

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society January 2024 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, January 8, 2024 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

A New Year and new goals and issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to Paulette, KJ4AIK for setting up and running the December meeting and party. She did an excellent job as always.

Thanks to Jeanette, KO4BPH and Sonja, WA4WVD for the party favors and helping at the Party.

A tailgate is offered at the TARC Winter Field Day event. More information is available on the TARC website. www.tridenthams.org

A DX expedition to Vanuatu is planned for October 2024. Contact Van, N4VGE for more information.

A General Ham Class is scheduled for March 16 and 17, 2024 with a VE test on the 17th. Will be at the VA Hospital downtown.

Does the Club still want to continue with Operating Days in Yorktown? Attendance at these events has dwindled to just a few members.

If there are Club members that need help with planned projects this year, please reach out to the Club. We have members that can help you but we have to know you need the help. The members of the Club have many skills, talents, and knowledge; let us take advantage of these skills.

Want to try a different operating mode this year? Let the Club know I am sure you can find a member or two to act as an “Elmer” and make learning your new mode easier.

The HOA antenna bill in the US House (HR4006) has been sent back to the Committee but should make the floor this year. It has passed the House before. The South Carolina bill H4549 is also in committee, and it is hoped to make the SC House floor before end of session. More information will follow as it becomes available.

The next Roanoke Division Town Hall is scheduled for March 28, 2024 at 2000L check it out if you have never joined. Good information is put out about the ARRL, FCC, and local events and items of interest to the Amateur Community.

Steve, AA2BB is the 2024 ARRL Field Day Captain for the Club. I am sure he will be contacting members for special needs and give him your support. The Club finished well last year so let us do better this year. It is an excellent chance to promote Amateur Radio and the many facets of this hobby.

Happy New Year and hope to see everyone at the Club meeting or events.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

As noted in November, the WA4USN-5 APRS igate on the Yorktown wasn't responding. A new SD memory card for the Raspberry Pi got it back up

quickly. If you have an APRS radio try out the internet-enabled messaging.

The TARC club has used its ARRL grant to engage local schools in radio-related STEM events. The latest project was building crystal radio receivers with the elementary and middle school students at Saint John Catholic School in North Charleston. Despite the patience needed to wind over 40 turns on the main coil, all the radios worked the first time they were tested. If you've never built a crystal radio, give it a try – they're fun.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee's main focus this month will be on contacting those who STILL have not submitted their dues. At the end of the month, those who have not paid will be stricken from the rolls of the club and in accordance with the by-laws will have to pay the \$20 joining fee in addition to back dues to rejoin. For those who are current, thanks for staying with us and being caught up. Happy New Year to everyone and hope to see you in the coming months.

Lee KI4LLJ and Jennette KO4BPH
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

New Year and now only 5 months until the start of the 2024 Hurricane Season. Start your planning now.

The Low country is overdue for the January or February Ice Storm. Being stranded is a very unpleasant situation. Keep a blanket or sleeping bag in your vehicle, it does not take long for a vehicle to get as cold as the outside. Also keep a good pair of walking shoes in case you must leave your vehicle (flip flops in snow are not fun.)

Other natural disasters include earthquakes. No warning and it could take several days to get help in the Low Country so stay prepared. FEMA states it takes them 72 hours to get help to the area. Keep

some canned goods around; cold beans and weenies are not great but better than going without something to eat.

NEVER self-deploy. Wait for the contact or call as to where you need to go. Many reasons or things will factor into deploying for a disaster. There could be road closures, loose wildlife, or other damage or threats. Believe me you will be called to help when it is safe. Remember FEMA's definitions:

- First are you safe? If you are not safe protect yourself first.
- Second, is your family safe? Make sure they are safe too.
- Third, if # 1 and #2 are good then you can aid your community.

Lastly, check your "Go Kits" equipment out, charge up your batteries, check your first aid supplies and maintain your vehicle. Cold weather will strain your battery and storage capacity.

73 Rick, N8BKN
Happy New Year and stay safe.

FIELD DAY

No report.

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Fingers crossed we will have a place for a hamfest in February 2025

As for the Christmas Party, I would like to thank everyone who attended. I hope that you enjoyed yourselves. I know that there were a few issues that night, but they have been addressed with the management.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

MUSEUM SHIPS

Still no word on WD4PBR QSL cards. I will need to get some post card stock and make something in order to clear the backlog of requests.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

No report.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

The CARS trailer is quietly resting, all is well.

Mike, KY4BOs

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
October and November 2023			
Checking Balance September 30, 2023			\$ 4,175.23
Cash Receipts - October			
	Dues	380.00	
	Memberships	60.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	60.00	
	Close Out REV Savings Account	<u>27.39</u>	
Total Receipts			527.39
Cash Disbursements - October			
	Member Name Tags	(65.00)	
	ARRL Membership	(47.00)	

	Postage	(141.12)	
		-	
Total Disbursements			(253.12)
Checking Balance October 31, 2023			<u>\$ 4,449.50</u>
Checking Balance October 31, 2023			\$ 4,449.50
Cash Receipts - November			
	Dues	215.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	<u>47.00</u>	
Total Receipts			282.00
Cash Disbursements - November			
	ARRL Membership	(49.00)	
			-
			-
			-
			17.00
Total Disbursements			(49.00)
Checking Balance November 30, 2023			<u>\$ 4,682.50</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the NOVEMBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society
November 14, 2023 Monthly Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: 1901 Hrs. by President Rick Valentine, N8BKN

Introductions: Members attending: 45 Guests: 1

Members recognized for their military service by Military Branch and Years Served

Announcements:

Ham Radio Prep has allowed access to club members a new class

December Meeting Party is at a different location it will be at the Round Holiday Inn. Date 11 December

No Nets on Thanksgiving

LowVelo ride went well great effort on the part of our members

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 – The December QST magazine has the 2023 Field Day results. The club placed 6th overall in the state with 55 units reporting. In the 2A Class we placed 3rd. Again a big thank you for all those who participated.

Hamfest – Paulette, KJ4AIK – Still looking for a venue location

Race Support Reports:

Doug, KU4OC – No Report

Tom, K4WJC – No Report

Repeaters – Bryce, K4LXF – No Report

Communications Trailer – Mike, KY4BO – Need Traffic Cones for the Trailer

Emergency Preps:

Berkeley County, Linda, KJ4EVV –

Charleston County, Rick, N8BKN – 18th meeting at the Yorktown operating day

Dorchester County, Beverly, W3BRB –

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 – Eugene, AB4UG – Reforge citadel mall next Saturday, Tall Pines in December

CARS Carrier/ Website – Tom, AJ4UQ – No Report

Museum Ships – Tom, AJ4UQ – No Report

Membership – Lee, KI4LLJ – **Dues are past due. Up dating your records is your responsibility.**

First Readings:

Mike Bell, KQ4MEA

Nate Lischak, N3CPT

Second Readings:

Gregory Kellum, KQ4ELH

Charles Guerry, WB4CWY

Frances Guerry, WD4RBD

Ed Conrad- associate member

Old Business:

WD4PBR QSL Cards – Still waiting.

Don Langdon is looking for help with the newcomers net.

CERT teams FEMA respond to a local ham operator to ep in Charleston during hurricane to facilitate emergency response.

New Business:

New Members are always sought.

NOAA spotter training virtual training for weather reporting. Date 12/15 weather.gov/Charleston

Next year NOAA will be bringing the p3 or c-130 to Charleston to tour. National Hurricane Center are frequency 14.325 MHz and 7.XXXX.

ARRL will rebate money to the club if new members join the ARRL.

Any Other New Business?

Drawing – Larry,

Tip the wait staff

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Meeting Adjourned: 7:35PM

MINUTES of the DECEMBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society December 11, 2023 Monthly Meeting

The December meeting was held at the round Holiday Inn in Charleston in conjunction with the annual club Christmas Party. A short meeting was conducted before the festivities began.

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Valentine, N8BKN at 7:00 PM

A membership report was made by Lee, KI4LLJ, Associate Members:

Ray Johnson, KC8RUJ

Mathew Fiedel, NOAVY

Second readings:

Mike Bell, KQ4MEA

Nate Lischak, N3CPT

All presented were accepted.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 PM

This report is submitted by Warren, KK4EVI who was in attendance at the meeting. Thank You Warren.

Brian, KN4EXJ