

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

March 2016 Newsletter

CARS Web Site --- <http://www.wa4usn.org>

CARS 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, Mar. 14, 2016



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

A lot has been going on in the Ham Radio world. The Hamfest is over and it turned out very well. I'm sure Greg will be giving a final report soon. We have a good many things coming up in the next few months. An earthquake drill that we are taking part in, The Cooper River Bridge Run which is always a fun one and a good one to learn a lot about Ham Radio operation. It takes a lot of Hams to help with this one so please get your gear out and sign up for this one. Then there is Field day on the Yorktown in June, sign up for this one and you will learn a lot about Emergency operations. We are still looking for someone to take over as Captain, Tom has done a good job for many years and would like a break. The more you get involved in Ham Radio the more you will enjoy it and get to know your fellow Hams.

I think most of you know we have had to change our meeting place to the Golden Corral. This was due to the fact that Ryan's closed. I think we will like it there. The food is good and they are going to give us the whole room so we won't be crowded like last month. Hope to see you all there on March 14th.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

NATIONAL PARKS on the AIR

At the Charleston Hamfest Forum, Mark, N4UFP, stated that Fort Moultrie is administered by Fort Sumter and that if you go to Fort Moultrie to participate in "National Parks on the Air", you should identify yourself as being at Fort Sumter. Based on this, CARS could make arrangements to take the CARS Comms. Trailer to Fort Moultrie and participate in "National Parks on the Air" as being at Fort Sumter.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

This month's prep's are about supporting Public Service Events: Charleston Marathon – Done; Lifepoint Race for Life – Done; State Wide Annual Full Scale Exercise - March 14, 15, 16 and 19; Cooper River Bridge Run - April 2, 2016.

Keep good notes on how to improve your individual performance and improve the group as a whole. The Annual Full Scale Exercise is an Earthquake Event – March 14,15, 16 and 19, Charleston County will participate on 15 March from 0900 to 1600, so expect a net to roll call about 10:00 and you might hear communications on local repeaters. Remember "This is a Drill". We will be opening the DHEC container at the St. Andrew's fire station to prove to DHEC we can support them too. Contact will be Earl, KJ4OXF. Berkeley County will be used for a full scale communications event with First Responders losing their primary communication tower so help from hams will be needed. Anyone who can help would be appreciated.

ARES Meetings:

- Dorchester County - 2nd Saturday 0900 at Dorchester EOC
- Charleston County - 3rd Saturday 0900 at St. Andrew's Public Service Building, Refresher First Aid training by Larry, KJ4GZR
- Berkeley County – Last Saturday, Check W4BRK.ORG for time and location.

Radio Frequencies to have available for Emergency Communications:

- Charleston County Simplex: 147.570 Mhz
- Berkeley County Simplex: 147.585 Mhz
- UHF Portable Repeaters: 440.750 Mhz up 5 Mhz No Tone; 440.800 Mhz up 5 Mhz No tone

AREA 5 Simplex Frequencies: VHF – 146.535 Mhz; UHF – 446.050 Mhz

Until next Month,

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

JAN. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 1/1/16	\$4,589.09
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	330.00
Memberships	60.00
Raffle Proceeds	55.00
Donation	30.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - Jan. CARS Carrier	(35.25)
AT&T - January	(85.68)
Christmas Party	(486.87)
ARRL - 1 membership	(34.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 1/31/16	\$4,422.29

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of FEB. MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Jenny Myers, WA4NGV, at 7:02 PM on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 45 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The January 2016 meeting minutes were published in the February 2016 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded, and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The December 2015 Financial Report was published in the February 2016 newsletter and accepted as information.

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ

Jim, KK4REM, is looking at his schedule for working the Radio Room on USS Yorktown. Talked about the Army MARS test coming up.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

Tom is still looking for a replacement for the Chairperson position.

Mailing out Field Day invitations to area politicians.
– Warren KK4EVI

Races: Doug, KU4OC

LifePoint Run is scheduled for February 27th, with an 8:15 AM start time and will be at the James Island County Park. Looking for people to sign up and cover run.

Start making plans for the Cooper River Bridge Run scheduled for April 2nd.

Doug KU4OC sent around a sign up sheet for both runs and will put tiny URL sign up sheet on wa4usn website.

Hamfest Report: Greg, KI4TVA

This years Hamfest was a success!! The attendance and cafeteria sales were up. The vendors had positive comments about the setup. Well done to everyone that helped.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

Bryce is planning on a show and tell on repeater theory class at the March meeting. They are looking at starting to update the repeater programming soon.

The 441.575 repeater is scheduled to return to service next week.

For some reason the announcements for the ARES 2M net, are not being sent? Will investigate.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

New applications for membership:

First Reading: None

Second Reading: John C. Borkowski III, K3JCB
Michael "Angelo" Hughes, W4RXL
Chris Mantooth, KV4TQ

The second reading Hams were voted on and welcomed into the Club.

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNK, Dorchester; Linda, KJ4EUV, Berkeley

The next ARES meeting is on February 20th at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM.

March 15th is the State Emergency Certification Drill, expect additional radio traffic. DHEC wants to inspect one of the emergency PODS. Will try to use a DMR Net.

Dorchester talked about the State Disaster plan and the Ham's role. Plan on a drill at end of February.

Berkeley County will do a drill on March 19th. It will be a Loss of Towers drill. They are making plans to conduct a Simplex Drill.

Nets: John, KK4KBQ

Newcomers Net: meets on Thursdays at 8:00 PM. If you are interested in trying to conduct a net, send John, KK4KBQ, a note and he will get you the information. John is also looking for more participation and Net Controllers to help out. 10 to 15 people have been checking in.

ARES Net: meets at Sunday 8:00 PM. Local area 5 meets from 8:00 - 8:20 PM then joins the statewide link up at 8:20 PM. The State Wide Net has a problem. The Wallace repeater is not linking into the system. You may need to switch to the Awendaw 146.760 Repeater or the Wallace 147.105 Repeater, until repairs are made.

SKYWARN Net: meets every other Tuesday at 9:00 PM on the linked repeater systems.

Lowcountry Digital Nets: meets Sundays at 8:30 PM and Wednesdays at 8:00 PM on **145.700** MHz running Contestia 64/1000.

TARC CW Training Net: meets every Tuesday at 7:30 on linked repeater systems.

SCHEART Net: meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 AM.

ARES HF Net: Meets on 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:00 PM on HF 3.990 MHz primary and 3.9935 MHz alternate. Looking for more HF Logins, to support HF web.

DMR Net: Meets Sundays at 8:00 PM.

SC STATE GUARD Net: Meets Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM on SCHEART linked repeaters.

PALS Net: 9:30 nightly on 145.230 Tone 123.0

CARA Whitehall Net: 8:00 PM Thursdays on 146.910 tone 156.7

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled exam will be 09:00 AM on April 9th. A new location needs to be found, for the testing. Will announce when a place is found.

At the Hamfest Testing, one person took the Technician, General and Extra test and passed all three. Well done..

School Programs: Alene, KG4NKD - DuBose Middle School Radio Club - K4DMS

No report.

Tom, AJ4UQ: Round up will be going on through February 12th.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

No report.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Voted on support for the Lifepoint and Cooper River Bridge runs, the support was approved.

Announcements:

With the closing of the Ryan's Family Steakhouse, a new meeting place was needed. It may have been a little cramped, but the Golden Corral ended up being a good meeting place. The management has said that for the next meeting, we should have both meeting rooms available.

Drawing:

Ray, KM4FRG, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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