

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society August 2025 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, August 11, 2025 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Another term in office as your President. Thanks to everyone that has confidence in my leadership. I have the BEST support people in this Club. The VP Tom, AJ4UQ does an outstanding job backing me up and all of the other things he does for the Club. Charlotte has been doing an excellent job as Treasurer during the many changing rules and money management events. Paul should do an outstanding job as our new Secretary. And finally, ALL of the Committee Chairs will continue doing the superb jobs they do now. I especially want to thank the Club Field Day Captains and Membership Chair. Lee keeps me up to date on total members, number needed for a quorum at meetings and is my go-to resource for Robert's Rules of Order.

The Section Emergency Coordinator is seeking volunteers for the State ARES net. He needs Net Control Stations. If you want to step up and be a State wide Net control give Robert a call at: 612-791-5876 or E-mail at: Robert.webster@ares-sc.org. More to follow.

This is the 250th year celebration of America. If you have any ideas for special event stations or to assist any planned events let the Club officers know, and we can gather support and announce them. Along with new events do not forget the events the Club has supported in years past.

Until next month, 73
Rick N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

We're well into hurricane season and it's been quiet. It seems that every front that stalls out over SC delivers a bunch of rain then heads out to sea to become an aspiring tropical system. If that's all we get this year I'll be very happy, the lawn loves the watering.

Remember that it's not enough to keep you batteries charged, batteries lose capacity over time. Test your radios under load to see if you can still get hours of use or if you'll disappear the second or third time you key up during a net.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

I'll start out with the boring old numbers. We currently have 171 total members. 164 are voting members which means 25 voting members are required for a quorum. This actually includes the members that will be voted in on the 11th, so I'm cheating a bit, but new business will take place after the second readings (I assume) so they will be voting at this meeting. As of this writing (on July 31st) just over half of the members have paid their dues for the upcoming year. This means that almost half of the members have not paid their dues and their membership cards have now expired.

I like communicating with members but it always seems that most of my communication involves begging for money for the club. It just makes me feel too much like a politician (one of the bunches that keep asking me for money in MY email). The saddest part about this year so far though, at least to

me, was the fact that everyone had plenty of notification that the July meeting would be the last meeting before the dues deadline to pay at, and several folks at the meeting who needed to pay, didn't.

So even though you won't have a card to prove it, you're still a member in good standing until October 1st (aren't our By-Laws generous). At that time you will lose your voting privileges if you still have not paid your dues. Why not go ahead and pay them now. I will then send you your receipt and new membership card, and not bother you about money until NEXT July.

Speaking of not bothering you, Jennette and I will be out of town for the September meeting and the October meeting. I'll be back in town between those dates so I'll be able to catch up on any dues that were received while I was gone. Mike Wolford N4PSU, who so graciously helped me collect dues at the July meeting, will represent the membership committee at those two meetings. I will be checking emails while I'm gone so if you come up with something you need to contact me about please do so.

There will be Club Rosters available at the August meeting, alphabetically by either call suffix, or last name, your choice.

Hope everyone is enjoying the 110+ feels like temperature (I'm definitely not).

Lee KI4LLJ
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

According to the "Farmer's Almanac" the earliest a storm hits Charleston directly is August 15th. The time to prepare has arrived.

We have experienced strange weather so far this Hurricane season but the peak is September 10th so there is a long way to go yet.

August State ARES nets will be Aug. 3, Aug. 17, and Aug. 31. This is caused by a lack of Net Control Stations. If interested in being a Net

Control for the South Carolina ARES net, please contact Robert Webster the Section/State Emergency Coordinator at: 612-791-5876 and volunteer. Need more information see me after the meeting or call me direct.

Hurricane Emergency Frequencies:
7.188 MHz Caribbean Emergency
Net
7.232 MHz SC ARES Net
7.268 MHz Salvation Army Net or
NHC net
14.300 MHz Maritime Mobile Net
14.325 MHz National Hurricane Net
(NHC)

Keep these HF frequencies handy.

No storms in the Atlantic currently but a storm is possible forming by the NC Outer Banks but is going out to sea. There is also a possible front coming off of Africa to start watching so stay aware and weather wise.

The Low Country ARES Sunday net will continue weekly due mostly to Hurricane Season and making sure everyone stays up to date on changing weather. Please go to the National Weather Service Charleston website to check out the NEW flood warning system approved for Low Country flood warnings there are some changes to learn.

Until Next Month, Stay Safe
Rick, N8BKN Charleston County Emergency
Coordinator.

FIELD DAY

We had a very successful event and, more importantly, a great time! Though not a contest, we did extremely well in accomplishing the mission of FD. We had respectable showings in multiple modes including SSB, CW, FT8, solar, satellite & 6 meters. Our total score was 3,786 points which is outstanding! We'll need to wait for the publication of results in December to see how we stack up nationally.

Many thanks and Kudos to all participants!
Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Nothing new for Hamfest

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

MUSEUM SHIPS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

Nothing is coming up for a while.

Doug, KU4OC

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

Installed new air compressor to inflate trailer tires. Old unit battery was beyond useful life and was more economical to replace unit.

Also making plans to possibly utilize CARS trailer for upcoming training event in near future. Will update when more information is available. Trailer will not need to move from EOC but will operate in the parking lot.

That's all I have for now.

Mike KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
June 2025			
Checking Balance May 31, 2025			\$ 1,168.72
Cash Receipts - June			
	Dues	45.00	
	Memberships	60.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	39.00	

	ARRL Commision on Memberships	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Receipts			154.00
Cash Disbursements -June			
	Member Name Tags	(57.78)	
	ARRL Membership	(59.00)	
	Museum Ships	(237.72)	
	Trailer Expenses	<u>(89.20)</u>	
Total Disbursements			<u>(443.70)</u>
Checking Balance June 30, 2025			<u>\$ 879.02</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the JULY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society Monthly Meeting July 14, 2025

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

Introductions: Members attending: Associate: Guests:

Announcements: Rick, N8BKN,

K4LXF Bryce turned 92; Steven AA2BB will serve as Field Day Chairman for 2026.

New England HamXposition August 24th

Yorktown repeater now has a tone 123.00 all the time.

Nomination Committee

Michelle, Nomination Committee Slate of officers Rick, Tom, Paul, Charlotte vote was unanimous

Secretary's Report –Brian, KN4EXJ - Accepted as information

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

Standing Committee Reports

Field Day- Steven AA2BB-

Museum Ships – Tom, AJ4UQ – Submitted Logs

Hamfest – Paulette, KI4AIK – Nothing to report

Repeaters – Bryce, K4LXF Nothing to report

School Clubs – Tom, AJ4UQ –Nothing to report

Race Support Reports:

Doug, KU4OC – IOP Run in October 4th

Tom, K4WJC – November 8th

Linda, KJ4EVV - New repeater on the uhf band waiting for the climber to install.

CARS Carrier/ Website – Tom, AJ4UQ – Thanks to Steven AA2BB for the Field Day article and to KI4LLJ for the Hurricane Expo article Looking for articles, stories of interest.

Submissions/announcements send to
CARSINFO@wa4usn.org .

Communications Trailer – Mike, KY4BO –

Education/Testing –Eugene, AB4UG – Looking for Extra Class Licensees to act as VE examiners. Contact Eugene, AB4UG.

July testing will be on the third Sunday at 1500 at Reforge; August testing will be on the second Saturday at 0900 at Tall Pines Baptist Church.

Larry, KJ4GZR, Code practice still continues.

Membership – Lee, KI4LLJ – Membership renews in July.

Total Membership to date 164

Regular Voting members 157 with 4 life members

Lifetime members 5

Associates 7

First Readings:

Joe Greer, WD4HPT General Class

Robert Griffin, KQ4VPI General Class

Second Reading:

Michael Maheu KQ4KOV, Technician

Emergency Preparedness:

Berkeley County: Linda, KJ4EVV- No Report

Charleston County: Rick, N8BKN –

Dorchester County: Beverly, W3BRB, A reminder that there will be a Hurricane Expo May 31, 2025 at Ashley River Park.

National Hurricane Center **14.325 MHz** and **7.268 MHz** back up

Caribbean hurricane net **7.188 MHz**

Maritime net **14.300 MHz**

Archie's Repeater back up for 146.790 is K4IUG 147.345 +600 Tone 141.3 Adams Run location.

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 3.990 MHz

WinLink Net on Tuesday

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

ARRL Section Elections – remember to vote.

Check the state emergency comms plan:
<https://ares-sc.org/tactical-communications-plan/>

Old Business:

IOP Race sign up at August Meeting

WD4PBR QSL Cards – Rick, N8BKN- Still pending.

Slow Speed Code Class 8pm Wednesday 79
repeater

New Business:

Drawing – Conducted by Larry, KJ4GZR,

Meeting Adjourned: 19:47 Hrs

Paul KQ4ZTB

CARS CARRIER
Charleston Amateur Radio Society

