

# CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society September 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, September 8, 2025 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.***

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Another month closer to the end of 2025. Time has seemed to have picked up speed again. Cooler weather always leads to more outdoor activities with school events, antenna improvements before winter, and other things. Please remember school is in session and that means children will be at bus stops and not paying attention to traffic so be careful out there.

Only upcoming events that I know of is the IOP Connector Run in October, always the first Saturday so mark your calendars it is a fun event that is over by 11:00 AM. Next event is the LoVelo bike ride in November again mark your calendar and plan to support the ride.

A General Ham class and VE test will be taught on September 20, 2025, and September 21, 2025. The location is the Ralph H Johnson VA Hospital auditorium starting at 0800 on Saturday. The VE test open to all should start about 1400 (2:00PM) on Sunday. There is NO food service available at the Hospital so plan accordingly.

There will be an Operating day on the Yorktown the third Saturday even though I will be at the General class. Lee, KI4LLJ will be opening the Clubroom around 11:00 that day so visit the Clubroom and do some radio operations.

Everybody enjoy the fall weather that's coming. Prepare for the Coastal Carolina Fair, Halloween, and the rest of the holidays.

Until next month, 73  
Rick N8BKN

## NEWS FROM THE VP

We're headed into the fall activity season with opportunities to get outside and exercise your equipment. While some of the events can be quite taxing (I once was assigned Race Director Tail for a spry lady who had walked over half of IoP before I reported the first runners were finishing, leading to our dash for the finish line), there are plenty of less-vigorous stations. Bring a chair and work a mile-marker or man a rest area (easy bathroom access). These real-world activities are great practice for emergencies.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

## MEMBERSHIP

The regular membership announcer (me) at the meetings will not be present for the next couple of meetings, so if he is the reason you're not coming to meetings, feel free to come on down the next two months. Membership will have skeleton representation and will announce first and second reading membership applications at each meeting. Our skeleton is Mike Wolford N4PSU. He may not be able to answer all of your membership questions (we don't trust him with THAT much information), but he will be allowed to accept dues and hand out receipts, membership cards, and name badges (you can let me know if he did a good job when I get back).

Check out the minutes of last months meeting in the "minutes of last meeting section" (Hmm!) and add

two to the member totals (I'm making my checklist for toting the camper around the country so I don't have time to do all that math right now). I will be checking my email and texts (except maybe on race days) so if you have something to vent, or just to inform me of (like a new call, address, email or phone #) please don't hesitate. We will be back local the last part of September, before leaving again in October so I will try to catch up on any mail in dues, applications, etc., etc.

First Reading: Carl Yacullo K2SLI, General Class, Occupation is "Driver", lives in Mt. Pleasant

Second Readings: Dennis Pool KR4BLI, Technician Class, Retired, N. Charleston; Jason Boehm KQ4TJC Technician, Office/EOC manager, Mount Pleasant

Hope all had a good Labor Day, I did enjoy the "false" fall we had this week but it looks like the heat is coming back, take care.

Lee KI4LLJ  
CARS Membership Committee

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

This month is the peak of Hurricane season. September 10th is the actual peak so please stay vigilant we are NOT home free yet.

The South Carolina Emergency Management Department and ARES are doing a communications exercise to evaluate communications systems should a major disruption occur. Here are the details:

September 12, 2025, Friday, Mike, KY4BO and I will be working from the Charleston County EOC radio room in the morning. The purpose is to check in with the SCEMD Communications trailer and the SCHEART communications trailer which would be deployed near a disaster area. Local ARES members should try to contact their county EOC by as many means as possible, use as many repeaters as you can reach, digital modes, and simplex mode. Learn your location and equipment limitations. On Friday afternoon Mike and I will move to the CARS communications trailer located at the Charleston

County EOC and repeat our efforts from the morning.

September 13, 2025, Saturday. We will be at home attempting to contact as many ARES members as possible locally. Again, use repeaters, simplex, HF, and digital modes to record your contacts. It will be knowledge for your station's capabilities and what you can do in an emergency. Use the SC Tactical Communications guide.

Other information, if contacting using HF also record the following information: Antenna type, Power level, Signal report, QTH (not required for VHF/UHF repeater contacts) Please note information for simplex contacts.

Tactical Callsigns:

SCEMD Trailer = SCEMD Mobile #1

SCHEART Trailer = SCHEART Trailer

Winlink addresses:

SCEMD Trailer = gturner@emd.sc.gov

SCHEART Trailer = NCS802@winlink.org

Any questions please reach out to me or Mike for more information.

I plan to do an ARES check-in at 10:30 on Friday on the Low Country repeater system so listen up and check in. Thanks everyone.

Until Next Month, Stay Safe

Rick, N8BKN Charleston County Emergency Coordinator.

## **FIELD DAY**

Nothing to report.

Steve, AA2BB

## **HAMFEST**

Nothing new for Hamfest

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

## **MUSEUM SHIPS**

I saw an article in the newspaper that Patriots Point will be offering a \$95/person tour of uncommon spaces on the Yorktown. One of them is the Fo’c’sle, which is the space outside the club room. Another benefit of membership, you get to see the big ticket attractions for free..

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

The CARS club has been asked to assist with the Isle of Palms Connector Run on October 4, 2025. A sign-up sheet will be passed out at our next club meeting. We could use around twelve volunteers, but the more the merrier. It is a fun time and will last only until the late morning hours. We assemble at the parking lot to the north of Harris Teeter in the Isle of Palms shopping center at the foot of the connector bridge at 6:30 a.m., since the bridge will close to traffic at 7. Anyone wishing to get together afterwards, we meet at the Sea Biscuit for brunch (cash only). If you can't sign up at the meeting, there will be a link to sign up on line at <https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events>.

Hope to see many of you out there!

Doug, KU4OC

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

CARS trailer is in readiness for the Sept 12-13<sup>th</sup> event.

Mike KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

|                                |  |  |           |
|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------|
| CARS Treasurer's Report        |  |  |           |
| July 2025                      |  |  |           |
|                                |  |  |           |
| Checking Balance June 30, 2025 |  |  | \$ 879.02 |
|                                |  |  |           |
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| Cash Receipts - July           |  |  |           |

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                                | Dues                  | 1,235.00       |                    |
|                                | Memberships           | 120.00         |                    |
|                                | Raffle Proceeds       | 32.00          |                    |
|                                | Donation              | 50.00          |                    |
|                                | Bank error on deposit | <u>0.02</u>    |                    |
| Total Receipts                 |                       |                | 1,437.02           |
|                                |                       |                |                    |
| Cash Disbursements -July       |                       |                |                    |
|                                | Domain Renweal        | (18.75)        |                    |
|                                | ARRL Membership       | (59.00)        |                    |
|                                | Field Day             | (540.23)       |                    |
|                                | Trailer Expenses      | <u>(64.20)</u> |                    |
| Total Disbursements            |                       |                | <u>(682.18)</u>    |
|                                |                       |                |                    |
| Checking Balance July 31, 2025 |                       |                | <u>\$ 1,633.86</u> |

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| Annual Financial Report                             |                                |                 |             |
| For the Year ended July 31, 2025                    |                                |                 |             |
|                                                     |                                |                 |             |
| Beginning Checking Account Balance - August 1, 2024 |                                |                 | \$ 2,740.03 |
| Revenues                                            |                                |                 |             |
|                                                     | Memberships                    | 440.00          |             |
|                                                     | Dues                           | 3,015.00        |             |
|                                                     | ARRL Drawing                   | 379.00          |             |
|                                                     | ARRL Commission on Memberhsips | 45.00           |             |
|                                                     | Membership Dues & ARRL Drawing | <u>3,879.00</u> |             |
|                                                     | Bank Error on Deposit          | 0.02            |             |
|                                                     | Donation                       | 50.00           |             |
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| Total                                               |                                |                 | 3,929.02    |
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| Expenses                                            |                                |                 |             |
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|                                                     | ARRL                           | (590.00)        |             |

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| (memberships)                                                              |                           |
| Misc. expenses<br>(printing,<br>stamps, bank<br>charges, etc)              | (83.46)                   |
| Christmas<br>Party                                                         | (2,319.17)                |
| Pinckney<br>Carter Co.-Gen<br>Liab Insurance                               | (390.00)                  |
| US<br>Postmaster-12<br>mos PO Box<br>rental #70341                         | (210.00)                  |
| Member Name<br>Tags                                                        | (158.90)                  |
| Field Day and<br>Museum food<br>and gas                                    | (885.12)                  |
| Website<br>hosting                                                         | (158.27)                  |
| Domain Name<br>Renewal -<br>W4USN.org -<br>1 yrs                           | (18.75)                   |
| Trailer<br>Expenses                                                        | (221.52)                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                                               | <b>(5,035.19)</b>         |
| <b>Ending<br/>Checking<br/>Account<br/>Balance -<br/>July 31,<br/>2025</b> | <b><u>\$ 1,633.86</u></b> |
| <b>Net<br/>Decrease<br/>for Year</b>                                       | <b>\$ (1,106.17)</b>      |

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

## **MINUTES of the AUGUST MEETING**

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society  
Monthly Meeting  
August 11, 2025**

**Meeting Called to Order by President Rick  
Valentine, N8BKN at 1900**

**Introductions:**

**Members attending Associates Guests**

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**Announcements:**

**General Class at VA Hospital.**

**20 September 2025**

**21 September 2025 with VE Test at 1400**

**Secretary Report: Paul, KQ4ZTB**

**Comments or Corrections? Accept as info.**

**Correction to minutes.**

**Treasurers Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX**

**Comments or Corrections? Accept as info.**

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Field Day: Steve, AA2BB – Nothing to report**

**Hamfest: Paulette, KJ4AIK – Nothing to report**

**Repeaters: Bryce, K4LXF – Nothing to report**

**Race Events: Doug, KU4OC and Tom, K4WJC**

**IOP Connector Run - Oct 4**

**LOWVELO Race – Nov 1**

**Museum Ships, Cars Carrier, Website, VE Testing:**

**Tom, AJ4UQ with Eugene, AB4UG**

**Logs in for Museum Ships**

**Trailer: Mike, KY4BO Tires replaced**

**Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ –**

**Current Total Membership – 172**

**Voting Members – 166 including 4 life members**

**Associate Members – 7 including 1 life member**

**Paid Members – 95**

**Unpaid Members – 77**

**Nametags are available for pickup (see attached)**

**First Reading: (2)**

Jason Boehm, KQ4TJC, Tech

Dennis Pool KR4BLI, Tech

Second Reading: (2)

Mary greener, KF8AYR, General

Ted Coats, ND3Q, Extra

Emergency Preparedness:

September training (Statewide) - Sept. 12 and 13

Berkeley County: Linda, KJ4EVV

Charleston County: Rick, N8BKN

Dorchester County: Beverly, W3BRB

Code Practice: Larry, KJ4GZR – Wed, 27<sup>th</sup>  
August – 8pm, Code Class

Old Business:

Nets and participation

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

*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

PBR QSL cards: delayed ETA

New Business:

W4QYV proposal - Approved

To gain acceptance in the CARS Operators Club, an operator needs to log 25 QSOs using the club call signs (WA4USN, NJ4DU, NT4HI and/or WD4PBR) while operating within the Patriots Point property. The only exception is you cannot earn QSOs towards the award during any contests or special events. Any mode may be used to make the QSO. There are endorsements for making all QSOs in a single mode or band, A digital certificate will be issued and emailed once the QSO logs are submitted.

Ham radio Prep proposal

HAMs Over IP – [www.hamsoverip.com](http://www.hamsoverip.com) to signup

ARRL ARES spoof site – Beware of hackers trying to scam Hams

Drawing: Larry, KJ4GZR

Adjourned at 19:55 hours

Nametags available for Pickup

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| Rich (Aiello) N2AGC            | Robert (James) W1RPJ           |
| Mary (Greiner)<br>KF8AYR       | Sammy (Shuford)<br>KX4SAM      |
| Dennis (Pool) KR4BLI           | Ron (Steele) KQ4SIP            |
| Fred (Harris) K1CHS            | Travis (Rogers) KQ4SJI         |
| Brant (Colbry)<br>KE8CTH       | Jason (Boehm) KQ4TJC           |
| Robert (Granger)<br>KR4DFK     | Tim (Bootle) AF8U              |
| Robert (Greene)<br>W2EOH       | Christopher (Bryant)<br>KO4VEN |
| Don (Ireland) KN4EXI           | Paul (Pagenkopp)<br>N6VOY      |
| Joe (Greer) WD4HPT             | Robert (Griffin)<br>KQ4VPI     |
| Michael (Fitzsimmons)<br>N2LMU | Dan (Maher) KN4YII             |
| Peggy (Conkel)<br>KJ4OZV       | Ted (Coats) ND3Q               |

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| <b>Mitch (Tederick)<br/>Associate</b> |  |
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Paul KQ4ZTB

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