

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society May 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, May 11, 2026 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Spring is arriving with rapid weather changes and events occurring.

Time to upgrade or install new antennas or coax runs, ask for assistance there are many Club members willing to help.

Upcoming events:

- Starting on May 6 Larry, KJ4GZR will be doing CW practice in 2000 using the local repeaters.
- Mother's Day, remember your Moms, Wives, Girlfriends, and family friends.
- Also, the Armed Forces Day event: Sometimes called the MARS Cross Band event will be occurring on May 9 and 10, good event to practice on. Listen on MARS frequencies and reply on Amateur frequencies. Test your equipment and skills.
- Do not forget the different W1AW/? weekly stations in honor of Worked All States 250 events.
- Lastly, remember Memorial Day at the end of May. Some Americans gave All.

See everyone at the Meeting.

73

Rick N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

There is an email out from ARRL Roanoke Division Director and club member Dr Jim N2ZZ

warning about a malicious email claiming to come from him. It's easy to fake these and there's very little you can do to prevent people from using your name. However there are things you can do to avoid being taken advantage of.

Hams tend to be trusting people, but you need to be skeptical of things that sound too good to be true or are out of character. An email may claim to come from a friend, but a simple look at the headers might show it actually came from afdd8dfad@mailers-online.ru. It's safe to delete it without reading it. Likewise if you're getting a loud signal on 40m from a North Korean station it's probably safe to ignore it without impacting your DXCC Honor Roll chase.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ

MEMBERSHIP

"The Merry Month of May" in a song from the musical Camelot. Or here in good ole South Carolina it could end up as the muggy month of May. Either way it's here. Membership has hit its summer doldrums and is stuck at 160 members. We have no applications as of this writing so it's still stuck there if none come in between now and meeting time.

I am approaching the point when I must make a crucial decision in regards to the club membership job. This is the 5th year I've held down this job and though it's been very rewarding, and I've tried faithfully to be diligent and keep everything up to date and make everyone happy with my services, I have a confession to make. I've run out of new colors to make the membership cards with that will

still show the club logo on the back so I am going to have to repeat a color. I know this will disappoint some of you and I just hope that you won't decide to abandon the club due to a repeated card color. I promise I will still trim the corners so they fit in your wallets and clutches and will be less likely to give you a paper cut and I'll still sign each card individually (no signature stamp).

I am also still standing by for anyone wishing to have a roster emailed to them. I just ask that you let me know if you wish it to be alphabetical by call suffix or last name, and let me know if you want name and call with email, address, phone#, or any combination.

While your at it make sure I am up to date on your information. If you read this on the newsletter from the web site but didn't get it in your email, make sure I have your current email so it will come to you. If you ever lose my email address it is on the web site under membership at the bottom of the application form.

Lee KI4LLJ
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

May is one month closer to Hurricane season; start watching the weather as a Hurricane can arrive before June.

Another natural event is with our previous dry conditions, modified this last week, is the possibility of wildfires. Georgia and Florida had one that is not completely controlled, and the State Forestry has issued NO Burn days so make sure you check before burning. Fires do get out of control like "Table Rock" recently.

Springtime will bring severe thunderstorms, especially coming from the west. El Nino's effects are starting to occur, so the experts do not have a good prediction for this seasons Hurricanes so keep weather aware.

ARES leadership in South Carolina has changed:

- South Carolina Emergency Management Communications officer is now Steve Sweetman, K6TAZ. He relieved Gabe

Turner. Steve was ARES District Emergency Coordinator for AREA 5.

- New returning AREA 5 District Emergency Coordinator is now George Mudd, KK4F. George is returning as in DEC and did an excellent job before and will again.

Take care of neighbors new to the Low Country and stay safe everyone.

Rick, N8BKN
Charleston County Emergency Coordinator.

FIELD DAY

Moving forward with media recruitment. FD now only about 9 weeks away!

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

I heard back from the last church and \$4500 is the fee. So, I will continue calling and looking for something centrally located so we can once again have a Hamfest.

Paulette, KJ4AIK

MUSEUM SHIPS

We have signed up our three ships for Museum Ships Weekend on 6-7 June. We need to figure out how we're actually going to activate them from the Patriots Point property.

I saw an article that the USS Laffey is heading back to maintenance again. I doubt this will happen before MSW just due to the amount of work required to get the ship out, but it could happen.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

Nothing to report.

Doug, KU4OC

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

No report.

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
March 2026			
Checking Balance February 28, 2026			\$ 1,593.00
Cash Receipts - March			
	Dues	70.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle	14.00	
	ARRL commissiom on Membership	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Receipts			114.00
Cash Disbursements -March			
	Member Name Badges	(36.11)	
	ARRL Membership	(59.00)	
	Pinckney Carter Insurance	(498.00)	
	USPS-Box Rent	<u>(216.00)</u>	
Total Disbursements			<u>(809.11)</u>
Checking Balance March 31, 2026			<u>\$ 897.89</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the APRIL MEETING

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society
Monthly Meeting
April 13, 2026**

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

Introductions:

Members attending Associates Guests

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Announcements:

ARES Area 5 District Emergency Coordinator has
resigned. More to follow.

Charleston Air Show has changed to a one day
event over Charleston Harbor.

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 – awaiting response
from church.

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) – First weekend in June.
New location will be on the fantail. Signup sheet
on the website.

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

Testing/Education (AB4UG) –

Trailer: Mike, KY4BO Batteries charged.

Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ –

Current Total Membership – 160

Voting Members – 155 including 4 life members

Associate Members – 5 members

Meeting Quorum – 24 Voting Members

First Reading: (0)

Second Reading: (0)

Emergency Preparedness:

Download South Carolina ARES/RACES Auxillary Communication Tactical Communication Plan from ARES-SC.ORG if you do not have a copy.

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:

Club Historian – looking for a volunteer.

Nomination Committee – Brian Smith - Chairman

Club Room Move - TBD

Drawing: held by Larry – Mike KY4BO was the winner.

Meeting adjourned at 19:35 hours

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