

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society June 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, June 8, 2026 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

This month's June meeting the Nomination committee will present a slate of Club Officers. At the July meeting the Club will accept nominations from the membership and vote. I hope to see you at those meetings.

Museum ships operating sign ups are very sparse. Should we cancel this years participation? The Club has supported this event but participation does not seem to be what is necessary. Think about this please.

Field day preparations are progressing well and Steve, AA2BB is doing an excellent job.

I am NOT running for President this year, I am out of ideas, motivations, and just burned out. I feel the Club deserves new leadership. Next month's input will be interesting reading so stay tuned.

Keep an eye on the rapidly changing weather with Hurricane season starting again. Also follow the ARRL's year of the Club events and especially the America 250 Worked All States events. This club is lucky two of our members are participating for South Carolina, Monroe, K4ZEV and Greg, K4AGF check with them for operating dates, times they may be active, and modes and frequencies they plan on using. All information is dependent on propagation.

If you have photos taken during Club events or documents from Club events, try and digitize them and send or give to the Club historian Mike, N4PSU

I am sure digital records are preferred. This Club is over 50 years old that's a bunch of records.

Everyone please plan on attending the July meeting and renewing your dues with the Membership chair Lee, KI4LLJ. He has told me that he WILL be ready then.

See everyone at the Meeting.

73

Rick N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

Our relationship with Patriots Point is entering a new phase as we hit our big June operating events. According to the new MOA we signed, we can not just show up for events, and we need to check in and out with the Yorktown staff individually – no more drop-ins. There is good reason for checking in – the ship is big and people get lost. A two-day RSVP is a bit harder.

Due to a lack of sign-ups for the Museum Ships weekend we may cancel our participation – see the Museum Ships item below.

In addition to the standing committees reporting in the Carrier, there are plenty of other opportunities to contribute to the club, such as QSL manager. Just ask.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ

MEMBERSHIP

Happy beginning of hurricane season. It seems like we have a celebration for everything now days. We

went to a nice restaurant yesterday that ended up being a little more crowded than we expected because of several families celebrating their young one's graduation. And when I say young ones, I ain't a kid ding (pun intended). The graduations were from kindergarten and first grade. The first graduation that was celebrated for me was from high school and that's because they knew it meant I'd be moving out soon.

Anyway, I digress. My slow period as Membership Chairman has passed and I am now in the process of writing up 170 receipts, printing, signing, and cutting out all of the new membership cards (I went with a darker blue this time) and stuffing all the envelopes with each member's info so I can be somewhat organized when it comes time to collect and issue.

If you have made it this far into this tome I have one more point I would like to make. If you will make the July meeting, please wait until then to pay your dues as I will have everything ready by then, but if you make June and want to pay because you won't make July I will see if your stuff is ready to give to you and if not I can mail it to you when it is.

Hope to see you at the June meeting and once again, Happy Hurricane Season.

Lee KI4LLJ
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

June 1st, 2026, Hurricane Season begins, continues until 30 November. Stay informed the latest article stated 25 storms, 18 named storms, and 8 -10 Major storms. Plan to stay or evacuate now. Decide at what level you will evacuate, Cat 3, Cat 4, or Cat5+? Plan your route and try driving that route in the rain some roads do flood in the Low Country, and traffic jams are possible since everyone evacuating may be choosing your route. If staying please stock up on at least 10 days of supplies like water, food, medications, first aid supplies, get some cash because without electricity plastic won't be accepted at stores or ATMs.

Ham Stuff:

Keep your HTs charged and learn the repeaters you can use in case your favorite repeater is down – Mobile radios usually have more power than HTs so longer range is provided and these radios can operate on 12 volts. Repeater networks are: SCHEART, Low Country, and don't forget the stand-alone repeaters like K4IUG's Adams Run repeater 147.345 + 600 Tone 141.3.

Nets to listen to/ follow.

Every Sunday night 2000 local the Low Country ARES net on the Low Country linked repeaters.

State ARES HF on Tuesdays at 1800 on frequency 3.990 MHz.

State Sunday ARES on the SCHEART system that links to the Low Country at 2020 after the LC net. The Statewide net is scheduled for June 7, June 21, July 5, and July 19

NOAA weather radio or the weather frequencies stored on other radios.

There will be two Hurricane Information events on June 6, 2026: Charleston County event at Walmart Supercenter on Folly Road from 10:00 to 17:00; and the Dorchester County event will be at Ashley River Park from 1000 to 1300.

These two events allow you to get the latest information on evacuation routes, supplies to travel with, and recommended important documents to take with you. If evacuating remembers the snacks and try to figure out gas stops and overnight stops.

Ask for more ideas from neighbors and friends they may think of something you overlooked. A hurricane is NOT a quick recovery event so plan ahead and have stuff for you and your neighbors. Stay safe everyone – questions just please ask.

Rick, N8BKN
Charleston County Emergency Coordinator.

FIELD DAY

Preparations for FD are in progress. Please make every effort to participate in this signature event of Ham Radio in general and our club in particular. All are welcome and there will be ample time for anyone who wishes to spend time on the air doing

SSB or CW. Even if you have no experience, you can learn by doing. Experienced club members will always be available to coach. In short, there is no better learning opportunity in Ham Radio than this!

There will be a sign-up roster on the club website but please don't hesitate to just show up. If you are there and want to operate, we will make sure you get your chance!

Looking forward to another terrific FD!

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Nothing new to report.

Paulette, KJ4AIK

MUSEUM SHIPS

Due to the new MOA with Patriots Point we need to submit a list of operators two days in advance. Since there have been so few sign-ups so far (<https://tinyurl.com/CARS-events>) we may need to cancel our activation of the Yorktown, Laffey, and PBR boat. If we do activate, it will only be during Patriots Point public hours, not overnight.

Check into the Newcomers Net on Thursday for an update on our plans.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

Nothing to report.

Doug, KU4OC

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

CARS trailer will be at the Walmart expo on June 6th. All welcome to come by and promote HAM RADIO.... THANKS

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
April 2026			
Checking Balance March 31, 2026			\$ 897.89
Cash Receipts - April			
	Dues	-	
	Memberships	-	
	Raffle	15.00	
	ARRL commission on Membership	-	
Total Receipts			15.00
Cash Disbursements -April			
	Member Name Badges	-	
	ARRL Membership	-	
	Pinckney Carter Insurance	-	
	No April Disbursements	-	
Total Disbursements			-
Checking Balance April 30, 2026			<u>\$ 912.89</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the MAY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society Monthly Meeting May 11, 2026

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

Introductions:

Members attending

Announcements:

District Emergency Coordinator resigned effective 1 May. New Coordinator George Mudd – KK4F

Charleston County Hurricane Expo June 6, 2026 at Walmart on James Island 1000 to 1700

Dorchester County Hurricane Expo June 6, 2026 at Ashley River Park 1000 to 1300

No Charleston ARES Meeting in May and June

July 1 – 7 – 13 Colonies Event

July 27-29 – Work America 250 Event for South Carolina

Secretary Report: Paul, KQ4ZTB - Accepted as info.

Treasurers Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX – Accepted as info.

Standing Committee Reports:

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

Club Historian: Mike N4PSU

New Business:

Club Room Move - TBD

Drawing: held by Larry – Gregg KI4QQJ was the winner.

Meeting adjourned at 19:35 hours

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

Testing/Education (AB4UG) – Next VE test session on Sunday 17 May at Reforge. There will be no testing in June; the 19 July session at Reforge will feature the introduction of the new Technician question pool.

Emergency Preparedness:

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

Old Business:

Sunday: Low Country ARES net 2000 Hrs. – 2020 Hrs.

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