

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society August 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, August 10, 2026 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Wow, can you believe it's August already? One more month and we'll start easing toward the autumnal equinox and some cooler weather. Fitting, perhaps, as I address the club for the first time here in the CARS Carrier.

I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me as the new president. In anticipation of being elected I had started putting some ducks in a row. Mainly to have a good transition for the club and gain needed knowledge from Rick N8BKN. Thank you Rick, for being so helpful. I look forward to your guidance and friendship going forward.

Over the last several weeks along with some of our amazing members, we've been moving equipment off of the USS Yorktown. So far we've had one solid moving session, thanks to Mike Wolford N4PSU, Clarence LaBar N9HQC, and Chip Mack WB4ZVR. We will be planning the final one to two moving sessions in August. If you are interested in helping with the move send an email to carsinfo@wa4usn.org.

For a short time it looked like the ship's leadership might reconsider giving us a new radio room. In the end, they've stuck with their decision not to keep us aboard long-term. That said, I was able to negotiate an open-ended timeline to move our equipment out of the old room, and they've agreed to let us keep the Yorktown repeater operational and onboard.

Greg Keys KG4GEK and myself have made the trip up to the repeater to evaluate and repair as needed.

Currently as it stands there seems to be an issue with the repeater's transmitter. Greg and I have plans for another visit to check the antenna and replace the repeater. Fingers crossed that this will bring everything back online prior to our next meeting.

Again, thank you all for your support. I am excited to see where we can take CARS this year.

Mike Maheu
W4KWC

NEWS FROM THE VP

Another year and another term elected as vice president of CARS. I appreciate the confidence you have in my service.

I expect that we will be using the club's communications trailer more as we move forward. There is a lot for us to (re-)learn about setting it up and operating, especially in the digital messaging and VHF realms. Hopefully we can get some trailer time in before hurricane season gets active.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ

MEMBERSHIP

Still at 161 members, although I have two applications in process. One for second reading this month and one for first.

The second reading is for Heow (pronounced Hugh) Goodman KR4NMI and we will be voting on his membership at the meeting. The first reading is for Taft Navarro KQ4LTA who many of you will

recognize from the local nets as both an attendee and as Net Control.

I have to apologize to some of you, particularly those who have paid their dues in a timely manner by check. Due to a necessary trip to Oklahoma, I got behind in my processes and did not get all the checks sent to the treasurer until the 29th of July, so if you get impatient for your checks to clear, you may be disappointed. Please be assured that all checks given or sent to me (with the exception of the two current applicants) have been sent in. If you wish to flog me I sit at the table near the right side door and do not carry a weapon into the restaurant, but if you miss me and hit Jennette, she can be really mean.

For those of you who have not yet paid your dues, you are now past due. Please consider getting that very reasonable amount (\$20/yr for first person in the household and \$10/yr for each additional household member) in the mail to Lee Miller KI4LLJ, CARS Membership, 207 Glebe Rd, Summerville, SC 29485

73,
Lee KI4LLJ
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

As of 31 July, when this is being written the next name in the 2026 Atlantic Hurricane season is Cristobal. August is the month of the first major storm arriving in Charleston. (reference the "Farmer's Almanac") The time to prepare is now, get your list ready, check it twice, and plan your evacuation route or load up on supplies to stay and ride it out. The growth rate in the Lowcountry is the largest in the State so help your neighbors that are NOT experienced with Hurricane factors besides the initial weather event, it's the recovery that is more stressful and longer lasting than the actual storm. Check your first aid supplies, bandages usually don't go bad until they don't stick anymore but creams, antibacterials, and over the counter medications can lose their effectiveness check best use or expiration date. Check your stored supplies of batteries, I had some from 2017 that when used

were dismal in performance so double check battery dates too.

For information always use official internet sites like:

- www.ready.gov for FEMA information on safety lists
- www.noaa/nhc.gov for the National Hurricane Center – storm information
- www.redcross.org for first aid, shelter sites, check lists for shelter stays
- www.scemd.org for SC Emergency Management info
- www.Charlestoncounty.org for any Charleston County info by department
- Dorchester county and Berkeley County also have websites for info.

To learn what the State Emergency Management group expects of the ARES and Ham community download the SC Tactical Communications Plan from the ARES website at:

- www.ares-sc.org the State ARES website look in "downloads"

The State ARES group has scheduled quarterly ARES/AUXCOMM training for September so expect more wisdom from Columbia after that training. We do get more information about the State's plans and any new tools or equipment the State Emergency folks can share with the counties during any event. Usually learn new equipment, modes, and what to expect from the State people and how they can help the local counties with additional personnel and equipment.

Until next month, stay safe.

Rick, N8BKN

Charleston County Emergency Coordinator.

FIELD DAY

Scoring data has been submitted using the ARRL online form. Now we wait until December for the final results.

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Nothing new to report.

Paulette, KJ4AIK

MUSEUM SHIPS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

Save the date: Saturday, October 3, 2026 for the Isle of Palms Connector Run. Come look at the stars, watch the sun rise, then keep an eye on the hundreds of runners.

Doug, KU4OC

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

CARS TRAILER is ready to go.

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
June 2026			
Checking Balance May 31, 2026			\$ 729.62
Cash Receipts - June			
	Dues	45.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle	57.00	
	ARRL commissiom on Membership	<u>5.00</u>	
Total Receipts			127.00
Cash Disbursements -June			
		-	
	ARRL Membership	(59.00)	

	Domain Renewal	(22.95)	
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Total Disbursements			(81.95)
Checking Balance June 30, 2026			<u>\$ 774.67</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the JULY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society Monthly Meeting July 13 2026

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

Introductions:

Members attending Associates Guests

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Announcements:

Election Night – tonight is election night. In accordance with our bylaws paper ballots will be distributed during New Business portion of the meeting and the results announced at the end of the meeting.

Bryce's Birthday – Happy Birthday to Bryce. The servers saluted him with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday.

Secretary Report: Paul, KQ4ZTB – Accepted as info.

Treasurers Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX – Accepted as info.

Standing Committee Reports:

Field Day: Steve, AA2BB

Hamfest: Paulette, KJ4AIK

Repeaters: Bryce, K4LXF

Race Events: Doug, KU4OC – IOP Connector Run – October 3, 2026

Museum Ships, Cars Carrier, Website, VE Testing:

Tom, AJ4UQ with Eugene, AB4UG
Museum Ships (AJ4UQ) –
Cars Carrier (Mike Maheu - W4KWC) –
Testing/Education (Eugene - AB4UG) –
Trailer: Mike, KY4BO – Used during Field Day.

Membership: Lee, KI4LLJ –

Current Total Membership – 161

Voting Members – 156 including 4 life members

Associate Members – 5 members

Meeting Quorum – 24 Voting Members

First Reading: (1) KR4MNI – Michael H. Goodman

Second Reading: (0)

Emergency Preparedness:

Berkeley County: Linda, KJ4EVV

Charleston County: Rick, N8BKN

Dorchester County: Beverly, W3BRB

Code Practice: Larry, KJ4GZR – same time.

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

Club Historian: Mike N4PSU

New Business:

2027 Officer Election:

President – Mike Maheu W4KWC

Vice President – Tom Glaab AJ4UQ

Secretary – Gregg Kellum KQ4LEH

Treasurer – Charlotte Groves KJ4PLX

Club Room Move - TBD

Drawing: held by Larry

Meeting adjourned at 19:35 hours

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