

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society October 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, October 13, 2025 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Until next month, 73
Rick N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

Current And Upcoming events:

- IOP Connector Run – Completed successfully.
- Coastal Carolina Fair
- LoVelo Bike ride – November 1
- Veteran's Day – November 11
- May require a move for CARS meeting.
- December CARS meeting/party
Need Club vote and support.
Changes location of the meeting.

I left off big events like Halloween and Thanksgiving but don't forget them.

The weather is turning cooler so start planning events to improve or prepare your station for the winter months. Also, with the time change back to Standard time it will be dark for students in the morning and evenings, so pay attention for the school busses and children running away from them.

Keep recruiting new members because Lee, KI4LLJ thinks he needs more work to keep him away from the dessert table. Also, dues are past due. As of 1 October, you are still a member of the Club but aren't a full voting member so if you still haven't paid your dues, please save Lee a stamp and reminder letter. You are a non-voting member until 1 February 2026; after then you will have to rejoin the Club.

Not much else to say, thanks everyone that makes my job easy and this Club so successful.

The IoP Connector run was this past Saturday. It was a great day for it and the runners seemed to move faster than normal. A few of them conked out going up the bridge on the return trip, and our amateurs on the course were able to alert EMS for assistance. That's one of the many reasons we do this.

Thank you Avery W4QYV for the photo that now accompanies our page on QRZ. There were complaints that the photo didn't feature current club members.

There's also a new Emergency Prep page on the web site. Let me know what other items you'd like to see on this quick reference guide.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Many thanks to Michael Wolford N4PSU for raising the Membership Flag in September. He did such a good job we're going to give him the opportunity to do it again in October. Make sure he knows how much you appreciate him. It appears his workload will not be too onerous as currently there is one second reading and no first readings to accomplish. That second reading is for Carl Yacullo K2SLI.

In order to help him feel more important however, those who have not yet paid their 2026 dues could flood him with money before the meeting. Since there are over 60 folks who haven't yet shed their \$20 for annual membership that would keep him at the table and away from the dessert bar where I spend most of my time.

A more important reason to make sure your dues are paid would be because as of the date of this newsletter, those who are still delinquent have lost their status as members in good standing. By catching up your dues you can regain the ability to participate in club business (including holding one of the prestigious offices). When I return from my October travels I will have to sort out who still hasn't paid and send them a "leettle reeminder" of what will happen to them come February 1st if they don't pay up.

Your chance to come to a meeting without having me harass you for money is waining however, as I will be back for the November meeting (to re-aquaint myself with that dessert bar).

Lee KI4LLJ
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

We still have two months of Hurricane season left, until 30 November. We dodged another storm called Imelda, but we can't be lucky forever so prepare now for a Hurricane, an Earthquake, and as always, severe thunderstorms.

The communications exercise last month went well. We found limitations at the County Emergency Operations Center, but these are easily corrected and will improve our communications efforts there. We also evaluated the CARS trailer and several local repeaters. We assessed talking by repeater and Simplex to Dorchester County EOC highly successful. I hope everyone that practiced with us learned the limitations of their home stations and made a list of things to improve for better communications support. I wish to thank Archie, K4IUG for the use of his Adams Run and Mount Pleasant repeaters. They were very useful for covering all of Charleston County, please add them

to your radios as a back up to the many ways available to reach the County EOC for assistance.

Start observing what I will call Situational Awareness. Look for gas stations that are out of gas, restaurants serving a limited menu or are closed. These would be useful for emergency response folks not from the Low Country. Try learning Winlink for message traffic, FEMA always needs a paper copy for their records. Winlink provides a written copy at both stations, sending and receiving.

Organize an emergency supply kit. Spare coax and connectors, a spare dipole antenna, repair parts for broken installed antennas. Remember Mother Nature usually wins every time so plan on repairs to any station you currently operate from. You might even want to practice repairing or building a temporary antenna. Get with some of the Club members that do Parks on the Air (POTA); they set up and operate from locations and have much knowledge of what works and what is nice to have but not critical.

Thank you for all the support for ARES, and always recruit new members. In a disaster we can always use extra help.

Stay safe and watch out for children and busses as the time changes.

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

FIELD DAY

Nothing to report. Look for this year's results in QST, November or December.

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Nothing new for Hamfest

Paulette, KJ4AIK

MUSEUM SHIPS

Nothing new to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

The LowVelo bike ride is coming up on Saturday 1 November 2025.

Hope to see many of you out there!

Doug, KU4OC

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

Trailer ready for IOP run -- CARS trailer used in the IOP run. Now needs a bath!!

Mike KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
August 2025			
Checking Balance July 31, 2025			\$ 1,633.86
Cash Receipts - August			
	Dues	210.00	
	Memberships	-	
	Raffle Proceeds	30.00	
	ARRL commissiom on Membership	5.00	
		=	
Total Receipts			245.00
Cash Disbursements August			
	Member Name Badges	(72.23)	
	ARRL Membership	(59.00)	
		-	
	Trailer Expenses	=	

Total Disbursements			(131.23)
Checking Balance August 31, 2025			\$ 1,747.63

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society
Monthly Meeting
September 08, 2025**

Meeting Called to Order by President Rick Valentine, N8BKN at 1903

Introductions:

Members attending: 38; Associates: 1;
Guests: 4.

Announcements:

- General Class at VA Hospital (Cancelled).
- VE Test to be rescheduled.

Secretary Report: Paul, KQ4ZTB

Comments or Corrections? Accept as info.

Treasurers Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

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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 ready to go

Membership: Mike, N4PSU –

Current Total Membership – 173

Voting Members – 166 including 5 life members

Associate Members – 7 including 1 life member

First Reading: (1)

Carl Yacullo, K2SLI, General

Second Reading: (2)

Jason Boehm, KQ4TJC, Tech

Dennis Pool KR4BLI, Tech

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 – Weds – 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 (Every Other Sunday)

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

New Business:

Rail Crossing Emergency Communications – Erwin
Heins (KM4QE) Presented information on the
Emergency Notification Systems (ENS) at Highway
– Rail Grade Crossings (i.e. the Blue Placard on
Crossing gates)

The Emergency Notification Systems (ENS) sign
gives the public critical emergency contact
information at every highway-rail grade crossing.
The information on the ENS sign enables the public
to reach the railroad responsible for the crossing and
to identify the specific crossing in the event of an
emergency.

[https://railroads.dot.gov/railroad-safety/divisions/
crossing-safety-and-trespass-prevention/emergency-
notification](https://railroads.dot.gov/railroad-safety/divisions/crossing-safety-and-trespass-prevention/emergency-notification)

Drawing: Larry, KJ4GZR. Won by Tom AJ4UQ

Adjourned at 19:35 hours

Paul KQ4ZTB

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