with contact information at a club meeting or on request from Lee, KI4LLJ.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

165 members. Four second readings this month. No first readings confirmed but a couple of maybes. Stay safe.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Severe weather seems to be in the news every week. Yes, spring is the peak time for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, and hail events. The Low Country has been mostly spared in recent years but some folks do remember the Easter weekend tornadoes up in Berkeley County, they can happen here.

Review your emergency plans now. Some tornadoes occur at night which makes them hard to see, get your NOAA weather radio tested and turned on. Heed the Weather Service warnings and watches. Check your smoke detector batteries too they can wear out. Get your First Aid kits and supplies checked some parts in First Aid kits do expire – find them – replace them.

The March 11, 2023 State Full Scale Exercise went well. Learned that the Low Country linked repeater system may need to be unlinked to work as required by the SC tactical Communications Plan. For Charleston County that is the Yorktown repeater 146.790 MHz. Also I could reach the Dorchester County EOC on simplex but not Berkeley County. Several Hams tested a simplex frequency on the Tactical frequencies and some areas of Charleston County seemed unreachable, relay stations may be needed. Thank you to all of Hams Tri-County wide that participated, I hope everyone learned the current limitations to stations and now have ideas for improvements or work arounds. A special thank you to Mike, KY4BO for his efforts and skills at the Charleston EOC. I would like to also thank

Dorchester County folks like Beverly, W3BRB, Mark KM4RK, and David KB9UJF too.

Remember Hurricane season starts 1 June or about two months. Prepare now.

Until Next Month, 73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

No report.

KN4EXJ, Brian Smith, Field Day Captain

HAMFEST

We are looking for a new Hamfest Committee chair. On the job training will be provided if required.

MUSEUM SHIPS

At the recommendation of Admiral Flatley, we have introduced ourselves and our activities to the new Director of Patriots Point, Allison Hunt. Hopefully relations will get even better and we will be a more public aspect of the Patriots Point experience (and maybe get back on the Laffey).

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

Sign up for the 2023 Ride the Lowcountry bicycle ride on 15 April 2023. <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events>.

There is an event that would like to have about 6 hams to participate. Walk MS Charleston will be held at James Island County Park on May 13th. We'll meet at the Wappoo Shelter.

We won't need to be there until 9:30 a.m. The walk actually starts at 10:30 a.m. We're requested to be posted around the walking course and to monitor the event. We would need someone stationed with the director to report any problems to him/her.

We would probably be close enough to each other to use simplex.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

Trailer is still in ready condition...

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
February			
Checking Balance January 31, 2023			\$ 4,280.41
Cash Receipts February			
	Dues	75.00	
	Memberships	-	
	Raffle Proceeds	60.00	
	Interest	<u>0.03</u>	
Total Receipts			135.03
Cash Disbursements -February			
			-
			-
			-
	ARRL 1 Membership	(47.00)	
	Bank Fee	<u>(5.00)</u>	
Total Disbursements			<u>(52.00)</u>
Checking			<u>\$ 4,363.44</u>

Balance February 28, 2023			
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Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the MARCH MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society March 13, 2023 Monthly Meeting

Meeting Called To Order 1900 Hrs. by President Rick Valentine, N8BKN.

Introductions

Attending: 37 members, 2 pending members. 1 visitor

Club Officers Present:

Rick Valentine, N8BKN - President

Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ - Vice President

Brian Smith, KN4EXJ - Secretary

Charlotte Groves, KJ4PLX – Treasurer

Announcements:

Awendaw repeaters are down. Hardline is in but the work order is not been issued yet.

Secretary's Report: Membership info needs to be corrected, Accepted as noted.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as recorded in the CARS Carrier.

Field Day: Brian, KN4EXJ

Field Day June 24-25, 2023 will be held on the Yorktown as in the past. Looking for operators and recorders in SSB, CW, and Digital. Any help would be appreciated. The GOTA station will also need some help this year.

Hamfest:

Steve has moved away. If anyone is interested in being the Hamfest chairman please contact one of the club officers.

Race Report: Tom, K4WJC

Race report April 15th The Awendaw repeater is down for repairs possible options to replace it are:

- Use the club trailer repeater
- Simplex option

10 people have signed up to help. Additional operators may be needed. Tom, K4WJC, is seeking hams to man the check points for the Ride the Low Country bicycle ride April 15, 2023 additional information can be found at:
RidetheLowCountry.com

The ride will be starting at the Awendaw Municipal Park 7900 Doer Rd. Awendaw, SC. This ride is a multi- distance bicycle ride. Looking for Hams to man the check stations and rest stops. Contact Tom K4WJC@att.net or phone (843) 302-6242. This an all-day event. Looking for 14 ham operators with mobile UHF/VHF communications.

Repeaters: Bryce, K4LXF

Yorktown repeater is in full service now. Walterboro repeater is out of service, repairs are pending. Awendaw is out of service repairs are in progress. There has been a complaint that there is an echo on the 94 repeater.

Nets:

Sunday: Low Country ARES net 2000hrs – 2020hrs
SC ARES net 2000hrs -2130hrs On the SCHEART repeaters

Tuesday: SC ARES HF net at 1800hrs on 3.990MHz

TARC Net 2000hrs -2100hrs on the Low Country repeaters

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

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

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

Communications Trailer: Mike, KY4BO

Nothing to add.

Ecomm Drill: Rick, N8BKN

Drill run on March testing the Ecomm net, simplex. 2meter EOC to EOC, 70 cm is hospital to hospital Amateurs should see how many repeaters that you can reach.

Emergency Prep:

Berkley County, Linda, KJ4EVV – No Report
Charleston County, Rick, N8BKN

March 11th state emergency drill, Cat 4 hurricane hitting the Low Country, with a nuclear disaster in the up state. Simplex operations will be tested, Check the county simplex freq. and try to contact the County EOC and if not try the repeater. Try contacting local and then end local. Simplex freq. are 147.570.and 146.580. Archie has his own standalone repeaters additional information will follow. Additional information will be posted the closer we get to the drill date. (See Update Above)
Dorchester County, Beverly, W3BRB – No Report

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ

The club will be activating the USS Yorktown, USS Laffey, and the PBR 105 this year. Volunteer operators will be called for later as we draw closer to June.

School Clubs:

Nothing new to report.

Education and Testing:

Charleston 25-26 March on Seabrook, Testing on Sunday any questions contact Warren, KK4EVI

CARS Carrier/ Website:

Always looking for photos and articles to add to the CARS Carrier. Make all submissions to Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ.

Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ

Please make sure your membership is current and your dues are up to date.

First readings:

Chuck Bolin K4FAQ
Grace Bolin KQ4FOC
John McCubbin KQ4FHZ
Kraig Keyes AA4SD

Second readings:

Peggy Conkel KJ4OZV
Steve Thomas KO4GZV
Winniford Simmons III KK4MRG
Thomas Lennon KE4NSL

Vote taken all unanimously accepted. Welcome to the club.

Old Business:

QSL Cards for WD4PBR are still on order and we are awaiting delivery.

Bike Ride on April 15, 2023 – See information above and if you have any questions please contact Tom K4WJC.

New Business:

The club has submitted a list of events that are planned for the club to the Patriots Point/Yorktown staff. Rick and Bryce will be meeting with the new Executive Director for the Yorktown.

Operation day schedule - needs more operators. Membership recruiting is encouraged by all members.

Any other New Business? - None

Drawing: Larry, KJ4GZR

Jeannette, KO4BPH winner

Motion to adjourn:

1947hrs. Motion was seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

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