

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society August 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, August 14, 2023 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.*

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Thank you all for trusting me with another term as Charleston Amateur Radio Society President. Hopefully some of my ideas for operating from the U.S.S. Yorktown will meet with Club approval and most importantly with Club support for these extra operating events.

Some Club members have reported they are NOT getting the Club newsletter the “CARS Carrier.” If you do not receive before the monthly Club meeting, please contact me by e-mail at [N8BKN@arrl.net](mailto:N8BKN@arrl.net) or text me at 843-810-3658. I will try and resolve the issue. The Club uses e-mail addresses to send out information just like the FCC now uses this method in order to contact you. Please update your e-mail address if necessary. [We also try to post the newsletter to the web site one week prior to the meeting, so check there as well – Ed.]

Any Club member willing to instruct members in a new mode or format, please contact myself or any other Club officer and schedule a time, date and location for instructing. Help your fellow Club members with a new mode or even a refresher training course. Let us know.

Our Club membership continues to grow thanks to the actions of you the membership. Try to assist or aid less experienced Hams in the areas they may need help with our hobby. At one time everyone was new to the hobby, remember who helped you and then give the same help to a new Ham. Keep the spirit of Amateur Radio going.

Hope to see a full meeting site in August.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## NEWS FROM THE VP

We invite visiting hams to let us know they’re coming so we can open the club room to them. Unfortunately we find out on short notice or their emails get missed. I’d like to suggest someone volunteer to be the club ambassador to handle these requests and make sure our visitors are taken care of. Anybody volunteering?

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

## MEMBERSHIP

[Lee’s on vacation, but it’s still time to pay your dues.]

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,  
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Two months of Hurricane Season are over, but we still have until November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Accuweather experts have predicted an increase in named storms in the Atlantic Basin. Initial estimates were for 11 to 15 named storms, increasing to 13 to 17 named storms. We have already had 4 named storms so far this season and the mid-August to October time frame is historically the busiest with September 10 the peak of activity. So, stay alert and have Plan A, B, C, and maybe even a D just in case a storm heads this way.

Earthquakes are also increasing in numbers in the area. We do sit near a fault line and earthquakes give little to no warning, so please, please stay ready and prepared to assist your community. Earthquakes do disrupt many underground systems especially water, sewers, gas lines, phone lines, pipelines in general, and drop trees which only fall on power lines. Be prepared to evacuate via different than normal routes as roads and culverts may be damaged or gone. Also, ALL bridges and overpasses are ruled "UNSAFE" until inspected so be careful. And watch out for native creatures that have had their usual habitat damaged and are looking for a new place to live.

Check your "Go Kits" supplies and refresh as necessary. Medications, lotions, snacks, and batteries can go bad and are NOT useable. You should keep your radio batteries charged and maybe get some "clamshell" battery cases for AA and AAA batteries. Flashlights need batteries as well. Please label your equipment, unfortunately you set a piece of gear down and accidentally leave it or are called away, your Yaesu FT-60 HT looks just like my Yaesu FT-60 HT so please label your equipment so it can be returned to you safely without confusion. I use my FCC Call Sign on my gear, just a suggestion. Plus, if labelled I know how to return it to you.

Stay Alert and always ask yourself "What If?"

Until Next Month, 73  
Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## FIELD DAY

No report.

Brian, KN4EXJ

## HAMFEST

I am actively looking for a place for Hamfest. I have emails and phones sent.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

## MUSEUM SHIPS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

## RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

The IoP Connector Run and LowVelo ride are the next two scheduled events. See <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events> to sign up.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

## SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

## COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

Cars trailer is sitting quietly and ready to go.

Mike, KY4BO

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>CARS Treasurer's Report</b>			
<b>June 2023</b>			
<b>Checking Balance May 31, 2023</b>			\$ 4,084.98
<b>Cash Receipts - June</b>			
	Dues	95.00	
	Memberships	80.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	44.00	
	Interest	0.03	
<b>Total Receipts</b>			219.03
<b>Cash Disbursements -June</b>			
	Corn Hole Set	(50.00)	
	Postage and	(34.42)	

	Shipping		
	Food for Museum Ships	(131.41)	
	Ice for Club Room	(10.67)	
	ARRL 1 Membership	(47.00)	
	CARS Name Badges	(57.78)	
Total Disbursements			(331.28)
<b>Checking Balance June 30, 2023</b>			<b>\$ 3,972.73</b>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of the JUNE MEETING

### Charleston Amateur Radio Society July 10, 2023 Monthly Meeting

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

**Introductions:** Members Present 41 Guests 8

#### Announcements:

Dues are due 1 August

July 13 Bryce, K4LXF 90th birthday, Congratulations Bryce

Charleston ARES meeting July 15, 2023 aboard the USS Yorktown in the clubroom at 0900 hrs

Club operating day 15 July 2023 in the clubroom at 1100 hrs.

Glenn Little, WB4UIV, has circuit boards for practice naked and propagated.

Cars carrier did you get yours? Let us know.

#### July CARS meeting events:

1830 hrs. to 1835 hrs. Board of Advisors meeting

1845 hrs. to 1900 hrs. 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

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

#### Standing Event Reports:

**Field Day:** Brian KN4EXJ - Thanks to all who participated. Recognized Dr. Steve, Tom Glaab, Engineers Bryce, Rick, Lee, Michelle, and all the operators and club members that worked together to make it a success.

**Hamfest:** New Chairman, Paulette, KI4AIK - No Report

#### Race Supports:

**Doug, KU4OC,**

**Tom, K4WJC, LOWVELO Ride** Nov.4, 2023 benefitting MUSC. Ride starting on the IOP 0700 hrs. An 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 2000 hrs - 2020 hrs

SC ARES net 2000 hrs -2130 hrs On the SCHEART repeaters

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

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

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

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

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

**Communications Trailer:** Mike, KY4BO- The trailer is in storage. (Trailer batteries see Old Business)

**Emergency Preps:**

Berkeley County: Linda, KJ4EVV – No report

Charleston County: Rick, N8BKN – SCEMD booklet  
Emergency kits contents.

Dorchester County: Beverly, W3BRB – David, Discussed recruiting, license not needed. Beverly is conducting Tech. License classes. TARC club brought out their new trailer.

**Vice President Tom, AJ4UQ, Reports:**

**Schools:** Schools are closed.

**Museum Ships:** QSL Cards coming in. The logs for the Museum Ships Weekend have been submitted.

**CARS Carrier** – Thank you to Dr. Steve, AA2BB, for the Field Day article. The WA4USN.ORG domain name renewal is coming up soon.

**Education/Testing:** The next session will be on Saturday 12 August at Tall Pines. ARRL VE session being set up 9 Sept Testing at VA down town.

We are planning an ARRL VE test session at the VA Auditorium on 9/9 for 10 AM test. All General Class, Advanced Class, and Extra Class who have served as VEs are welcome to participate. Please check that your ARRL credentials are not expired, and encourage anybody who is not an ARRL VE to start the process now. ARRL VEC badges are required to be worn during the test. It's okay if we have way more VEs than necessary, as our goal is to reset everybody's five year clock.

There will be no regular July test session; the next one will be Saturday 12 August 2023 at Tall Pines in Ladson.

Our VE Team is looking for a new Team Leader. Connie, NR4CB has led the team for 4 years and will be stepping down after the August test session.

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

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

**Stats:**

Paid voting members (not Associates) 170. Associate members 4. Members for a quorum 26.

Members who are already good for 2024: 25 including 4 Lifetime members: Jim Boehner N2ZZ, Roman Downer, N4SC, Charley Miller, AE4UX, and Bryce Myers, K4LXF.

**First Readings:**

Johnnie Ayers, KJ4DTG

Gregory Current, KI4QQJ

Russell Weidman, W3GAT

Donald Ireland KN4EXI

**Second Readings:**

Paul Pagenkopp N6VOY

Don Harrison, KL7GEB

John Larson, KL2AX

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

**Old Business:**

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

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.

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**New Business:**

Need club input for new mode learning days contact: Dr. Steve, AA2BB, and Tom, AJ4UQ

Membership Recruiting: Always can use new members and activities

**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

**Members Nominations – None from the floor.**

**Motion made to close nominations made and seconded.**

**Vote for club officers for 2024 called for as presented by the nominating committee.**

**Vote was unanimous to accept the current club officers for 2024.**

**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.

Club member support for field day

IOP Connector Run 10/7 23 club support.

Any other new business?

Larry asked about the WD4PBR Group and membership.

Warren reminder about club operating day.

**Drawing: Larry, KJ4ULR** Conducted the drawing for an ARRL membership.

The drawing was won by: Warren KK4EVI

Reminder to tip you waiter.

**Meeting adjourned** at 1943 hrs.

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