

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society May 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, May 8, 2023 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Thank you to everyone that supported the 80th Anniversary of the USS Yorktown's Commissioning. I will make sure the Executive Director learns of our support for Patriot's Point.

Our VP suggested that we the Club extend a personal invitation for Museum Ship's week-end and by the time this CARS Carrier arrives I will have made that offer. Contact Tom, AJ4UQ about operating for that week-end. The Club Room will be used with 2 antennas operational and the PBR will be operating portable from the parking area.

July 1, 2023 the new General Class Question Pool becomes effective. This will change a percentage of the questions so plan accordingly.

Team up with a newer Ham and get an up-to-date repeater list. Some of our standard repeaters are down and there are some stand alone repeaters available. Test your station's ability to contact these repeaters and learn how to find out the status of your favorite repeater(s) and find some different ones that are available. As an example, club member "Archie" K4IUG has several stand-alone repeaters that cover a wide part of the Low Country.

Amateur Radio operators (Hams) have always worked in the best interests of the community, keeping up the good image because Hurricane season and severe weather is up coming as summer arrives, now is the time to prepare.

Any items you want the Club to address come to the meeting or contact a Club Officer about your concerns.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

Lots of events coming up, with another head-to-head on Saturday the 13th. Indoors or outside, pick what you like.

Some of you have asked to learn more about digital modes, so I'm planning to use the operating day on the 20th to explain and demonstrate the world beyond FT8 (we can talk about FT8 too, if you want).

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

We are currently at 167 members, 5 of which are associates. This means a quorum at the beginning of the meeting will be 24.3 (in other words 25).

We have one first reading and one second reading at the time of this writing.

1st reading: Mike Fitzsimmons N2LMU.

2nd reading and vote: Mike Wolford N4PSU (new callsign since 1st reading).

Seems we should be able to set a limit on the number of Mikes we have in the club, but since it's my sworn duty to absorb as many hams as I can, maybe we can just call them by their callsigns. If anyone knows a ham that's not named Mike, please

try and convince them to join the club so we can at least keep the percentage of Mikes reasonable.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Safety, Safety, Safety. Always think about safety. Ask friends if they are prepared to survive safely. Don't forget any pets and pet supplies.

Another item sometimes overlooked is your "First Aid" supplies. Certain items do expire and should be checked and replaced. Also have a supply of any medications needed because the pharmacies may not be open immediately.

Either load the NOAA weather channels into an HT or get a dedicated radio for the weather service. There are a total of 10 NOAA frequencies but only 7 or 8 are used regularly. Go to the NOAA website and write them down as information. Also make a current repeater list for local repeaters, the list changes on a regular basis. Download a copy of the South Carolina Tactical Communications Plan from the www.ARES-SC.org site. This will explain the State of South Carolina Emergency Management Department's plan for Amateur Radio and operators.

Get your Plan A ready. Are you going to evacuate? Plan and drive your route in the rain, look for flooded streets and road closures. After that do Plan B as a back-up in case Plan A fails. Then do a Plan C because Plan A and Plan B may fail.

Remember according to FEMA you will be on your own for the first 72 hours so make a check list. Many agencies are happy to provide a suggested list just to ask them. And talk to people who have "been there and done that." Hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, severe events, the Club and emergency Management folks can provide a vast library of information. Just ask.

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

Sign up to work Museum Ships weekend at <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events>. If you ever wanted to be the target of a pileup, this is the event for you. As N8BKN noted above, we'll have two stations in the club room for the Yorktown and Laffey, and we need operators with mobile or portable stations to set up in the parking lot next to the PBR.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

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.

Sign up at the club meeting or online at <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events>

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

MINUTES of the APRIL MEETING

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

All is well with trailer with some minor maintenance issues. Trailer has been cleaned up from bike ride and will be ready for the expo.

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
March			
Checking Balance February 28, 2023			\$ 4,363.44
Cash Receipts March			
	Dues	208.00	
	Memberships	100.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	68.00	
	Interest	0.04	
Total Receipts			376.04
Cash Disbursements -March			
	U. S. Postal Service - 1 yr box rent	(194.00)	
	Pinckney Carter Insurance	(355.00)	
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	ARRL 1 Membership	(34.00)	
	Bank Fee	(5.00)	
Total Disbursements			(588.00)
Checking Balance March 31, 2023			\$ 4,151.48

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

Charleston Amateur Radio Society April 10, 2023 Monthly Meeting

Meeting Called to order by Rick Valentine, N8BKN, President 1904Hrs

Introductions:

Members Present 39

Guests 4

Announcements:

Mars event needs volunteers see Carl WD4CXW

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

Secretary's Report: Brian KN4EXJ – Accepted as information

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte KJ4PLX – Accepted as information

Standing Events Reports

Field Day: Brian, KN4EXJ, The rules are out for Field Day 2023 on the ARRL website. Noted are the changes in the points governing the GOTA station, the max power limits and other items of interest. Additional help will be needed at the GOTA station. We are contemplating a change in this stations antenna arrangement. A person is needed to replace the Single Side Band Captain. Volunteers are requested to contact Brian, KN4EXJ if interested. Dr. Steve Saef, AA2BB is still heading up the CW station and Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ is handling the Digital station.

HamFest: Chairman Needed

Race Support:

Doug, KU4OC

Tom, K4WJC The bike ride is scheduled for April 15th. The trailer is available to support the ride. Tom has found a repeater in the area that can be used instead of the trailer. A discussion followed

and it was decided that the repeater would be used instead of the trailer.

Repeaters: Bryce, K4LXF They speak for themselves. The Summerville repeater is down and will eventually be removed from service. Work continues on the Awendaw repeater and will be down until further notice (June at the latest)

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 Trailer will be used Saturday to support the bike ride.

Emergency Preps:

Berkeley County: Linda, KJ4EUV – No report

Charleston County: Rick, N8BKN No Ares meeting

Dorchester County: Beverly, W3BRB no meeting

Schools: Tom, AJ4UQ: K4PSA on hold. Equipment back in storage

Education/Testing: 21st of May citadel mall no charge for up grading.

Successful testing at Reforge on March 19th.

Successful class and testing at Seabrook on 25-26 March

Successful testing at Tall Pines on April 8th.

Next CARET test is 21 May at Reforge; June 10th at Tall Pines New General question pool goes effective 1 July 2023.

CARS Carrier/Website: Need Articles and photos for the Carrier. Carrier could use a good web designer and editor.

Museum Ships: Weekend on the 3-4 of June, will start the sign up in May. PBR QSL cards have been reordered

Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ, Badge distribution

First Readings:

Michael Wolford, KQ4HLO – General

Bob Dillon, AA1RD, Associate Member

Second Readings: Vote to accept – unanimous to accept

Kraig Keyes, AA4SD

John McCubbin, KQ4HZ

Charles (Chuck) Bolin, K4FAQ

Grace Bolin, KQ4FOC

Old Business:

WD4PBR – QSL Cards have been reordered

Bike Ride April 15, 2023 Tom, K4WJC, The use of the trailer for a repeater to support the race is accepted. Tom has found a second repeater to use. The trailer will be used as needed. The Cordesville repeater will be used as the primary repeater. The trailer will be used for PR.

MS Walk May 13, 2023 needs 6 operators at James Island County Park See Doug KU4OC

MARS Cross Band event May 13, 2023 Carl WD4CXW commented that this is event is good training for Museum Ships and Field Day.

New Business:

James Island Expo May 6, 2023 Hurricane Preparation Expo 10 am to 2 pm Set up is at 9 am. Lowes on James Island just off of Folly Road. Trailer approved for use for this event.

Operating Days – 3rd Saturday of every month. Hours of operation from 11am to 4pm. We need to support this effort.

Membership Recruiting – Every member is encouraged to invite new members.

Reminder to tip the wait staff.

Meeting Adjourned 2000 Hrs

TARC is celebrating their 50 Anniversary at their meeting on April 17th, at the American Red Cross building in North Charleston. A drawing for an Icom 7300.

Drawing: Larry, KJ4GZR, Conducted the drawing for an ARRL membership.

Steve KG4ULR won the drawing.



Rest Stop 3 at the Ride the Lowcountry event

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