

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society October 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, October 9, 2023 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.**

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Another month is done, and a new month is starting. In accordance with CARS By-Laws if your Club dues are NOT paid or arranged by 1 October you are no longer a voting member of the Club. Please get your dues in to Lee, KI4LLJ soon.

By the time of the monthly meeting the IOP Connector run will be history. Thanks to everyone that supported this Club sponsored event and get ready for the Low Velo Bike Ride in November.

QRZ, RT Systems, and Gigaparts have teamed up for a repeat of the QRZ-1 program for newly-licensed Hams. They have an HT dual band radio, the program and cable, and a membership in QRZ for a very reasonable cost. This is another recruiting tool to get more Ham operators. Contact QRZ-1 for details at <https://www.gigaparts.com/qrzjumpstart>.

October will bring Halloween and the Coastal Carolina Fair as well as many High School and College events, so plan your time and travels accordingly.

A really good opportunity to learn to become a Net Control Operator is the Newcomers Net. It only takes a small amount of time on Thursday evening, and you will learn many tricks and techniques, making you a better operator. Contact Don, KK4WWV to volunteer for a session. For the last session Steve, AA2BB ran the net from his vehicle so a fancy station set up is NOT necessary. Give yourself a chance.

Enjoy the cooler temperatures and season,

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## NEWS FROM THE VP

My radio time has been limited by work on the bathroom above my shack (and it's been too hot to operate outside). The bathroom plumbing is done and my radios are back. This means the return of the 2m digital net on Sunday and Wednesday evenings; if you want to try the Contestia 64/1000 mode on 145.700MHz USB at 2030L (Sun) and 2000L (Wed). If there's interest I can call the net in FM mode.

As I put this newsletter together, member KV4WM, Dennis, sent this link about Charleston's newest communications landmark:

<https://wirelessestimator.com/articles/2023/charlestons-historic-skyline-is-degraded-by-a-5g-mono-toilet-paper-pole-residents/>. Enjoy..

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

## MEMBERSHIP

Greetings members in good standing and bad. If you had not paid your dues by the time this was written (9/27/2023), you should have received an email from me reminding you that, as of the first of October, you lose your voting privileges in the club. Yes you have now become a member not in good standing. This was not the first reminder that has been sent out so if you are not reading and heeding the emails, please pay attention to this here article in the newsletter, go back and find that email with all the information you need to catch up on your dues

so you can start voting again. The next reminder that goes out will be a postal mailing and that's when you start costing the club money, and not just costing me my oh-so-valuable time. So far only half the members have paid their dues and it's been two months since the new membership year started on August 1st (that's when you're supposed to pay 'em).

The email I sent this time has my address, email, phone, and how much to pay, but I will repeat it once again here for all to see.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ  
CARS Membership  
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Dues are \$20/yr for the first person in each household and \$10/yr for additional members in the same household. As soon as I receive your dues, you will once again be a member in good standing. We currently do not have a method to pay dues electronically so cash or check are the two options available (I will take gold though if you wish). We cannot be responsible for cash lost in the mail either so if you're mailing your dues, check is best. Checks should be made out to Charleston Amateur Radio Society (or CARS if you prefer). Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,  
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

September is over and now starting October. We still have 2 months until the end of Hurricane season. The letter R has been used and according to the weather service the Atlantic is ahead in named storms for this time in the season. We are not over the predictions.

The Low Velo bike ride in November is another opportunity to test your ability to operate outside of your comfort zone and established radio shack. Sign up, support the Club activities, and learn some new skills. For experienced operators take a new

operator and show them some tricks you have mastered already.

October means Coastal Carolina Fair is in town. Take an HT with you because cell phone coverage can be spotty. The Exchange Park and vendors bring in extra portable cell repeaters but bandwidth is always critical. No problem with Amateur Radio. Also darkness comes sooner look out for kids especially the Trick or Treaters on Halloween.

Check your vehicles out. Colder weather impacts battery starting power and other parts of a vehicle. Start keeping seasonal clothes or shoes in your vehicle as New York City found out flooded streets make travel impossible and walking may be required. Some vehicles have the air intakes at bumper/grill level not on top of the engine; flooding out your engine is easier than you think in deep water. Remember "Turn around, Don't drown."

On October 4, 2023 at 1420 hours the FEMA and FCC will be testing the Emergency Alert System. The notifications will be sent to cell phones and commercial radio and TV stations. This is an annual test so expect it. (I will send out a blast before the event).

Emergency Management Area 3 is doing their Simulated Emergency Test on October 4, 2023. They have a Winlink station and want to test its coverage so if you are Winlink capable please reply to them.

October is ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) month and Charleston County will be doing this test on October 21, 2023 (Third Saturday) on the Yorktown. Please come out, bring an HT and its user manual, and be prepared to demonstrate the use of emergency communications. I do have a plan and your inputs and participation will be fun.

Until Next Month, 73  
Rick Valentine, N8BKN

## **FIELD DAY**

No report.

Brian, KN4EXJ

## HAMFEST

I am still looking for a place for Hamfest.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

## MUSEUM SHIPS

Received MSW certificates. Waiting for WD4PBR QSL cards.



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

All is well with the trailer, with some small general upkeep on it. Plan to use trailer for IOP run.

Mike, KY4BO

## FINANCIAL REPORT

|   |                   |         |                    |
|---|-------------------|---------|--------------------|
| <b>CARS Treasurer's Report</b>          |                   |         |                    |
| <b>August 2023</b>                      |                   |         |                    |
| <b>Checking Balance July 31, 2023</b>   |                   |         | \$ 4,009.23        |
| Cash Receipts - August                  |                   |         |                    |
|   |                   | -       |                    |
|   |                   | -       |                    |
|   | Raffle Proceeds   | 71.00   |                    |
|   |                   | =       |                    |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                   |                   |         | <b>71.00</b>       |
| Cash Disbursements -August              |                   |         |                    |
|   | ARRL 1 Membership | (47.00) |                    |
|   |                   | =       |                    |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>              |                   |         | <b>(47.00)</b>     |
| <b>Checking Balance August 31, 2023</b> |                   |         | <b>\$ 4,033.23</b> |

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## MINUTES of the AUGUST MEETING

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society  
September 11, 2023 Monthly Meeting**

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

**Introductions:** Members attending: 43 Guests: 2

**Announcements:**

22 years since the worst attack on the U.S. More people perished than in the Pearl Harbor attack

Roanoke Division Town Hall meeting Thursday September 14, 2023 at 2000hrs. See Rick after meeting for login information

Need a Net controller for the newcomers net.

Ship to Ship contact with the SS John W Brown September 17, 2023, Last functioning Liberty Ship wants to make a radio contact with the USS Yorktown.

Bill Dean's, N4JKA, mailing address

September is National Preparedness Month Check NOAA Hurricane for the latest hurricane information.

W4 DXCC event Pigeon Forge September 29 and 30, 2023

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

**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 – \$3,000 for facility is lowest price found for a venue.

#### **Race Support Reports:**

Doug, KU4OC – IOP Connector race October 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Doug for additional information. Check the CARS Carrier for sign up list. Pass around list.

Tom, K4WJC – Low Velo 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 – Nothing to report

**Communications Trailer** – Mike, KY4BO – Trailer is fine. Trying to work with church for external power supply for trailer to keep the batteries charged.

#### **Emergency Preps:**

Berkeley County, Linda, KJ4EVV –

Charleston County, Rick, N8BKN – Hurricanes Lee and Margot operating day this weekend. Additional training in other modes will be provided

Dorchester County, Beverly, W3BRB – 147.180 repeater is up. Had a simulated drill checking coverage in shelters

#### **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

**School Clubs** – Tom, AJ4UQ – No Report

**Education/Testing** – Tom, AJ4UQ – No Report

Eugene, AB4UG - testing for ARRL certification testing session 3 people tested all past next session is Sunday September 17, 2023 at Reforge in Citadel Mall. October is October 14th.

**CARS Carrier/ Website** – Tom, AJ4UQ – No Report

**Museum Ships** – Tom, AJ4UQ – No Report

**Membership** – Lee, KI4LLJ – Dues are due

#### **First Readings:**

**Second Readings: ALL accepted into the club.**

Reed Elkin, KM4LCF – Membership accepted

#### **Old Business:**

WD4PBR QSL Cards – Still waiting

November Club meeting location and time -

**New Business:**

New Members are always sought.

**Proposal for disposal of Club excess equipment: Propose Club engineers be given authority to dispose of this equipment.** Discussion followed. It was accepted by vote of club members present to allow the club engineers to check the equipment, dispose of broken equipment, set the price of good equipment and determine a method of disposal.

December meeting/Christmas party Paulette has made arrangement at the Holiday Inn Riverview. Cost to member is \$20.00 per person, \$1,800.00 cost to club. Club voted to spend the \$1,800.00. Voted to spend the money.

Discussion of proper emergency communication procedures. Don't do a radio check in the middle of an emergency. Plan ahead before the actual event.

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Don Landon – Thanking everyone for their thoughts and prayers. The newcomer's net needs to be built up again and net controllers are needed. Being a net controller is an excellent way to gain the experience in managing group communications.

Chinese gift value is raised to \$15.00.

**Any other new business? - None**

**Drawing, Larry KJ4GZR: Winner: Mike Patey**

Remember to TIP your staff.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1958 hrs**