

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

April 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, Apr. 11, 2016



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I want to thank Rick, N8BKN, for taking over and acting as President when I was sick and could not do it. He did a good job. I hope everyone had a good Easter. We went to Orangeburg with family. Lots and lots of good food.

We have been having a good number of people at the meetings at the Golden Corral. The food is good and we have the big room now.

The Hamfest Committee And Helper party is going to be up at the McMillan River House in Orangeburg on Saturday April 16th . I'm sure Greg will send out more information.

Hope to see you all at the Meeting.

73, Jenny, WA4NGV

HAMFEST COMMITTEE & HELPER PARTY - April 16, 2016

The Hamfest Committee Party will be held Saturday April 16th . The party will be at Bryce and Jenny's river house in Orangeburg. The party is for the Committee and those who helped (family included) with the Hamfest. Lunch will be served at 2:00 PM. Come as early as you like. Spend a fun day at the river. If you enjoy fishing you may want to bring your fishing equipment. Fish bite best early in the morning. Please let Paulette Harrison know by April 8th if you and yours plan to attend, so we will know how much food to buy. If you want anything to drink other than soft drinks, tea or coffee, please bring your own.

RSVP to Paulette at: firefighter1464@yahoo.com

DIRECTIONS: Take 1-26 West to Orangeburg (Exit 154 A), Hwy 301. Go toward Orangeburg, stay on 301. Once in Orangeburg look for the Edisto River. After you cross the Edisto River take a left turn at the first traffic light onto the Cannon Bridge Road. Go approx. 7 miles and watch for the river house sign on the left. The sign reads MRH. We will monitor our linked repeater system. For talk in switch to 146.88 CTCSS 123 repeater.

COMMITTEE: The committee is invited to come up for the weekend. Bryce & Jenny will go up on Friday. Weekenders should bring their own Bed linens, blanket, or sleeping bag, pillow, towels, and wash cloth. We do not have these things up there.

FRIDAY NIGHT IS A COVERED DISH SUPPER: Please bring a filled Covered Dish and, if you like, a Dessert. Also, if you want anything to drink other than soft drinks, tea or coffee, Please bring your own. Hope to see you there.

RSVP by Wednesday April 6 to stay for the weekend 4/15 THRU 4/17. First come, first serve as there is limited space. Call Jenny, WA4NGV, 843-747-2324/843-697-4109 for week end reservations only.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

This month's notice is about up coming events. The Cooper River Bridge Run and Bike ride after the Bridge run events are done and hope every one had fun. I know I always do.

Next events will be Hurricane/Disaster prep events. First is the Isle of Palms event on May 18, 2016 from 1700 to 1930 at the IOP fire station. This event is on Wednesday. All hams are invited to demonstrate our capabilities. Next

is the James Island event at the James Island Lowe's parking lot from 0900 to 1300 on Saturday June 4, 2016. Again come out and demonstrate Amateur Radio and take the time to learn some other preps and ideas for your own preparedness.

Next, The City of North Charleston is setting up a Amateur Radio station in the city Emergency Operations Center and requested some ham operators. Warren, KK4EVI is heading up a team but the EMD has requested a total of 3 hams so I'm looking for 2 more operators, If interested contact Warren or myself and we will get the ball rolling.

Last, I want to give a big Thank You to everyone who helped during the State/County Full Scale Exercise in March. You made an impact about why ham radio is needed today. Remember "When All Else Fails" Amateurs go to work.

Till next month,

73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

P.S. The April Charleston County ARES meeting will be cancelled due to a conflicting event.

FEB. FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 2/1/16	\$4,422.29
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	565.00
Memberships	60.00
Raffle Proceeds	47.00
Donation	20.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - Feb. CARS Carrier	(31.73)
AT&T - February	(86.23)
Postage	(34.07)
Ending Checking Balance - 2/29/16	\$4,962.26

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of MARCH MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by Rick, N8BKN, (due to President Jenny Myers, WA4NGV, feeling ill) at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 14, 2016 at the Golden Corral in N. Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 47 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The February 2016 meeting minutes were published in the March 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 January 2016 Financial Report was published in the March 2016 newsletter and accepted as information.

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ

Museum Ships scheduled for June 4th and 5th.

Jim, KK4REM reports not much participation for Yorktown Club Room activities. He will look at perhaps one weekend per month, if there is a need.

Field Day: Tom, AJ4UQ

No report.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

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

Doug passed around a sign up sheet and is still looking for more operators to support the run.

Hamfest Report: Greg, KI4TVA

There will be a short Hamfest mini-meeting after regular Club meeting.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

441.575 still not linking to state wide.

Suspect 146.94 may be causing the buzz saw noise, still investigating.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Adam Meyer KM4OHF
Glenda Horn KM4MHC
Karl Horn KM4MHD
Hance Young KK4BOZ

Second Reading: None

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNK, Dorchester; Linda, KJ4EVV, Berkeley

The next Charleston ARES meeting is on March 19th at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM.

There is a 6.0 earthquake drill, scheduled for March 15th. The drill should start around 0900. Expect above normal radio traffic.

Dorchester will not be participating in the drills.

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.

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.

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

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

The trailer will be used at the IOP Hurricane Expo on May 18th at 1700.

Old Business:

Nothing new on the status of the new CARS Banner?

New Business:

A vote was conducted and approved, to support the Museum Ships.

Michelle, KK4WQO, will be the CARS PIO.

Tom, K4WJC, looking for support for After the Bridge Run Bike Ride, April 3rd. Voted on and approved.

Announcements:

Susannah, KE4RVF, fell and broke her hip, she is recovering well.

A few SK's were reported: Joann Stone, James Waltz (Pogo's BBQ) WB4RPI, George Ploth KV4ZP, Robert Jennings KB4FZE.

Drawing:

Earl, KJ4OXF, 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 7:36 PM.

After the Club meeting, Bryce, K4LXF, gave a presentation on repeater and controller operation. The presentation ended at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

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