

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society March 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, March 11, 2024 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Another month closer to the 2024 Hurricane season. Start planning your Plan A, B, C, and D just in case this year we are unlucky.

Always looking for new members and activities the Club wants to do. We are a Club full of Amateurs with a variety of skills and I have never met a Club member not willing to share the knowledge or experience needed to assist any ham that asks.

The bill regarding antenna restrictions has been presented to the full South Carolina House and is proceeding. Contact your representative and get them to support this bill.

Summer plans and Club events upcoming:

- May – MARS Cross band event (usually Second Saturday)
- June – Museum Ships weekend (First Weekend)
- June 5 Charleston County FSX (hurricane)
 - May unlink 146.790 MHz Repeater for the drill (Yorktown)
- June 7 Sinking of USS Yorktown CV-5 at Battle of Midway Special Event possible.
- ARRL Field Day weekend (Fourth full weekend)
- Operating days on the Yorktown every third Saturday of the coming months.

Any other suggestions will be welcomed.

Lastly, Weather predictions are for a more severe Spring with storms and tornados and of course heavy rains mean flooded roads so plan and prepare just in case.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

One of the fascinating aspects of amateur radio is how it supplements so many other hobbies. Providing observers and communications for charity events is a very visible one. Less obvious is using APRS for high-altitude balloons and high-powered rocketry. A less frequent opportunity is to provide atmospheric observations during an eclipse – take a look at <https://hamsci.org/eclipse> and share your findings.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

With the exception of 1 second reading for full membership, and 1 first (and only) reading for an associate, as of this writing, things should be pretty calm in the membership department for a few months before the dues crunch starts up again. Please consider putting a reminder in your smart, semi-smart, or dumbell phone to pay your annual dues by the end of July. Also, please continue to encourage any ham buddies that you have who aren't in the club, to join in with us. I am going to try and make the registration form a little more self explanatory, especially in the prorated dues area, during the next couple of months (heads up Tom) [so noted – Tom].

Anyone who is unable to make it to a meeting can email membership if they would like an email copy of the current roster (either by call suffix or alphabetically by last name). If I get a lot of requests it may take a few days as I won't be able to send everyone's all at once and expect them all to go through. Send your request to ki4llj@arrl.net and I will start the e-train rolling.

Lee KI4LLJ and Jennette KO4BPH
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The South Carolina Full Scale Exercise will be conducted on March 12, 13, and 16, 2024. Hams will participate on March 16, 2024. The scenario will be attached to the emailed newsletter; it is not intended for the general public so it will not be posted to the web site.

The Charleston area does have Earthquakes so start thinking about your preparations now before the event actually happens.

73 Rick, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

A number of local politicians have accepted our invitation to Field Day. We are likely to have at least 3 local officials join us for the event.

We plan to send invitations to the media to join us for FD next month.

At the February meeting the club approved a motion that we participate in the ARRL FD event. A budget of \$2,000 for FD expenses was approved. All unused funds will be returned to the club.

Our CW station will be a "slow speed" station. That means we want anyone with an interest in CW to give it a try. We will not be working for points at the CW station. If anyone is interested in learning morse code please check the ARRL.org website for CW practice files. Code practice mp3 files are available there for free (<https://www.arrl.org/code->

[practice-files](#)). 5 WPM will be fine for our FD station!

Anyone wishing to assist with FD operations should contact me.

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Nothing new to report.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

MUSEUM SHIPS

The invitation to participate in Museum Ships Weekend on 1-2 June 2024 just came out. I propose we activate the Yorktown and Laffey from the club room, and invite mobile and portable stations to activate the PBR.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

Ride The Lowcountry Bike Ride is Saturday April 13, 2024 (Formerly Ride After The Bridge Run)

We need 10 to 12 volunteers for Rest Stops and SAGs. Sign up online (<https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events>) or at the March meeting with Tom Rader, K4WJC ... email K4WJC@att.net

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

CARS trailer is ready for action!

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2023			
Checking Balance December 31, 2023			\$ 2,910.00
Cash Receipts - January			
	Dues	60.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
		-	
		-	
Total Receipts			80.00
Cash Disbursements - December			
	Member Name Tags	(50.53)	
	Printer Paper	(37.44)	
Total Disbursements			(87.97)
Checking Balance January 31, 2024			\$ 2,902.03

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the FEBRUARY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society February 12, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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

Introductions: Members attending: 42 Guests: 5

Announcements:

March 12, 13, (Tuesday and Wednesday) and 16th of 2024 South Carolina Full Scale Exercise (Earthquake in Charleston) downtown on King

Street. 12 and 13th are for public emergency services. 16th are for HAMS (March 2009 QST Magazine)

October 5, 6 2024 ARES Communications event planning. Hams only event.

Books for Tech and General are available.

With the passing of Sonja Penland, WA4WVD, there will be NO funeral services. Potentially a Memorial Service pending

SC House Bill H 4549 talking points are available, and the hearing has been moved to Feb. 28th.

General Ham Class, March 16, 2024 and March 17, 2024 with VE Exam on the 17th, at the VA hospital

South Carolina QSO Party February 24, 2024

CSS H.L. Hunley Event on February 17th at Fort Moultrie Trident Amateur Radio Club Sponsoring

Secretary's Report –Brian, KN4EXJ Accept as information

Treasurer's Report – Charlotte, KJ4PLX –Accepted as information

Standing Events Reports:

Field Day – Steve, AA2BB- Sent out 50 invitations to attend with eight responses including a resolution from the SC state legislature. Would like to organize a slow CW station. Looking for those who would like to operate at around 10 wpm.

Hamfest – Paulette, KI4AIK – No Report

Race Support Reports:

Doug, KU4OC – No Report

Tom, K4WJC – No Report

Repeaters – Bryce, K4LXF – Problem on the 94 repeater dropping out several times because of a bad

capacitor. A replacement radio is available to replace the existing radio.

Communications Trailer – Mike, KY4BO – Traffic Cones have been obtained

Emergency Preps:

Berkeley County, Linda, KJ4EVV – Last Saturday of month

Charleston County, Rick, N8BKN – 2nd Saturday

Dorchester County, Beverly, W3BRB –

Briefing on the March disaster drill.

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 – It's School Roundup Week. HF bands

Education/Testing – Eugene, AB4UG – Test was at Tall Pines Baptist Church 2 new license and 1 upgrade. General Ham Class, March 16, 2024 and March 17, 2024 with VE Exam on the 17th, at the VA hospital downtown Charleston.

No charge for the class or the test upgrade. \$35 fee for a new license or renewal.

CARS Carrier/ Website – Tom, AJ4UQ – Could use more content.

Museum Ships – Tom, AJ4UQ – Waiting for word on Museum Ships Weekend 2024.

Membership – Lee, KI4LLJ –

Total Membership to date 162

Paid up Members 162

Regular Voting members 158

Lifetime members 4

First Readings: (1)

Jakob Kunzler, KZ4AZ

Second Readings: (2) All Accepted

Matt Friedel, N0AVY

Harmon Shade, K4HIS, General license

Old Business:

WD4PBR QSL Cards – Still waiting.

March 8-9 Charlotte Hamfest date

March 28th next ARRL Roanoke Town Hall Meeting

New Business:

Proposal that the club support the ARRL Field Day for 2024. Passed club vote.

Proposal that \$2000 be set aside for Field Day 2024 expenses. Passed

Membership Recruiting: We can use new members and activities

Any Other New Business?

Meeting Adjourned: 19:49 Hrs.

Drawing – Larry,

Brian, KN4EXJ

Tip the wait staff

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