

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society May 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, May 13, 2024 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Another month closer to summer. Great time to come operate on the Yorktown and our Club Room.

Upcoming events:

- May 11, 2024 0800 till 1700 MARS Cross band event. An annual test to show Hams can supplement Department of Defense communications.
- May 11, 2024 MS Walk at James Island County Park. Contact Doug Clark, KU4OC and sign up.
- June 1-2, 2024 Museum Ships. The USS Yorktown is a museum ship.
- June 7, 2024 the 82nd Anniversary of the USS Yorktown (CV-5) Sunk at Midway.
- June 21-23, 2024 ARRL Field Day weekend. We operate outside of the Club Room.

Come out and operate HF and enjoy the time with Club members.

We are teaching a Technician Class and VE test in June and again in September so if you know of a prospective Ham let them know and invite them to join our hobby.

Springtime provides the best time and weather for working on antennas and outside stuff. Get a plan together and if you need help please ask. We have many Club members, and I am sure somebody knows how to help you and is very willing so just ask.

Remember that summer means travel, tourists, and traffic. Please be careful out there. Summer also means less participation in regular nets. We will still have the Newcomer's net on Thursday night and the Low Country ARES net followed by the SC ARES nets on Sunday nights. Take the time and check in to them. Speaking of nets, the Newcomer's net is always looking for Net Control Operators. It is an easy net to learn and Don, KK4WWV would appreciate the help. In a real emergency you could be the Net Control Station until relieved by a more experienced operator.

Hope to see everyone at the May meeting.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

We're coming up on many operating events – Museum Ships Weekend, Field Day, and a new one for the CV-5 Yorktown. This would be a good time to refresh your knowledge of how to do computer logging of contacts. Computer logging automatically timestamps contacts, alerts you to duplicate contacts, pre-fills previous contact information, and makes post-event reporting much easier. There is a document on the club web site www.WA4USN.org under the Museum Ships menu, as well as many internet resources.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Jennette and I will be out of the area for most all of May. Mr. President, Rick N8BKN has graciously agreed to read the following information at the May

meeting of the CARS club. In case you are unable to make it to the meeting you will have all the same information via this important newsletter.

Readings for May 13, 2024 CARS Meeting

First Readings:

1. Robert Denman
K4RWD/General/Retired/Charleston
2. Grelon Williams
KQ4PYS/General/Retired/Summerville

Second Readings:

1. Owen Trott KF5BLK
2. Travis Rogers KQ4QEO
3. Johan Linner KY4ZF
4. Zack Aislabie VK6AAS

All uncompleted paperwork, dues payments, name tag preferences, etc. will be handled upon the Membership Committee's return at the end of May. If there are any questions that cannot wait for our return, please email ki4llj@arrl.net, or text me at (843) 518-0669. I'll get back to you as soon as I'm able. Since I am attending several ceremonies during my time away, it may take some time for me to meaningfully respond.

Current membership 171
Voting membership 163
Quorum for meeting 25

Lee KI4LLJ and Jennette KO4BPH
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

May is the most tornado-active month according to the Weather Service. While tornadoes are infrequent in the Low Country, they are still possible so do not let your attention on severe weather events be only for hurricanes.

Predictions for the 2024 Hurricane season are available and getting the attention of the Weather Service and Emergency Management. Depending on which agency's predictions you follow here are some numbers:

- Named Storms: 23 on Colorado University, 20 to 25 on Accuweather
- Hurricanes: 11 on Colorado University, 8 to 12 on Accuweather
- Cat 3 + : 5-7 on Colorado University, 4 to 7 on Accuweather
- Impact U.S.: 4 to 6 on Accuweather.

Start preparing now, not later. By the way the predictions from 1989 (Hugo) were: 11 Storms, 7 Hurricanes, 2 cat 3+ and season ran from 06/15/89 to 12/04/1989. So, June to November does not always apply.

Do not forget about other natural events, severe thunderstorms can affect outside activities and travel plans (flooded streets, power outages, etc.). Earthquakes are still possible due to the fault line in the Summerville area. Always remember in a lightning storm seek cover and not under a tree, also sitting on metal bleachers with an umbrella might not be a wise choice either.

And lastly, get out and enjoy the pleasant temperatures and sunshine, it will get hotter.

73 Rick, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

The 2024 ARRL Field Day is now only about 7 weeks away!

Invitations have been sent to the major Charleston TV news stations, the Post & Courier, and the Moultrie News. The Moultrie News replied almost immediately and has added us to their calendar.

We expect 1-3 local politicians to attend.

Transceivers, antennas, generators, computers for logging, and a plan for food, etc. are in hand. Assignments for set-up will be forthcoming.

Those interested in operating please be sure to mark your calendars to be available for any part of the 24 hours of FD during which you would like to participate, from June 22nd at 2pm through June 23rd 2pm.

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Nothing new to report.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

MUSEUM SHIPS

The club has registered the Yorktown, Laffey, and PBR-105 to participate in Museum Ships Weekend on 1-2 June 2024. Watch for a link to sign up to operate from the club room. We are looking for mobile or portable HF stations to activate the PBR boat from the parking lot.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

Ride the Lowcountry says, "On behalf of the Ride the Lowcountry committee and almost 600 riders, we want to especially extend our warmest thanks to the dedicated and knowledgeable ham operators who truly made this event possible. Thank you. Please share this email with your crew."

We are looking for operators for the MS Walk on Saturday 11 May at James Island County Park. Contact Doug KU4OC at dclark611@gmail.com to sign up.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

CARS trailer repositioned and is being washed!!
Inventoried and found acceptable.



Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| CARS Treasurer's Report | | | |
| March 2024 | | | |
| Checking Balance February 29, 2024 | | | \$ 3,610.00 |
| Cash Receipts - March | | | |
| | Dues | 80.00 | |
| | Memberships | 40.00 | |
| | Raffle Proceeds | 40.00 | |
| | ARRL Commission on new membership | 15.00 | |
| Total Receipts | | | 175.00 |
| Cash Disbursements -March | | | |
| | ARRL Membership | (59.00) | |
| | USPS Box Rental 1 Year | (200.00) | |
| | Pinkney Carter Insurance | (390.00) | |

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| Total Disbursements | | | (649.00) |
| Checking Balance March 31, 2024 | | | \$ 3,136.00 |

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the APRIL MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society April 8, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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

Introductions: Members attending: 38, Guests: 4

Announcements: Rick, N8BKN,

Thanks for earthquake drill players

Charleston County Drill June 5, 2024 (Wednesday – Hurricane)

Ride the Low Country April 13, 2024

MARS Cross Band event May 11, 2024

Museum Ships weekend June 1 – 2, 2024

Sinking of USS Yorktown CV-5 special event June 7, 2024

ARRL Field Day weekend June 21-23, 2024

Secretary’s Report –Brian, KN4EXJ Accepted as information

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

Standing Events Reports:

Field Day Steve, AA2B- Letters are being sent to the local media outlets. Letters have been sent to local political officials inviting them to visit. Plan

on meeting with Rick and Bryce concerning the status of the equipment, antennas and generators. Organizing operating teams.

Hamfest – Paulette, KI4AIK – No Report

Race Support Reports:

Doug, KU4OC – Nothing to Report

Tom, K4WJC – Ride the Low Country bicycle ride formally the ride after the bridge run. Date April 13, 2024 Start is from the Awendaw Municipal Park 7900 Doer Road Awendaw, SC.

RidetheLowCountry.com is the registration site for riders. To help, contact Tom Rader at K4WJC@att.net. You will need at least a 25 Watt mobile unit. Four people are needed in the SAG vehicles and 2 people per rest stop. There will be two rest stops. Ride starts at 8 AM. Contact Tom at (843) 302-6242 or at K4WJC@att.net for additional information. Let’s HAM UP and Support the Ride.

Meet with me after the club meeting for administrative paper work and site assignments.

Repeaters – Bryce, K4LXF – Colleton County hospital repeater was off line. The repeater was replaced and is up now.

Communications Trailer – Mike, KY4BO – Trailer is being moved in preparation for washing.

Emergency Preps:

Berkeley County, Linda, KJ4EVB – Last Saturday of month

Charleston County, Rick, N8BKN – 2nd Saturday Preparing for hurricane season. Start of hurricane season is June 1st. Important frequencies to monitor are:

National Hurricane Center 14.325MHz and 7.268 MHz back up

Caribbean hurricane net 7.188MHz

Maritime net 14.300Mhz

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 –

Education/Testing –Tom, AJ4UQ – Previous test at Tall Pines gave two new techs and one general upgrade. Next testing is Saturday 13 April at Tall Pines Baptist Church. Remember the Extra question pool changes in July, so if you've been studying, test before then.

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

CARS Carrier/ Website – Tom, AJ4UQ –

Museum Ships – Tom, AJ4UQ –

STEM - Chip Joint Base Charleston Airshow - Heroes of Flight

STEM Day: 19 April 2024 (0900 - 1400)

Open to registered schools/DoD ID card holders

Airshow Days: 20 - 21 April 2024 (0900 -1630)

Open to the General Public

EVENT DETAILS

Who:

Joint Base Charleston and Local Partners

What:

Joint Base Charleston is hosting a STEM Day in conjunction with the 2024 Charleston Airshow for local schools to help increase awareness of, and inspire students about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) career fields. Students will have the opportunity to view and interact with many different STEM-based activities and displays provided by the United States Air Force, Department of Defense, and local partners. They will also have the opportunity to visit with various military and local law enforcement recruiters.

Where:

Joint Base Charleston Flight Line. Please use the maps provided for instructions on how to enter base and park for the event. Maps and parking passes are provided starting on page 6.

When:

April 18, 1200 – 1700: Initial set-up time for STEM Exhibits and Recruiters

April 19 – 21, 0730: Morning show time for STEM Exhibits and Recruiters

Here is the sign up sheet for this event.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090444A5AF28A6FA7-47280369-jbchs>

We need more committed helpers for Friday April 19th, 9AM to 2PM, Saturday April 20th and Sunday April 21st. Please consider signing up for either morning or afternoon shifts. We want to really promote TARC and its STEM endeavors to the students and public.

Please email Chip Mack at: WB4ZVR@gmail.com

All those attending Friday will receive an Airshow Volunteer Parking Pass, which is close to our STEM Display Trailer. You can return on Saturday or Sunday and help out if you choose, or just attend the show.

Your club really needs your support for this event. Come promote the learning and skills experience with amateur radio to the students and general public. Will you be there?

Membership – Lee, KI4LLJ – Membership renews in July.

Total Membership to date 164

Paid up Members

Regular Voting members 159

Lifetime members 4

First Readings:

Owen Trott, KF5BLK General

Johan Linner, KY4ZF Extra

Travis Rogers, KQ4QEO Technician

Zackery Joseph Aiblabie, VK6AAS (Australia)

Second Reading:

None

Old Business:

WD4PBR QSL Cards – Still waiting.

New Business:

Nominations Committee – Bryce, K4LXF- No Report

Membership Recruiting: We can use new members and activities

Any Other New Business?

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Mike, KJ4FAG -Recommended that \$750.00 for the Museum Ship for operators. Voted on and passed.

Drawing – Larry, Jennette KO4BPH won

Tip the wait staff

Meeting Adjourned: 19:40HRS

Brian, KN4EXJ

It is in Giving that We Receive Submitted by Steven AA2BB

I recently spoke with John Larsen, KL2AX, a member of our club who has since moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico and he gave me permission to report to the club a very positive experience he had with the ham radio community there. Just prior to leaving Charleston, he loaned his ICOM 7300 to a local ham. After arriving in Albuquerque, he went to a local tailgate hamfest in which he won a lottery. The prize was, guess what? An ICOM 7300! But rather than claim the prize, he announced that he would like the club sponsoring the event to donate the radio to a new ham meeting two qualifications:

- 1) That the recipient not already have an HF radio.
- 2) That the recipient promise to use the radio.

So, a member of the CARS had a very happy experience with a ham radio club in Albuquerque NM. John reports that, most definitely, the reward from giving the radio to a new ham was much greater than having received it for himself.