

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society November 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, November 10, 2025 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting, November 10, 2025, at Golden Corral. This date has been verified by the restaurant and scheduled. Remember the time changed on Sunday so we fall back to Eastern standard Time or 5 hours behind UTC time.

For those that worked the LowVelo bike ride thank you, I monitored the 146.760 repeater, and everything sounded great, and Linda did an excellent job as Net Control and all stations sounded professional and showed the value of Amateur Radio. Thank you again.

Weather has changed and so adjust your thinking for cooler temperatures. Make plans for antenna work or outdoor repairs to antennas, reach out for help I know of many Club members just looking to help fix or improve a fellow ham's station.

Coastal Carolina Fair is town until November 9 so be extra careful in that area traffic will be unusual as usual for the Fair.

Lastly with the clock change it will be light in the mornings but may be dark when kids get off the bus in the afternoons. Drive with caution and safely please.

Until we get further guidance from the Yorktown, I am cancelling November and December operating days. Sorry but I will get the new rules and send them to everyone ASAP. I am also cancelling the monthly Charleston County ARES meeting too.

Everyone have a good Thanksgiving,

There will be no December Carrier, so until January 2026, 73
Rick N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

Unfortunately I wasn't able to work the LowVelo ride this weekend, but I did hear parts of it on the air. It sounded good and the hams were having fun. That's a good thing, as there are many non-hams listening, and that enjoyment can help bring them into the hobby.

Hurricane Melissa is done with Jamaica and Cuba. Don't expect to call hams down there to assist, but listen for them to call out. The model for disaster communications is that the impacted community will relay messages out, and whoever hears them will act on them. When it's our turn to be hit, do you have a plan for collecting status from your neighbors and relaying it to their friends and families?

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

I'm BACK!! Seems as though no one wanted to apply for membership while I was gone so I had to return so that the club didn't slowly fade away. Actually it may slowly fade away anyhow as there are still a number of members who have not paid their annual dues (ok, there he is, he really is back isn't he). If your dues are paid, you should have a receipt and a YELLOW membership card that expires on July 31, 2026. If you can not come up

with either of these items you at least need to check with me to see if I show your dues paid, or if I can't come up with that proof either, in which case you are probably delinquent. If you know you have paid in the last month or two and don't have your card or receipt don't sweat it as I'm still catching up on sending them out.

But, for everyone else remember, it's still the best deal in town at \$20/yr for first person in the household and half price for any others in the household (that's half off folks).

So since there hasn't been anyone joining, the number of members hasn't changed but since it's past the beginning of October the number of members in good standing has changed significantly. I can't count those who haven't paid as part of a quorum, but then again I can't count them against a quorum either. You don't get the full boot until the first of February but you can't vote now and it confuses Rick tremendously as he tries to sort out how many ayes came from illegitimate voters (kind of like a real election). If I don't get any more payments before the November meeting, the quorum will be 18 voting members.

Hope everyone enjoyed their Halloween candy and are now ready to go back on the "good" food regimen. Jennette takes care of that activity in our family. I don't even get a participation trophy. Come on Thanksgiving!

Lee KI4LLJ
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

It's the last month of Hurricane season, don't let your guard down. Jamaica took a Cat 5 storm and damage was tremendous. The last information I saw is 4 days old but some fatalities were recorded and 2,000+ people are not accounted for or missing. Keep listening for weak signals out of Jamaica as power is down and many stations may be QRP. Without tress temporary antennas may also be hard to set up so give the emergency frequencies space to work.

This current government shutdown may not directly affect you but many people are affected. People working but not being paid still have bills to pay and food to purchase, people not working still have bills to pay and food to purchase. It's NOT their fault. If you have the resources share with your friends and thank them for their service. We will get through this like times before.

As Charleston County Emergency Coordinator I am cancelling county ARES meetings for November and December. I will find out more by January so stand by.

Check the ARES-SC.org website for dates when the State ARES net will run but the Low Country net will continue weekly for now (subject to change). Time changed back to Eastern Standard Time or -5 hours from UTC time. Biggest effect is more light in the mornings but could be darker earlier in the evenings watch for folks enjoying the cooler weather out walking.

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 from IoP into the National Forest was this weekend. Thank you to all who

supported the ride, and thanks to Linda KJ4EVV for being net control.

Doug, KU4OC

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

CARS trailer is clean and ready to go.

Mike KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
September 2025			
Checking Balance August 31, 2025			\$ 1,747.63
Cash Receipts - September			
	Dues	200.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	42.00	
	ARRL commission on Membership	15.00	
		=	
Total Receipts			277.00
Cash Disbursements September			
		-	
	ARRL Membership	(59.00)	
		-	
		=	
Total Disbursements			(59.00)
Checking Balance September 30, 2025			<u>\$ 1,965.63</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the OCTOBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society
Monthly Meeting
October 13, 2025

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

Introductions:

Members attending Associates Guests

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Announcements:

General Class Zoom Class starting Oct 30 – Every Thursday Night @ 1830 for 3 hours. Email roland.anders@comcast.net for registration and more information.

LowVelo Bike Ride – Nov 1, 2025

Secretary Report: Paul, KQ4ZTB -Accepted as info.

Treasurers Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX – No report this month.

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

LOWVELO Race – Nov 1

Museum Ships, Cars Carrier, Website, VE Testing:

Tom, AJ4UQ with Eugene, AB4UG

Museum Ships (AJ4UQ) – Nothing to report

Cars Carrier (AJ4UQ) – Thank you Avery, W4QYV, for the new photo for the QRZ page. An emergency prep page has been added to the CARS site.

Testing/Education (AB4UG) -VE session held Saturday Oct 11, 2025. 5 of 6 candidates passed. Results will be submitted to the FCC when the

shutdown is over. Next test session will be Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 1500 at ReForge in Citadel Mall.

Trailer: Mike, KY4BO ready to go

Membership: Mike, N4PSU –

Current Total Membership – 173

Voting Members – 104 including 4 life members

Associate Members – 7 including 1 life member

Meeting Quorum – 16 Voting Members

First Reading: (0)

None

Second Reading: (1)

Carl Yacullo, K2SLI, General

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

December CARS Meeting – December 8th (Second Monday) will be held at the Holiday Inn Charleston-Riverview (Round Holiday Inn). 301 Savannah Hwy, Charleston SC. Cost is ____ per person.

New Business:

No New Business

Drawing: No drawing

Meeting adjourned at 19:35 hours

Paul KQ4ZTB

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