

# CARS CARRIER

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

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

This is the end of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society fiscal year. Dues are due on 1 August, 2023 so think about paying at the meeting or directly to the Membership Chair, Lee, KI4LLJ.

Calendar of events:

- Museum Ships is over.
- Field Day is over.

July Meeting events:

- In accordance with Article IX of By-Laws the Board of Directors will meet at 1830 till 1845.
- In accordance with FCC rules the Charleston PBR Group will meet at 1845 till 1900

These meetings are required, and ALL members are invited to attend. The Board of Directors consist of:

- All elected officers
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Chair of the By-Laws Committee

The purpose is to elect Chair and Secretary of the Committee.

The July meeting is when the Club votes for new officers too. A slate of officers was presented by the Nomination Committee at the June meeting and nominations from the floor will occur before the vote. Come out and support your Club leadership and the hard work of the members.

Events the Club voted to support so far in the coming year:

- Isle of Palms Connector Run, the first Saturday in October.
- The LowVelo bicycle ride on November 3, 2023.

Come out and support these events, they are fun events and a learning experience in public service communications support.

Summertime is good for antenna work around the shack. Ask for help from Club members. Do NOT try everything alone, especially tower work. Get a ground crew, offer to help another member either directly or as a ground crew support role. Fatalities have occurred from solo working on antennas please be careful and remember to stay clear of power lines and with summer in the Low Country heat related stresses can occur. Stay safe out there.

Since this could be my last note "From the President" I want to thank the entire Club membership for the opportunity you have given me to serve this great Club and outstanding Amateur Radio Operators.

Hope to see everyone in July.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## NEWS FROM THE VP

Our burst of late-spring and early-summer activities is done, so now it's time to hide in the air conditioning for a few months. Or better yet, create an event for the club to get out and operate with the trailer.

If you worked Field Day from home, your scores can count toward the club's total. When submitting

your entry online, list your club as “Charleston ARS”.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Greetings all and happy Independence Day. For the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CARS club, membership plans to have everything available and ready to accept dues payments for 2024. Jennette and I will be at the meeting to accept payments and hand out receipts and membership cards for the new year. Payments are not due until August 1<sup>st</sup>, but this will be the last meeting before the due date. If you are unable to attend the July meeting, please consider sending your dues (\$20/yr per individual plus \$10/yr for each additional family member in the same household) to Lee Miller KI4LLJ, CARS Membership, 207 Glebe Rd., Summerville, SC 29485. Please make out checks to CARS (or Charleston Amateur Radio Society if you like to write really tiny) and mark for 2024 dues.

We have one first reading as of this publication, and three second readings for the July meeting. The first reading is for Don Ireland KN4EXI. Second readings and votes will be for John Larson KL2AX, Don Harrison KJ7GEB, and Paul Pagenkopp N6VOY.

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,  
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

June is gone and we are now in July, month two of Hurricane season. Three named storms already with the peak between August 15 and September 10. Storms so far this year have been different than in any specific years past, we have had one in the Gulf of Mexico that went South and two that came off of Africa; unusual for this early in the season. Keep your weather radio on and watch for severe weather that everyone knows is still to come.

Start getting your plans together now. When asked at a Club meeting the number of people evacuating increased as storm intensified. Hurricanes can provide time to prepare for, but other severe weather or disasters just happen, prepare now.

Check your supplies from years past, batteries do expire, medications expire, food stored can go bad, so rotate your supplies. Also remember any specific supplies like road games for family members including your pets.

Double check your planned evacuation routes. Road construction, flooded roadways, and detours can affect your route. Make a travel plan and route to outside of area family, it will give them an opportunity to expect your arrival or should a break down occur a starting point and route to give to law enforcement to aid you.

Charleston County EMD uses a combination of text messaging, emails, and conference calls to notify of activations. The county tried out the system recently and found some issues. I tried to call in and the phone number worked but I had difficulty with the group number, also got the e-mail after the call started so I will present this information to Charleston County EMD for improvement from the Amateur community. Stay tuned for further developments.

Charleston County ARES group will meet on the third Saturday on the Yorktown at 0900. That will be on July 15, 2023. The CARS operating day will start after the ARES meeting. Hope to see people there.

Until Next Month, 73  
Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## **FIELD DAY**

We haven't worked out the final score yet, but our CW operation dominated with about 472 contacts. We had 705 QSOs for 1246 points.

Steve AA2BB provided an excellent article on Field Day on the Yorktown. Please read it at <https://wa4usn.org>.

## RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

The IoP Connector Run and LowVelo ride are the next two scheduled events.

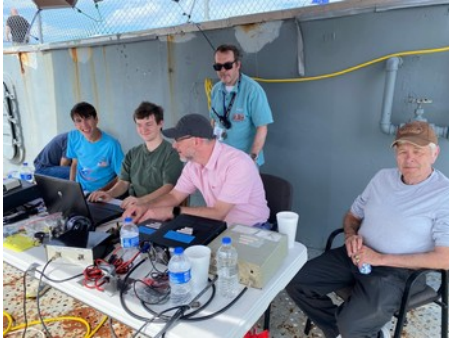
Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC



## SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ



## COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

Generators fueled and secured from field day. Planning to undergo some changes to radio rack configurations and make some improvements to the wiring harness. End of report.

Mike, KY4BO



## FINANCIAL REPORT

## HAMFEST

Congratulations to our new chairman, Paulette, KJ4AIK.

## MUSEUM SHIPS

Field Day on the Yorktown went well, see the article on the web site. We're still waiting for the QSL cards for the PBR boat.

Tom, AJ4UQ

<b>CARS Treasurer's Report May 2023</b>			
<b>Checking Balance April 30., 2023</b>			\$ 4,141.62
<b>Cash Receipts - May</b>			
	Dues	50.00	
	Memberships	40.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	31.00	
	Interest	<u>0.03</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>			121.03
<b>Cash Disbursements -May</b>			
	HostGator Renewal	(130.67 )	
		-	
		-	
	ARRL 1 Membership	(47.00)	

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Total Disbursements			(177.67)
<b>Checking Balance May 31, 2023</b>			<u>\$ 4,084.98</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of the JUNE MEETING

### Charleston Amateur Radio Society June 12, 2023 Monthly Meeting

Meeting Called to order by Rick Valentine,  
N8BKN, President at 1900Hrs

**Introductions:** Members Present 33, Guests 3  
Announcements:

July CARS meeting events:

1830 hrs. to 1835 hrs. Board of Advisors meeting

1845 hrs. to 1900hrs. Charleston PBR Group meeting

Election of Officers for the Charleston Amateur Radio Society in July for 2023-2024

**Secretary's Report:** Brian KN4EXJ – Accepted as information Correction to Paulette, KI4AIK

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlotte, KJ4PLX - Accepted as information

Standing Event Reports:

**Field Day:** Brian, KN4EXJ, I'm still looking for someone to head up the SSB portion of field day. A list is going around for members to sign up as operators or recorders. There will also be a list signup sheet on the club website under volunteers.

**Hamfest:** New Chairman, Paulette, KI4AIK

**Race Support:** Doug, KU4OC, Tom, K4WJC, LOWVELO Ride Nov.4, 2023 benefitting MUSC. Ride starting on the IoP 0700 hrs all day event. Positions needed: NET CONTROL Operator, 10 Field Operators

**Repeaters:** Bryce, K4LXF, Archie, K4IUG, is putting up a repeater, he is invited to link in

### 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: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Weather Training net 2000hrs

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

Newcomers net 2000hrs -2100hrs on the Low Country repeaters

**Communications Trailer:** Mike, KY4BO – Generators, Hurricane season is upon us and now is the time to service the generators. Batteries are in and we are working on a switch for the batteries.

### Emergency Preps:

Berkeley County: Linda, KJ4EVV – No report

Charleston County: Rick, N8BKN – No ARES meeting this month due to field day.

Dorchester County: Beverly, W3BRB – No report

Vice President Tom, AJ4UQ, Reports:

**School Clubs:** Schools are closed.

**Museum Ships:** June 3-4 is an overnight event if staffing is available, sign up on the website. Ships represented are the USS Yorktown CV-10, USS Laffey DD 724, and the PBR 105.

After Action Report – Museum Ships Weekend was last week and went well, except for poor conditions for WD4PBR (3 QSOs logged), About 160 QSOs for the Yorktown and 70 for the Laffey.

**CARS Carrier** – Tom has help with the Cars Carrier. Ford, KK4MRG, is helping with posting and cleaning up the site.

**Education/Testing:** Held a VE test session at Tall Pines on Saturday. Three upgrades, three new Techs. There will be no testing from CARET in July; the next session will be on Saturday 12 August at Tall Pines.

Our VE Team is looking for a new Team Leader. Connie, NR4CB has led the team for four years and will be stepping down after the August test session. After continuing with ARRL VEC for one year after taking over from Shelia, the team transitioned to Laurel VEC so we could stop charging for tests and start filing results electronically. In the past three years since we started with Laurel, we have helped 153 people earn their license, 74 people earn upgrades, and saved candidates \$4,035 on testing fees. Please help us continue to serve the ham community in this way.

Contact Tom, AJ4UQ or Connie NR4CB for more information. Thank You.

**Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ**, Name Tags and membership cards pick up from Lee.

First Readings:

Paul Pagenkopp N6VOY  
Don Harrison, KJ7GEB  
John Larson, KL2AX

Second Readings:

David Shaw, KQ4HGP, KY4EP  
Michael Fitzsimon, N2LMU  
Rich Robinson, KA2VKU

A vote was taken and all second reading were accepted into the club.

I will be out of town on vacation, and will need assists with membership in August. Michelle will help cover membership.

**Old Business:**

WD4PBR QSL Cards Still Waiting – Rick, N8BKN, was assured that they would be here for Museum Ship weekend.

Rick talked about field day. Letter from ARRL.

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**New Business:**

Trailer Batteries – Dave, the battery in the trailer has expired. We are looking to acquiring some used military batteries that are recently been changed out. AGM battery type. Cost for two batteries. \$350.00 plus safety switch. Charger is a standard battery charger.

Tom, K4WJC, LOWVELO Ride Nov.4, 2023 benefitting MUSC. Ride starting on the IOP 0700 hrs. all day event. Positions needed: NET CONTROL Operator, 12 Field Operators and SAG vehicle operators.

Nominating Committee Report, Bryce, K4LXF  
In accordance with the club by-laws the nominations are as follows:

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

Membership recruiting – currently at 173 members. Could always use new members.

Any other new business?

Larry asked about the WD4PBR Group and membership.

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

The drawing was won by: Mark Petit, KN4MJB  
Reminder to tip you waiter.

**Meeting adjourned** at 1945 hrs.