

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society June 2024 Newsletter

CARS Web Site --- <http://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, June 10, 2024 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Another start to Summer and school is out. This is the month of many opportunities to get out and enjoy the hobby of Amateur radio. June is always a busy month with major events. We start the month with Museum Ships Weekend. This year there are 103+ ships registered with many ways to work them. Come out to the Clubroom and sit in the A/C and be the target of pile-ups.

Later in the month is the annual ARRL Field Day. Every June on the fourth full weekend Hams from all over North America try to make as many contacts as possible. Remember this is NOT a contest but points are earned so come out and assist the Club in making points, having fun, and learn a new-to-your mode. CARS always operates an SSB station and a CW/Digital station. We also work from temporary antennas and use the Club generators. Contact Steve, AA2BB and sign up.

The June Club meeting is when the Nomination Committee presents a slate of Officers. The committee works hard to get a good slate of Officers to lead the Club so come out and listen to the nominations. The vote is during the July meeting so time to decide your choices. Hope to see everyone at this meeting.

The weather has been great so far but realize that severe weather is always possible and Hurricane season starts June 1, so start preparing for the worst and hope nothing happens.

Get your antenna work done before the summer heatwave hits. Ask for help, this Club has many willing helpers for antenna or station work all you must do is ask.

73 Rick Valentine, N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

We made it through Museum Ships Weekend. Next up this week is the W2Z Special Event Station for the USS Yorktown CV-5 on Friday, then Field Day on the fourth full weekend of the month.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

The wandering Membership Committee has returned. Thank you to those who made sure the membership didn't fall apart during our absence. We gained four new members while we were gone and according to the President you had great weather here for the whole time so maybe we should just drift away. I don't think anyone could figure out all my paperwork without a forensic study, so I guess I better hang around for that.

We have two second readings for this months meeting: Grelon Williams KQ4PYS, and Robert Denman K4RWD

One person has applied for membership and will be a first reading this month: Chris Hochreiter KQ4DYV, a General, in IT, who lives in Goose Creek.

Anyone who has questions or information about membership can contact us at:

Lee Miller KI4LLJ
CARS Membership Chairman
207 Glebe Rd
Summerville, SC 29485

Lee KI4LLJ and Jennette KO4BPH
CARS Membership Committee

FIELD DAY

We are coming down to the wire for Field Day preparations. Field Day runs from 2pm Saturday, June 22nd, through 2pm Sunday, June 23rd. Please consider being an operator, CW or SSB or digital. We want to be on the air as much as possible during the 24 hours of the event. A sign-up roster will soon be available on the club website:
<https://www.wa4usn.org>.

Those with specific responsibilities for the event are already aware or I am in the process of reaching out to you.

There will be plenty of food and we expect local elected officials and the press to attend sometime during the event.

All in the club are welcome to join us on the Yorktown anytime during the event!

(It is best to have a Patriot's Point ID badge if you plan to be on the Yorktown after hours. Any club member can get one by showing their club membership card at the information desk on the hangar deck during weekday business hours.)

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Nothing new to report.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

MUSEUM SHIPS

This weekend was Museum Ships Weekend (www.nj2bb.org). We operated as USS Yorktown WA4USN and USS Laffey NT4HI from the club room. The CW crew dominated the contacts. PBR Boat WD4PBR was operated by Brian KN4EXJ and Del KW4XQ on phone from next to the Viet Nam exhibit. Around 150 chasers each were worked by the Yorktown and Laffey.

Tom, AJ4UQ

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

June is here and so is the 2024 Hurricane season. The predictions are out, and this season is going to be exciting. For those who were here for Hurricane Hugo this season has doubled the named storms, doubled the CAT 3+ storms and doubled the number of storms that will hit the US, over the year of Hugo. Please get ready now before the panic of a Hurricane comes.

This early in the season, hurricanes traditionally start in the Gulf of Mexico or directly offshore. That only gives about one or two days of notice. Later, after August 1, most storms come off Africa and give about 7 days of warning so do not get lulled into believing you will always have a week to prepare start now.

Get a new Hurricane guide because some evacuation zones have changed, and evacuation orders may come earlier than before. The new map will be in the newspaper or go online to www.scemd.org and get your copy now. Also now is the time to start loading up on supplies for a trip or just stuff that will not spoil if you lose power for weeks like during Hugo.

Lastly, the Low Country lost an excellent leader in emergency management, the Charleston County Director Joe Coates passed away. I collaborated with Joe for many years and the ARES groups lost a real expert on what Hams were capable of doing in support of emergency support and Charleston County has surplus equipment to aid the community and Low Country. Joe will be missed and hard to replace.

73 Rick, N8BKN

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

The next planned event is the Isle of Palms Connector Run in October.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

CARS trailer has a new aluminum ladder that will be much lighter and easier to work. Donated so no cost to the club!!

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 2024			
Checking Balance March 31, 2024			\$ 3,136.00
Cash Receipts - April			
	Dues	20.00	
	Memberships	-	
	Raffle Proceeds	50.00	
	ARRL Commission on renewed membership	5.00	
Total Receipts			75.00
Cash Disbursements -April			
	ARRL Membership	(59.00)	
		-	
		-	

Total Disbursements			(59.00)
Checking Balance April 30, 2024			\$ 3,152.00

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the APRIL MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society May 13, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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

Introductions: Members attending: 38 Guests: 1 Associate: 1

Announcements: Rick, N8BKN,

June 10 – 14 ZOOM classes 1800 – 2100 info on SCHEART.US Licensing classes

Museum Ships weekend June 1 – 2, 2024

Sinking of USS Yorktown CV-5 special event June 7, 2024 pending

ARRL Field Day weekend June 21-23, 2024

Secretary's Report – Brian, KN4EXJ Accepted as information

Treasurer's Report – Charlotte, KJ4PLX Accepted as information

Standing Events Reports:

Field Day Steve, AA2B - Looking for operators for all stations, If interested in helping contact Steve, AA2BB

Hamfest – Paulette, KI4AIK – Check CARS Carrier

Race Support Reports:

Doug, KU4OC – Six club members supported the MS Walk on Saturday at James Island County Park: KO4BPL, KK4EVI, KJ4GZR, KJ4OXF, KJ4PLX, and AJ4UQ.

Tom, K4WJC –
Repeaters – Bryce, K4LXF –

Communications Trailer – Mike, KY4BO – Trailer has been cleaned and moved.

Emergency Preps:

Berkeley County, Linda, KJ4EVV – Last Saturday of month

Charleston County, Rick, N8BKN – 2nd Saturday Preparing for hurricane season. Start of hurricane season is June 1st. Important frequencies to monitor are:

June 5th hurricane drill. 79 repeater may be taken out of service.

National Hurricane Center 14.325MHz and 7.268 MHz back up

Caribbean hurricane net 7.188MHz

Maritime net 14.300 Mhz

Dorchester County, Beverly, W3BRB – Held the first meeting at the new EOC building. Building is still in the hands of the contractor.

Nets:

Sunday: Low Country ARES net 2000 Hrs. – 2020 Hrs.

SC ARES net 2000 Hrs. -2130 Hrs. On the SCHEART repeaters

Tuesday: SC ARES HF net at 1800 Hrs. on 3.990MHz

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

School Clubs – Tom, AJ4UQ – TARC is assisting the SC DEW RWA with an ARISS school contact planned for the July-December window.

Education/Testing – Tom, AJ4UQ – VE testing session Sunday 19 May at Reforge and Saturday 8 June 0900 at Tall Pines. Technician Class in Mt Pleasant 20-21 June, testing on Friday 21st. POC Rick N8BKN

Planning a Technician class September 3 Sat and Sunday

CARS Carrier/ Website – Tom, AJ4UQ – Always looking for content.

Museum Ships – Tom, AJ4UQ – Plan to open the Yorktown around 0830 hrs Saturday 1 June and operate until the last key holder tires out (2000 - 2100 Hrs.) Sunday from 0830 to 1600 hrs. Looking for Mobile/portable operators for the PBR ops. If you plan operating after hours contact Rick, N8BKN or Tom, AJ4UQ to get a ID card for Patriots Point.

Membership – Lee, KI4LLJ – Membership renews in July.

Total Membership to date 171

Paid up Members

Regular Voting members 159

Lifetime members 4

First Readings:

Robert Denman, K4RWD

Greton Williams, KQ4PYS

Second Reading:

Owen Trott, KF5BLK General

Johan Linner, KY4ZF Extra

Travis Rogers, KQ4QEO Technician

Zackery Joseph Aiblabie, VK6AAS (Australia)

Old Business:

1st of June starts Hurricane Season note there is a change in the hurricane evacuation routes and reentry requirement/program. General discussion followed among club members.

WD4PBR QSL Cards – Still waiting.

New Business:

Membership Recruiting: We can use new members and activities

Any Other New Business?

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Drawing – Larry, Mike won

Tip the wait staff

Meeting Adjourned: 1949

Brian, KN4EXJ

CARS Members Participate in Hot Dog Ministry

Mike, KY4BO, belongs to a church group that operates a weekly Hot Dog Ministry to feed the homeless on the Charleston peninsula. Mike offered Johnny, WB4JMS and me (Steven, AA2BB) a chance to participate and help. The group sets up without fanfare in a parking lot downtown and provides a hot meal to all who show up. This week we served about 25 folks 50-60 hot dogs, chili, condiments and snacks. Cold drinks and popsicles were provided. Prayers were said before and after the event and all who attended were thankful.

Steven, AA2BB