

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

August 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, Aug. 13, 2018



DUES ARE DUE

Dues for the year 2018-2019 are now due. They are \$20.00 per member or, if Family, \$10.00 for each additional family member in the same household. Please make check payable to CARS. You may pay at the meeting or mail to membership chairman: **Bryce Myers, K4LXF, 2630 Dellwood Ave., North Charleston, SC 29405-6814**

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Well here I am, back for another year as the club president. I've enjoyed serving as president of the club for the past year and look forward to doing it again for another year. This month I've got a bit of a hodge podge of items for the newsletter.

The next event coming up is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Ride For Life bike ride on September 29 out in the Hollywood area. I've helped out with this event a few times in the past, and it's a pretty easy, low key event. For anyone who is interested in helping out with event communication support but hasn't done it before, this is a good event to start with. Use the event signup link on the club web site to sign up to help out with the ride.

What do you tell people when they ask what amateur radio is all about? One of the things that always amazes me is just how broad the hobby of amateur radio really is. Aside from the communication aspect, there's building your own gear, investigating propagation, experimenting with antenna designs, electronics work, construction work, direction finding/fox hunting, astronomy, and so many more things. There are just so many rabbit holes you can go into with what you learn from amateur radio.

There are a few items listed for sale on the club website (<http://wa4usn.org/forsalem.htm>). If you're

looking for gear to add to your shack, go have a look.

Dues are due! If you've paid yours already, many thanks! If you haven't yet, please send them in.

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

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

First order of business, Thank you to everyone that took the time to visit the Club trailer at the two (2) sites of Community Disaster Awareness. The James Island site and the Summerville site. Received "thank you" e-mails from both site directors expressing their appreciation and revealing Ham Radio's role in a disaster and Ham Radio capabilities.

Next, the Charleston County Emergency Management Department is very pleased with the ARES/Ham's participation in the annual certification exercise on June 6th and all of the times Ham's step up and aid their community. Keep up the great work.

Remember Hurricane Season is just getting started. There have been three (3) storms thus far, Alberto, Beryl, Chris, more to come I'm sure. Also according to the Farmer's Almanac August and September are when Hurricanes hit Charleston area. We still have a long season to go so get your preparations done now so you can help your neighbors and friends with their preparations. Also think of your elderly

friends and family and get a few extra supplies to help them out because of their fixed income. Next get a recent (new) paper map because roads change and cell phones and GPS might not work in a disaster.

We always need more members so please keep recruiting new people that want to help in disasters and public service events (Bridge Run, etc, etc).

Speaking of new members please welcome:
Jeffery Eglon, N9JLE & Tom Arno, W1JTA

Next Charleston County ARES meeting will be August 18, 2018 at the St. Andrew's Public Service Building, located at 1775 Ashley River Rd (Corner of Hwy 7 & Hwy 61) starting at 0900. Hope to see everyone there.

Field Day is past and I had an excellent time as always. Field Day is a great way to test your skills and your set-up/take down skills during an emergency.

Everybody stay safe, plan for the problems, and be ready to help the community.

Until next month, Rick Valentine, N8BKN

CORRECTED MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 5/1/18	\$6,117.57
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	49.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - May CARS Carrier	(18.22)
Website Host Renewal	(107.40)
Bank Fee	(10.00)
Ending Checking Balance - 5/31/18	\$6,030.95

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Balance - 6/1/18	\$6,030.95
Cash Receipts:	
Raffle Proceeds	49.00
Cash Disbursements:	
John Meyers - June CARS Carrier	(16.98)
Jenny Myers - Printing Rosters	(14.99)
Field Day	(500.00)
ARRL - 3 Memberships	(126.00)
Bank Fee	(10.00)

Ending Checking Balance - 6/30/18 \$5,411.98

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of JULY MEETING Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Golden Corral near Tanger Mall,
Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society, Inc. meeting was called to order by the President Eugene Mah, AB4UG, at 7:03 PM on Monday July 9, 2018 at the **Golden Corral** in North Charleston, SC.

Introductions: There were 39 people present.

Secretary's Minutes: Warren, KK4EVI

The June 2018 meeting minutes were published in the July 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 May 2018 Financial Report was published in the July 2018 newsletter and accepted as information.

Museum Ships: Tom, AJ4UQ & Jim, KW4UL
No report.

Field Day: Jim, KW4UL

A thank you and a round of applause went out to Michelle, KK4WKO, for the food setup during Field Day.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Tom, K4WJC – talked about the CF (Cystic Fibrosis) Bike Ride coming up this year and asked if the Club would support the ride again this year. The date is September 29th and the starting point will be at Edisto Beach. Looking for volunteers.

Hamfest Report: Steve, KE4THX

Armory Park has been reserved for next year, the tickets are ordered and we are still finishing up on a few items.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

The repeaters are giving Bryce fits. For some reason, the 79 repeater got tired and quit for a while, it back to working now?

Glen WB4UIV – talked about the person possibly causing interference on the frequencies, has been caught and radio equipment seized. Person was **not** a Ham. Investigation still going on.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Yearly dues are due again, for year 2019

New applications for membership:

First Reading: Gary Hager, KM4ZGN
Leon Hopkins, WZ0M
Philip Meyer, KN4MJC
Ed Mullis, K4WEM
Stan Trussell, KB4SBE
Jan Kauser, KN4FZP

Second Reading: William Mark Petit, KN4MJB

William was voted on and welcomed into the Club.

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

Charleston ARES meeting July 21st at the St. Andrews Public Service Building at 09:00 AM.

Hurricane Beryl heading north and should present no problem to Charleston.

Hurricane Chris off the coast and also heading north, no threat to Charleston.

Hurricane season picking up – start putting emergency supplies together. Get water, food, gasoline, and any medicine for at least a week. Let kin or someone know where you a staying.

Rick received a thank you note from the sponsor of the EXPO.

Hurricane nets 14.325 MHz USB, 7.268 MHz LSB, and the Caribbean Hurricane Net 7.188 MHz LSB.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next scheduled testing should be August 11th 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

Looking for a new sponsor, old sponsor moved to new school.

Communications Trailer: Willie, WB4SOG

Nothing new – planning on having a working party soon.

Old Business:

Report on progress looking for an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for Club. Several mfg's were suggested and prices. Motion made to continue researching – voted on and passed.

New Business:

Tom, K4WJC – made a motion requesting Club support for this year's Cystic Fibrosis Bike ride. Voted on and approved. Sign up sheet was passed around.

Announcements:

Election results: President – Eugene AB4UG
Vice President – Tom AJ4UQ
Secretary – Warren KK4EVI
Treasurer – Charlotte KJ4PLX

Drawing:

Mike, KN4LDM, won the drawing for a one-year ARRL membership,

Being no further business, at 7:40 PM, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Warren, KK4EVI

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND 2018

June 2 - 3, 2018

USS Yorktown WA4USN



From the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station, we thank you for your participation in the 2018 International Museum Ships Weekend.

The operators listed below have demonstrated their skills in the art of radio communications.



Rick N8BKN
Warren KK4EVI
Greg KG4GEK
Dwayne N4NHT
Mike KN4LDM
Bryce K4LXF
Eugene AB4UG

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