

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society August 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, August 12, 2024 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Time to start planning for next year's big events. Good early planning can make an enormous difference in outcome. That is why now is the time to start planning. Maybe even add some events to our Club calendar. Major events like:

- M.A.R.S. cross-band communications event in May always seems to be a success because of Club participation. There are a limited number of MARS operators in South Carolina. Every year Amateurs prove they can assist in military communications during an emergency.
- Museum Ships Weekend is another welcomed event. The Club has three (3) museum ships available to operate from and represent the Patriots Point Maritime Museum and the Low Country. Gives many hams the opportunity to contact distant museum ships and continue to remember the contributions to history. Sometimes we even get to talk to a former shipmate or a family member of a crew member that served.
- ARRL Field Day weekend. An excellent job by Steve, AA2BB and Michelle, KK4WQO. Steve went above and beyond setting up the event and Michelle managed the food extremely well. Thanks to them and all the Club members that supported the event.
- The Club also sponsored a Special Event station recognizing the 82nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway (WW2) and the loss of the CV-5 U.S.S. Yorktown. Many contacts were made and hope to do this event next

year with Club support. We did get recognized by the Yorktown Foundation with an interview of Bill, K4KOA who set up and led the team of operators.

There are other events members may recommend and will support. Get in touch with a Club officer or Committee Chair to discuss your idea. The W2Z special call was obtained by Bill, K4KOA and he knocked the event out of the park so one member idea can reap many benefits for the Club and Amateur Radio.

Everyone stay safe and prepare for the fun. Rick N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

Rick submitted his articles just before tropical system #4 (now Tropical Storm Debby) formed, so I'll remind you to look at the back issues of the Carrier for all the lessons learned that aren't in the Hurricane Expo material.

This is expected to primarily be a long rain event. This means that after soaking for several days, shallow tree root systems won't keep trees upright any more. Watch out for leaning and falling trees later in the week. And look at Google or other real-time traffic maps for unexpected road closures.

The time to ask, "is my radio working?" is before the event. Check into nets regularly (ARES is tonight at 8pm) to know how your radio performs.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership 178
Associate members 7
Voting members 171 (quorum=26)

Four new applications so far for first reading. 1 second reading for August.

Dues continue to trickle in. Thank you to everyone who wishes not to get one of my "friendly reminder" letters after October the first.

Be sure to let me know when any of your information changes. If you text me at 843-518-0669 I can keep the database up to date.

Stay cool in this summer heat.

Lee KI4LLJ and Jennette KO4BPH
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

It is now August so storms will begin coming off of the coast of Africa. Gives you more time to prepare and a longer warning. Don't relax there is still time for the predicted storms to line up. Now is the time to check your supplies if you decide to stay or plan your evacuation route(s). There are new evacuation schedules and routes so pick up the latest information which is available online:

- www.scemd.org for the State Hurricane guide or
- www.charlestoncounty.org for Charleston County Hurricane Guide which is specific for Charleston County.

Charleston County EMD and ARES group held two (2) communications exercises in July. On July 23 ARES coordinated with the Town of Mt. Pleasant's exercise of an earthquake occurring. Results indicated Simplex Communications to be impossible. A relay system will work to keep communications between County EMD and Town EMD. The Repeater system worked fine, and comms were extraordinarily successful. At the County EOC we communicated with Dorchester County on the Dorchester Repeater 147.180 MHz

should additional resources be required. Overall, it completed a successful test for a real event.

On July 27, the County EMD held a Hurricane Awareness Expo at James Island. Lowes and another one at the Mt. Pleasant Lowes. Much was learned and added information was provided.

July 31 Charleston County EMD operated the EOC for training this year teams for a Hurricane event. About 60% of the folks were new and had not participated in the EOC or their new tasking. Lessons learned were well-received and the different protocols were tested and refined. Expect more fine tuning of protocols and more familiar faces to work with. Thanks to the ARES members that answered the morning roll call and all the area amateurs that took part in the exercise.

Everyone stay safe, share your experience with neighbors and update your own gear.

Until Next Month,
73 Rick, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

Field Day all over but the shouting. Results to be published in November QST. Article for the Carrier and CARS website in progress.

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Nothing new to report.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

MUSEUM SHIPS

Working events on the Yorktown will be much easier if you have a Patriots Point ID. Take advantage of the radio slow season to go down on a weekday and see the Director of Security (be sure to bring your CARS membership card).

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

The next planned event is the Isle of Palms Connector Run on 5 October. Sign up on the CARS web site.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

Cars trailer is stowed and ready for next deployment.

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
June 2024			
Checking Balance May 31, 2024			\$ 3,270.00
Cash Receipts - June			
	Dues	25.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	49.00	
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Total Receipts			94.00
Cash Disbursements -June			
	ARRL Membership	(59.00)	
	Host Gator	(143.00)	

	Museum Ships	(369.14)	
Total Disbursements			(571.14)
Checking Balance June 30, 2024			\$ 2,792.86

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the JULY MEETING

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society
July 8, 2024 Monthly Meeting**

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

Introductions: Members attending: 45; Associate: 0; Guests: 1

Announcements: Rick, N8BKN,

- Checking in and out with the security personnel onboard the Yorktown. Check in at the security check point at the head of the pier.
- July 20, 2024 Charleston ARES meeting / Club OP day on the Yorktown.
- July 23, 2024 Town of Mt. Pleasant Emergency Drill – Earthquake
- July 31, 2024 Charleston County Emergency Drill – Hurricane
- August 28, 2024 ICS-300 class at Town of Mt. Pleasant – use LMS
- September 21-22- Technician Class and test at the VA Hospital If testing for a new license please pre register.

Membership – Lee, KI4LLJ: Membership renews in July.

Total Membership to date 176

Paid up Members – Club dues are due.

Regular Voting members 169

Lifetime members 4

Associates 7

First Readings:

Dan Maher KN4YII

Second Reading:

Chris Hochreiter, KQ4DYV

Gregory Fowler, KM4FBY

David Carlough, W5USR

Nomination Committee Report: Bryce, K4LXF:

The current officers are willing to continue in their current offices.

Nominations from the Membership – No nominations made from members at large.

Election of Club Officers

Nomination of club officers closed.

Lee, KI4LLJ- moved that the current officers be elected.

Election was held by voice vote. All in favor of reelecting the current officers signified by saying Aye, Unanimous. None signified by saying Nay. Club officers for the next year are:

Rick Valentine, N8BKN – President

Tom Glaab, AJ4UQ – Vice President

Brian Smith, KN4EXJ – Secretary

Charlotte Groves, KJ4PLX - Treasurer

Secretary's Report –Brian, KN4EXJ: Accepted as information

Treasurer's Report – Charlotte, KJ4PLX:

Accepted as information

Standing Events Reports:

Field Day- Steven AA2BB: The club Field Day report has been submitted to the ARRL by Steven AA2BB and Tom AJ4UQ. A summary of the report:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Club WA4USN operating from the USS Yorktown CV-10 with GOTA Station WD4PBR accumulated a preliminary score of 3,081 points. The club operated as a 2A class station under generator, battery and solar power. Bonus points were obtained in all categories for a total of 1,355. This included points from the GOTA station for its first contact in 6 years. A satellite contact was also made. The club operated on the 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 meter bands using CW, Digital, and Phone. A total of 863 contacts were made. Thirty club members participated in this event.

Hamfest – Paulette, KI4AIK: No Report

Race Support Reports:

Doug, KU4OC – No Report

Tom, K4WJC – No Report

Repeaters – Bryce, K4LXF: Nothing to report.

Communications Trailer – Mike, KY4BO:

Nothing new. Generators are back in place and have been serviced ready for use.

Emergency Preps:

Berkeley County, Linda, KJ4EUVV – Last Saturday of month

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

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 –

Change in state evacuation plan please review.

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: No Report

Education/Testing –Tom, AJ4UQ: Next testing at Reforge third Sunday in July (21 July at 3 pm), Tall Pines on August 10, VA hospital 22 September.

Next public class will be September 21-22 at the VA hospital.

CARS Carrier/ Website – Tom, AJ4UQ: Always looking for content. Thank You to Steve AA2BB and Brian KN4EXJ for contributing articles and photos from Field Day.

Email attachments is still broken.

Museum Ships – Tom, AJ4UQ: Museum Ships logs have been submitted.

Old Business:

WD4PBR QSL Cards – a new source has been found. Rick, N8BKN, is still working on getting them printed.

Larry, KJ4GZR, discussed plans on the teaching of Morse code to the club. Who wants to learn the code?

New Business:

Name Tag motion by Lee, KI4LLJ to have the club continue to pay for new member name tags as they join the club. Club voted to continue doing so.

A question was raised from the floor if this also applied to members that up graded or changed their call sign. This motion was tabled.

Nominate/Recommend that we name Rear Admiral James Flatley III Ret. as a life member of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society. Club vote was unanimous. Certificate and Frame required.

Any Other New Business?

Drawing – Conducted by Larry, KJ4GZR: Steve, KJ4AII won

Meeting Adjourned: 1946 hrs.

Brian, KN4EXJ

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