

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

June 2018 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, June 11, 2018



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It's getting near the end of May and we already have the first named storm of the season making its way through the Gulf of Mexico. Based on NOAA's projections for the 2018 hurricane season, this year could be another busy one.

Do you know about DMR? I would be very interested in having someone give a talk on DMR basics to the club at one of the meetings. There are still many people who haven't ventured into the world of DMR (including me) so this would be an opportunity to introduce DMR to club members. Or, you could write an article for the newsletter. Talk about how DMR works, and how to get on the air with a DMR in the Charleston area.

By the time this reaches you, Museum Ships Weekend will be over, but we still have Field Day weekend coming up at the end of June. Field Day 2012 was my first introduction to HF radio (baptism by fire) as a newly licensed ham, and each Field Day since has been a learning experience for me. I encourage all hams (especially newish ones) to come out and join us for Field Day on the Yorktown. It's an excellent opportunity to learn not just about operating HF, but also how to set up and power a temporary station. It's also a really fun time.

Feel free to send me any comments, suggestions, and/or questions to CARSinfo@wa4usn.org, or to my personal email, eugenemah@gmail.com. If you're on Facebook, there's a CARS group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups.WA4USN/>. We also have the @WA4USN account on Twitter that you can follow as well.

73, Eugene, AB4UG

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

The busy season is over -- Museum Ships Weekend is done, and Field Day is coming soon. After that it gets too hot to be out on the air, it seems. But there is still plenty of activity, especially QRP HF operation from the beaches or mountains. You can also get ready for the VHF contests -- there's a lot you can do with a technician class license.

The APRS digipeater and iGate on the Yorktown now has the ability to route messages from the internet to on-air users. If you're transmitting packets within range of WA4USN-5, the internet servers will know to send messages to you via that iGate. Give it a try and let us know how it works for you.

73, Tom, AJ4UQ

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

June 1, 2018 the start of Hurricane season, runs until November 30, 2018. Already have the seasons first named storm "Alberto" shows up before June 1st. The storm formed off the Yucatan in the Gulf of Mexico and headed North. Demonstrates that planning on 7 to 8 days warning doesn't happen in early season storms, they form quickly so NOW is the time to be ready not just start thinking about getting ready.

June 6, 2018 is Charleston County Annual disaster certification exercise. This year the simulation will be 40 hours after a major earthquake struck. Amateur radio will be included in the exercise so expect to hear communications on the local linked repeaters and potentially HF traffic as well. The messages will be started with "This is a Drill" and closed the same way. If a request for support goes out please respond with proper message/net

procedures and drill message. No reason to scare or upset people like "War of the Worlds" did.

Because of supporting several operating events there will be NO Charleston county ARES meeting in June.

With Museum ships week-end, the EXPO at Lowe's store (9600 Dorchester Rd), both on Saturday June 2, plenty of opportunities to operate. Lowe's is from 1000 til 1300, Museum ships will last as long as there are operators on Saturday and Sunday. The biggest event of course is ARRL Field Day on June 23 1400 till June 24 1400 hours. We will be setting up after 1400 on June 22 and of course tearing down on June 24 after 1400. Plenty of chances to learn new operating methods, tricks to improvising and practicing regular and emergency communications. Hope to see a lot of activity for these events.

Remember to keep checking in to the Low Country ARES net on Sunday evening and the follow on South Carolina ARES net. These nets teach net procedures and patience too. Don't forget to check into these other nets too.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays SkyWarn net at 2100hrs. On SCHEART system

Thursday mornings SCHEART net at 0900 on SCHEART system

Thursday evenings New Comers net at 2000 on Local repeater system

All of these nets are great training for emergencies and can provide information in a true disaster.

Until next month,
73, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 4/1/18	\$5,998.55
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	60.00
Memberships	40.00
Raffle Proceeds	61.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - April CARS Carrier	(6.98)
Memorial	(25.00)
Bank Fee	(10.00)

Ending Checking Balance - 4/30/18 \$6,117.57

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of MAY MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. meeting was called to order by the President Eugene Mah, AB4UG, at 7:00 PM on Monday May 14, 2018 at the **Golden Corral** in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 33 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The April 2018 meeting minutes were published in the May 2018 CARS Carrier. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, the motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte, KJ4PLX

The March 2018 Financial Report was published in the May 2018 newsletter and accepted as information.

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ & Jim, KW4UL

Museum Ships weekend is June 2nd and 3rd. Plan to work all three ships, the Yorktown, the Clamagore and the Laffey. May be the last time from the Clamagore, if it is moved away.

Field Day: Jim, KW4UL

No report.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Nothing new to report. Plans in the making for the October Isle of Palms run.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

A report on how well the 2018 hamfest went, was presented to the group.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The repeaters on the whole are still running well with no problems. There are still some glitches to be worked out.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Don Damewood, KJ4WP
Jeffery Eglon, N9JLE
Richard Morgan, KM4WVA

Second Reading:

Emergency Prep: Rick, N8BKN, Charleston; John, W4HNC, Dorchester; Linda, KJ4EUV, Berkeley

Received a Thank You letter from CERT for our participation in the EXPO.

We received an invite to attend the Lowes EXPO at 9600 Dorchester Rd from 10:00 AM to about 1:00 PM. Date is scheduled for June 2nd.

June 6 Charleston will conduct an earthquake disaster drill.

There will not be a Charleston ARES meeting in May or June, due to prior commitments

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Time to renew the website host for another year.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled testing should be June 9th at 9:00 AM at the Tall Pines Baptist Church. The church is located on 645 Treeland Drive, near the American Biker store.

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

No report.

School Clubs: Tom, AJ4UQ - School Radio Club - K4PSA

No report.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

Started collecting some of the needed items for the trailer, still looking for a lug wrench.

Old Business: None

New Business:

John, WA4GPS asked for permission to renew the website host for another year. Charge is \$107.40. Voted on and approved.

The Hamfest Committee makes a motion to have a Hamfest in the year 2019, and that a new committee be formed, with the authority to use the Hamfest funds. Voted on and approved.

Announcements:

Carl, WD4CXW, thanked everyone for the help with this years MARS Crossband Exercise.

John, WA4GPS, donated a Tapestry his wife, Alberta, won at a party for volunteers after the 2003 Cooper River Bridge Run. Plan to hang it on a wall in the club room on the Yorktown for all to enjoy.

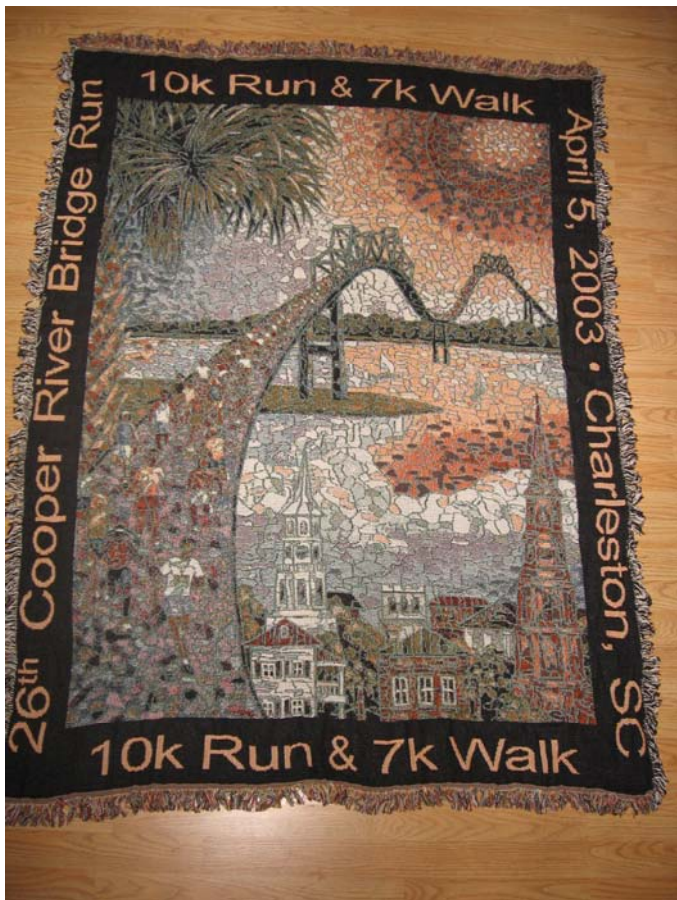
Requested funds to purchase a plaque to thank John for Alberta's Tapestry. Voted on and approved.

Drawing:

Joseph, K4LTF, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership,

Being no further business, at 7:30 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI



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