

CARS CARRIER

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

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

September is upon us. The weather usually starts to cool off making for easier outdoor projects, kids are back to school changing everyone's routine, and the peak of Hurricane season on September 10 will be here too.

Outdoor activities include antenna work and after school sports. School gets a new schedule for after school events, homework, meetings and Amateur Radio. Keep an eye out for weather events. Some school districts have strict policies about lightning and severe weather, heed their advice.

Watch the news for changes to the routine traffic patterns, and school buses are always on the roads in the mornings and afternoons. Plan to leave earlier to compensate for bus stops and kids running in front of your vehicles. Always watch when near buses, kids do unpredictable things.

Operating Days are getting more popular on the third Saturday. We can put up a second antenna giving two stations the ability to operate. Also, Club members have been asked to prepare a training program on operating days. After the very successful training by Tom AJ4UQ other techniques are going to be offered to the Club. Come out and operate, volunteer to educate on a new mode, come out and get educated in a new mode.

The fall brings back school and other events to stay ready to participate in, ask for help on projects and enjoy the upcoming fall temperatures. If you have

any ideas for more operating days or events contact a Club Officer and we will try and schedule it.

Current pending events are:

- Isle of Palms Connector runs on October 7, 2023. This is a morning event over by 11:30. A great first event to attend, give Doug KU4OC a call and sign up. There will be a sign-up sheet at the CARS meeting.
- Low VELO bicycle ride on November 4, 2023. This will be an all-day event with rest stops, support vehicles, and official support. Tom K4WJC is contact point, and he is looking for Net Control and about 15 operators.

Please, when the Club votes to support these various events make sure you offer to help too.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

We've been through our first storm of the season (a direct hit, if a fizzle)



(just a little dip in the pressure)

I monitored the local and state nets, and as usual heard plenty of unfamiliar calls requesting comms checks during the event. The time for testing new configurations is during the weekly practice nets – TARC on Tuesday, Newcomers on Thursday,

Hospitals on Thursday, and ARES on Sunday. In addition to getting an equipment check, net controllers will become familiar with your call and your voice, making for a smoother net. Experienced net controls can generally ID a regular caller by the time he calls, "Net contr...".

As noted elsewhere in the Carrier, one of my favorite events is coming up – the Isle of Palms Connector Run, as well as a new favorite, the LowVelo bike ride in the National Forest. Sign up and join us.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

I'll be back in town before the September meeting. [Dues are due.]

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

[editor's note: This article was submitted four storms ago (last week).] September is the peak of Hurricane Season. The peak is September 10, 2023. There is a depression in the Gulf of Mexico that will impact Florida by Tuesday or Wednesday before September but watch the track Charleston could get more rain and winds. The coast of Africa is starting to get active as well, keep watching for severe weather. Remember Hugo was the fourth storm in line, not the first storm in line.

Check your supplies in case a storm does come this way. Stores will run out of items quickly so get a head of the game by checking now. Bread will stay good in your freezer so get a spare loaf. Paper products last for a very long time, doing dishes when water is restricted can be easy if paper plates and plastic eating utensils are available for throwing away. Get that extra stock of garbage bags now to store trash later and the big trash bags make usable emergency rain ponchos too.

Watch for little kids and school buses now that school is back in session. Plan to leave earlier to

allow longer travel times because of buses and school. After-school events will be happening too so be careful in school zones and around school buses.

Check your Amateur gear out now. After a severe weather event branches from trees fall on antenna's make sure you have a ground crew for tower work, ask for help with antenna work the Club has many members just waiting for a chance to help with your antenna project.

Check with your local schools and ask if they have an emergency plan, you may be able to help them out and keep kids safe at the same time. Remember new school buildings are not made like the old days of all blocks and cement, they have more glass and other energy efficient systems. Evacuating many folks from school needs coordination both controlling students and parents arriving to pick them up before a disaster hits.

Earthquakes do occur in South Carolina and have been more frequent lately. Just because they have all been minor does not mean we are safe, historically the Low Country is overdue for a damaging quake so stay prepared.

Until Next Month, 73
Rick Valentine, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

No report.

Brian, KN4EXJ

HAMFEST

I am still trying to find a location for the hamfest. If anyone has any suggestions please let me know.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

MUSEUM SHIPS

Waiting for Museum Ships Weekend certificates and WD4PBR QSL cards.

Tom, AJ4UQ

FINANCIAL REPORT

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.

The IOP Run organizers have asked the CARS club to provide communications for this event on Saturday, October 7th. This is a low-key event that starts at 8 a.m. and ends shortly after 10. We will need to meet at the parking lot of the Harris Teeter around 6:30, where I'll hand out shirts to those who participate. We will have our communications trailer on site with our own repeater. We no longer do time-calling. We just are stationed along the course to monitor the race and report anything unusual to Net Control. I'll prepare a Communications Plan to distribute to everyone. This is always a lot of fun and we will meet at the Sea Biscuit on Isle of Palms for brunch afterwards. If you haven't participated in a race before, this is a good one to start out in. I can pair you up with someone who has experience, if you want. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events> and I'll have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting. Indicate your t-shirt size and where you would like to be stationed.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

The TARC club has reached out to Palmetto Scholars Academy to see if there is interest in reviving the K4PSA club.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

The CARS trailer has a small nylon tube that needs replacement. Will do this within the month. Its antenna related and does not affect operational use of the antenna. (drain line). That's all to report.

Mike, KY4BO

CARS Treasurer's Report			
July 2023			
Checking Balance June 30, 2023			\$ 3,972.73
Cash Receipts - July			
Dues	915.00		
Memberships	80.00		
Raffle Proceeds	84.00		
Dues Check Returned	(40.00)		
Deposit Error	0.02		
Interest	<u>0.03</u>		
Total Receipts			1,039.05
Cash Disbursements - July			
Battery and Breaker	(336.81)		
Field Day	(558.03)		
Certificate of Organization Documents	(29.76)		
Domain Renewal	(18.95)		
ARRL 1 Membership	(47.00)		
Return Item Fee	<u>(12.00)</u>		
Total Disbursements			<u>(1,002.55)</u>
Checking Balance July 31, 2023			\$ 4,009.23

	Annual Financial Report			
	For the Year ended July 31, 2023			
Beginning Checking Account Balance -				\$ 4,463.15

August 1, 2022				
Revenues				
	Memberships	540.00		
	Dues	3,593.00		
	ARRL Drawing	625.00		
	Membership Dues & ARRL Drawing		4,758.00	
	Bank Error on Deposit		0.02	
	Interest Earned		0.43	
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	Total			4,758.45
Expenses				
	ARRL (memberships)		(478.00)	
	Misc. expenses (printing, stamps, bank charges, etc)		(209.40)	
	Christmas Party		(2,321.45)	
	Pinckney Carter Co.- Gen Liab Insurance		(355.00)	
	US Postmaster-12 mos PO Box rental #70341		(194.00)	
	Member Name Tags		(287.03)	
	Field Day and Museum food and gas		(689.44)	
	Website hosting		(130.67)	
	Domain Name Renewal - W4USN.org - 1 yrs		(18.95)	
	Trailer Maintenance		(76.62)	
	Battery and Breaker		(336.81)	
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	Total			(5,097.37)
Ending				\$

Checking Account Balance - July 31, 2023				4,124.23
Net Decrease for Year		\$ (338.92)		
Savings Account Balance		\$ 27.39		

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the AUGUST MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society August 14, 2023 Monthly Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: 1900Hrs by President Rick Valentine, N8BKN

Introductions: Members attending: 47 Guests: 6

Announcements:

Hawaii ARES requests a clear Frequency at 7.088MHz USB for disaster ops. www.hawaii.ares.net

W4DXCC event Pigeon Forge September 29 and 30, 2023

Books for Tech and General License are available to club members. See Rick, N8BKN

Tailgate event in Chester, SC August 19, 2023

New Life Baptist Church 1044 Columbia Rd, Chester, SC

School starts August 21 Dorchester County, August 23 Charleston County, and Berkley County August 21 2023 please pay attention to students and buses.

HAMFEST in SHELBY, NC Labor Day Weekend September 1-3 at the fairgrounds.

Secretary's Report –Brian, KN4EXJ – Comments or Corrections Accepted as Information. **Accepted**

Treasurer's Report — Charlotte, KJ4PLX – Comments or Corrections Accepted as Information. **Accepted**

Standing Events Reports:

Field Day — Brian, KN4EXJ – Waiting for the final computation of the results

Hamfest — Paulette, KI4AIK – Looking for a venue the cheapest one found was over \$3,000.

Race Support Reports:

Doug, KU4OC – IOP Connector race October 7th. Contact Doug for additional information. Check the CARS Carrier for sign up list.

Tom, K4WJC – Lovello Ride participants are needed. 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 – Congratulations on his first CARS Club meeting as a 90 year old. Colleton repeater and the Moncks Corner repeaters have had their locks changed. Many of the repeater are located in hospitals – emergency power is not an issue. Archie, K4IUG, is installing a repeater in Adams Run. It is unknown if it will be linked in.

Communications Trailer — Mike, KY4BO – Trailer is fine.

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

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

Emergency Preps:

Berkeley County, Linda, KJ4EVV –

Charleston County, Rick, N8BKN – SC Tactical Communications Plan. SCHEART 2mm is the tactical band for EOC, 70 cm will be for hospital systems. Low country will remain same. Each county has simplex system in place. See the SC Tactical Communications Plan for additional details.

Dorchester County, Beverly, W3BRB – Working on the system.

School Clubs — Tom, AJ4UQ – No Report. Schools have not started up yet.

Education/Testing — Tom, AJ4UQ – Testing was done at Tall Pines Baptist Church on Saturday. Six tested. An ARRL test session will be held on Saturday 9 September at 1000 at the VA Hospital. A Laurel test session will be held Sunday 17 September at 1500.

CARS Carrier/ Website — Tom, AJ4UQ – The Minutes will be in the CARS Carrier. The Carrier is posted to the web site on Sunday a week before the meeting. Additional articles are always welcome.

Museum Ships — Tom, AJ4UQ – The results will be delayed this year due to medical issues with the staff.

Membership — Lee, KI4LLJ – Dues are due pay Michelle, KK4WQO.

First Readings:

Reed Elkin, KM4LCF

Second Readings: ALL accepted into the club.

Johnnie Ayers, KJ4DTG

Gregory Current, KI4QQJ

Russell Weidman, W3GMT

Donald Ireland KN4EXI

Old Business:

WD4PBR QSL Cards - Not here yet.

New Business:

Membership Recruiting – We can always use new members and activities.

Next Meeting plan on talking about the Christmas party/December Meeting.

The November Meeting maybe moved due to Veterans Day.

Any other new business? - None

Drawing, Larry KJ4GZR: Winner: Mike Edwards, KJ4TAC

Remember to TIP your staff.

Meeting Adjourned at 1931Hrs

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