

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society November 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, TUESDAY, November 14, 2023 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The year 2023 is almost over. Went by awfully fast and I hope it gets recorded as a good year for everyone. The Coastal Carolina Fair will be done by the time folks read this along with the LowVelo Bike Ride. Hope everyone enjoyed and likes this time of year.

As a reminder, this will be the last CARS Carrier for 2023. Traditionally there will be no December issue. The December meeting location changes to the Round Holiday Inn – short meeting – Holiday party after, get your reservation in to Paulette, KJ4AIK. She needs to schedule food and tables. Also note that the gift exchange is now a maximum of \$ 15 vs \$ 10 (last year).

This month's meeting will be November 14, the second Tuesday. We have changed the date because Golden Corral is honoring veterans as in past years CARS moves to Tuesday. Hope to see everyone there.

Anyone with ideas for events or operating days please contact a Club officer. Some things have been proposed for 2024 but more are wanted and needed.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

The LowVelo bike ride was yesterday, and it was a beautiful day for it. Maybe a little chilly for the

riders until afternoon, but I didn't hear any complaints. Linda KJ4EVV took the net control duty, and really worked closely with the ride director. She took requests from them and re-directed SAG (support and gear) vehicles to the parts of the course that the director needed more awareness of. It was very dynamic compared to a typical event.

I was with a SAG driver who is part of the bicycling community, and he was very interested in our support and used the net to get his questions answered. He also pointed out many of the MUSC doctors and researchers who were riding.

The ride provided handheld "net radio" type devices that used the cellular network. They spent quite a bit of time offline out towards the National Forest, while the amateur gear continued to work.

The WA4USN-5 APRS digipeater and igate is offline at the moment. It appears that the Raspberry Pi controlling it has died. The digi is an important link in the area, so I will try to get basic functionality as soon as I can bring the right equipment up to the site.

The clocks on the Yorktown and Knightsville repeaters have been reset to Eastern Standard Time. The meeting announcements and scheduled links should happen on time.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

I'm sure our esteemed Grand Leader has already mentioned, but I will remind everyone, that this

month, and this month only, the meeting of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society will be on the second TUESDAY of the month, that there will be no newsletter in December (we give Tom one month off each year), and that there will be no meeting at the Golden Corral in December due to our meeting that month being the annual Holiday Dinner Meeting/Party at the Round Holiday Inn.

Speaking of that party, I attend every year with my wife and fellow membership committee member Jennette KO4BPH and it is always enjoyable. If you would like to attend you need to get your RSVP in to Paulette via email, firefighter1464@yahoo.com, post haste, and send your dinner fee to her as well. She does a marvelous job of planning and executing the party and does not deserve to have people coming to her after the deadlines with a "please may I make your life harder" request.

Now down to actual membership business. We have 182 members currently (by opening of old and new business at this month's meeting it will be 185). As it currently stands, at the end of January we will lose 55 members due to failure to pay their annual dues. That's how many are "not in good standing" at the time of this article. This does help us make quorum, as most of our regular attendees have paid by now and according to our By-Laws our required quorum for this month's meeting will be 20 voting members. I think we will not have a problem making quorum (unless everyone forgets that this month it is on Tuesday). We would love to have way more than the required quorum however and would love to see everyone's smiling face (even if it's behind a slice of lemon meringue pie), so please consider pulling up anchor and heading to the Golden Corral for the meeting this month.

Following is a list of members who have not yet received their club name badges. Please contact me so that we can arrange the most equitable means of getting your badges to you. It currently costs nearly \$5 to mail each of these so in many cases a meeting may save the club some money.: James KI4TAT, Pam KO4WWN, James KO4UCZ, Ivy KI7YJC, David KB2UBO, Chris KO4VEN, Patrick KO4WSC, Chip KO4ZNH, Joseph NE1JT, Francis KO4RZA, John KQ4FHZ, Patrick KE8NSL, Peggy

KJ4OZV, John KQ4DZH, Kraig AA4SD, Don KJ7GEB, Jeff AA4BC, Denise KN4DDC, Michael N2LMU, Paul N6VOY, John KL2AX, Reed KM4LCF, Rich KA2VKU, Russ W3GMT, Don KN4EXI, Johnnie KJ4DTG. Email me at ki4llj@arrl.net or call or text (843)518-0669.

First readings: (none as of this writing)

Second readings:

Gregory Kellum KQ4LEH
Charles Guerry WD4CWY
Frances Guerry WD4RBD

Happy Holidays and if I don't see you before, I'll see you when I see you.

Lee Miller KI4LLJ,
CARS Membership Committee Chairman

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Only one month left in the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane season. Remember the season doesn't officially end until 30 November so stay alert.

Winter doesn't officially start until 21 December but the weather changes rapidly. Watch for slippery roadways, wet leaves can reduce tire grip the same as ice, drive a bit slower in areas with leaves covering the roadway.

According to the ARRL and ARES Amateur Radio operators are trained and licensed by the FCC to support Various government and non-government agencies including the Emergency Support Functions (ESF):

Communications (ESF-2)
Medical (ESF-8)
Public Info (ESF-15)

It still takes additional training and practice to get and to stay proficient so check into the Sunday night Low Country ARES net and the South Carolina ARES net. Just checking in makes you more proficient and trained in net procedures. Learning a valuable skill during a disaster is tough, better to practice the skill so it's automatic.

WD4PBR – Don Langdon KK4WWV

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

The IoP Connector Run and LowVelo ride are over, and there are no scheduled events at this time.

Thank you to all who came out to support them and demonstrate ham radio’s value to the community.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

With cooler temperatures a change to your vehicle is prudent. Check the battery, a weak battery can and will fail at the worst time. Keep a blanket or coat in the vehicle, cars cool down to outside temperatures very quickly once the engine is turned off. Before starting the vehicle check the tailpipe is clear too. And as we mentioned with wet roadways check your tires – “slicks” are NOT good rain tires.

Until Next Month, 73
Rick Valentine, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

No report.

Brian, KN4EXJ

HAMFEST

I am still looking for a place for Hamfest.

Also the Christmas gathering/meeting is approaching. Please RSVP sooner rather than later.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

MUSEUM SHIPS

The club is the holder of several call signs, primarily representing our museum ships. Before using any club call sign (not just CARS) you need to get permission from the trustee and notify a club officer – we like to know what’s going on before the FCC or band cops send us nastygrams. The main club call sign, WA4USN, is generally available for any club activities. The USS Laffey NT4HI is reserved for activities related to the Laffey. We still hold the call sign NJ4DU for the USS Clamagore, but since she is no more, we need to consider what we want to do with it.

CARS club call signs and trustees:
WA4USN – Ken Bible AF4ZV (or Tom AJ4UQ)
NT4HI – Tom Glaab AJ4UQ
NJ4DU – Warren Richey KK4EVI

Related:

SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

Cars trailer is tucked away in its resting place waiting for the next event. All is well.

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
September 2023			
Checking Balance August 31, 2023			\$ 4,033.23
Cash Receipts - September			
	Dues	575.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	54.00	
	Returned check redeposited	<u>40.00</u>	
Total Receipts			689.00
Cash Disbursements -September			
	ARRL 1	(47.00)	

	Membership		
	Christmas Party Deposit	(500.00)	
Total Disbursements			(547.00)
Checking Balance September 30, 2023			\$ 4,175.23

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the AUGUST MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society October 9, 2023 Monthly Meeting

Called to order: 1900

Roll Call

Announcements:

- Aiken County Tailgate: This event is this Saturday, October 14th. Handouts were available at the meeting.
- LowVelo Bike Ride: This event is Saturday, November 4th all day. Starts on the IOP at 0700. It is a fundraiser for MUSC Cancer Center. Contact Tom Rader K4WJC for further information. He will be out of town for the event. A Net Control is needed and total of 10 Field Operators. Please sign up on line <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events> or contact Tom. The Awendaw repeater will be in use. There is also a need for SAG drivers.
- There will be a 100-mile horse ride event in Florence, SC. The event is Tuesday, Nov 7th. It is a minimum of a 6-hour commitment.
- FEMA, USGS Great Shake Out is Thursday, October 19th at 1019 AM.
- Secretary's Report: Brian KN4EXJ: Minutes from Sept 2023 were accepted as info.
- Treasurer's Report: Charlotte KJ4PLX: See CARS Carrier Sept 2023. Accepted as info.
- Standing Reports:
 - Field Day: Brian KN4EXJ: No report
 - Hamfest: Paulette KI4AIK: No location as yet. The locations

considered to date have been cost prohibitive. Insurance is not an issue.

- Repeaters: Bryce K4LXF
 - 146.94 This repeater in Knightsville has been unlinked repeatedly.
 - 145.49 in Monks Corner is down. Bryce unable to get the keys to the lock to check it further.
- Communications Trailer: Mike KY4BO:
 - A rubber hose was fixed on the trailer. It functioned well at the IOP Run this past weekend.
- 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 and New Comers net 2000 Hrs. - 2100hrs on the Low Country repeaters
- Emergency Prep:
 - Repeaters: SC TAC Plan
 - Dorchester County:147.180 Primary. POC Beverly W3BRB
 - Charleston County: 146.790 Yorktown: POC Rick N8BKN
 - Berkley County: None POC Linda KJ4EVV
 - Private: Adams Run:147.345 Tone

- 141.3 Archie's covers some of Berkley, Dorchester and all of Charleston Co. which can be used as the backup.
- Daniel Island: Winlink 145.060
- HF: 40 Meters: 7.232 LSB
- HF: 80 Meters: 3.990 LSB
- Simplex: Charleston Co: 147.570 does not cover the entire county
- School Clubs: Tom AJ4UQ
 - TARC: St John Catholic School is considering submitting an ARISS school contact application.
 - School Club Round Up Contest 16-20 Oct on HF
- Education and Testing: Tom AJ4UQ
 - 14 Oct 23 Saturday at Tall Pines Baptist Church in Ladson.
 - 19 Nov 23 Sunday at Reforge at the Citadel Mall in West Ashley.
 - KK4WWV is trying to schedule a class and test soon.
- 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 An informal activation event may be held on 11 Nov 23.
- Membership: Lee KI4LLJ
 - Dues are due. Current delinquent is 68.
 - Total membership is 185. Regular members is 181. Voting members is 115. Quorum needed is 18.
 - First Readings: All accepted by the club.
 - Charles Guerry WD4CWY General: Retired living in Hollywood, SC
 - Frances Guerry WD4RBD General: Retired living in Hollywood, SC
 - Gregg Kellum KQ4LEH General: Software Engineer living in Georgetown, SC
- Old Business
 - WD4PBR: QSL cards: still waiting
- New Business
 - CARS meeting will not be on a Monday in November due to Veterans Day. It will be on TUESDAY, Nov 14th, same location at the Golden Corral
 - Note: The Coastal Carolina Fair is 26 Oct- Nov 5 2023 at Exchange Park in Ladson, SC. Be careful due to high traffic and safety with fair-goers.

Renata, KQ4ASH

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