

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society April 2026 Newsletter

CARS Web Site --- <https://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, April 13, 2026 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Nothing new from the Yorktown yet but I will check again.

Help your neighbors with planning for severe weather season and future Hurricane season. These events do take time to properly get fully prepared.

Still need a Chairperson for the Nomination Committee, the committee has to present a proposed New Officer list to the Club at the JUNE membership meeting. I do not want to appoint someone that is not a fair way to do this business.

Another position being considered would be a Club Historian. After some extra efforts needed for the 50th anniversary event maybe a Historian to assemble the data would be productive, think about it please.

Club event suggestions are also always welcome, give your ideas to a Club Officer. Amateur Radio has many facets and skill sets share them with membership.

Hope everyone is well and has a Happy Easter or Passover and will try to make the next Club meeting.

73
Rick N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

I have not been on the air nearly as much as I should. I have been playing with the Meshtastic network in the 912MHz band. We're getting close to a critical mass of active nodes that traffic can get out. Consider joining to provide another level of comms for emergencies and other use.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ

MEMBERSHIP

No big news for membership this month. It's still the quiet before the storm.

If you would like a current roster, please email membership at ki4llj@arrl.net or text me at 843-518-0669. Please say whether you want it alphabetically by last name or call suffix, and what info you would like on it. The choices are First Name, Last Name, Call Sign, Address, Phone#, and email address.

Happy Easter

Lee KI4LLJ
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Another month is closer to Hurricane season. Get your preparations started soon.

Severe weather situations are usually during the spring and spring has arrived, Plan on high winds and heavy rains at times which means roads will flood and so be careful driving into deep flooded roads. Remember electric vehicles and water do not coexist very well.

There has been a change in the South Carolina Emergency Management Department. Changes may be made in ARES as well stay tuned and if offered the chance to make suggestions feel free to give well thought out suggestions.

On April 11, 2026, a Saturday the SCARES will be running a Communications test following the March State exercise. The exercise will be about wildfires Statewide, listen for the start and finish of the traffic to be "This is an exercise or drill" The SCHEART repeaters may have a different configuration for the drill. [SCHEART plans are here: [https://scheart.us/2026-statewide-commex-april-11/-- Ed. \]](https://scheart.us/2026-statewide-commex-april-11/--Ed.)

April 11, 2026, the same Saturday is the "Ride the Low Country" bicycle ride. Again, anticipate the SCHEART repeaters configured differently. Remember, if you have a real emergency during either event state the word "Emergency" so exercise and ride Net Controls will assist you.

No Charleston County ARES meeting in April, awaiting ARES leadership changes or reports.

Rick, N8BKN
Charleston County Emergency Coordinator.

FIELD DAY

No report.

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Nothing new for Hamfest

Paulette, KJ4AIK

MUSEUM SHIPS

Invitations for Museum Ships Weekend on 6-7 June are out. We need to determine if the club will have an operating position at Patriots Point and what ships we want to activate.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

Nothing to report.

Doug, KU4OC

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

No report.

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
February 2026			
Checking Balance January 31, 2026			\$ 1,721.00
Cash Receipts - February			
	Dues	50.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle	17.00	
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Total Receipts			87.00
Cash Disbursements February			
	Postage - stamps	(156.00)	
	ARRL Membership	(59.00)	
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Total Disbursements			(215.00)
Checking Balance February 28, 2026			<u>\$ 1,593.00</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the MARCH MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society Monthly Meeting March 9, 2026

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

Introductions:

Members attending Associates Guests

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Announcements:

RARSHamfest – www.rarshamfest.org – early bird pricing ends March 28th.

Secretary Report: Paul, KQ4ZTB - Accepted as info.

Treasurers Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX – Accepted as info.

Standing Committee Reports:

Field Day: Steve, AA2BB – Working on invites to Summer Field Day

Hamfest: Paulette, KJ4AIK – Nothing to report

Repeaters: Bryce, K4LXF – all repeaters are functional.

Race Events: Doug, KU4OC

Museum Ships, Cars Carrier, Website, VE Testing:

Tom, AJ4UQ with Eugene, AB4UG

Museum Ships (AJ4UQ) – Nothing to report

Cars Carrier (Mike Maheu - W4KWC) – new website is under development.

Testing/Education (AB4UG) – March 15 at Citadel Mall, April 11th at Tall Pines in Ladson.

Trailer: Mike, KY4BO ready to go

Membership: Lee, N4PSU –

Current Total Membership – 160

Voting Members – 155 including 4 life members

Associate Members – 5 including 1 life member

Meeting Quorum – 24 Voting Members

First Reading: (0)

Second Reading: (1)

Douglas Archer, N8QY, Extra, Retired Engineer, Summerville

Emergency Preparedness:

Berkeley County: Linda, KJ4EVV

Charleston County: Rick, N8BKN

Dorchester County: Beverly, W3BRB

Code Practice: Larry, KJ4GZR – on hold temporarily. Morse Mania app

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:

Nomination Committee

Club Room Move - TBD

Drawing: held by Larry.

Meeting adjourned at 19:23 hours

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