

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society October 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, October 14, 2024 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Another month closer to the end of 2024 and a New Year. Please always listen on the bands to minimize interference before transmitting. The damage left by Hurricane Helene will require a major recovery issue in South Carolina and the other States for years to come. Give the posted rescue/recovery frequencies some space and a clear frequency. The pictures I have seen remind me of how Hugo left the Low Country so please give the people supporting rescue/recovery any help you can.

The Club meeting in November will be moved to the second Tuesday which is November 12, 2024. The Golden Corral will be recognizing Veteran's on Veteran's Day so we will move the CARS meeting one day. Mark your calendars please.

Because I write this before the event, I would like to thank everyone for helping with the Isle of Palms Connector Run on October 5, 2024. I am sure it will go well, and everyone will have a fun time.

We gained 21 new Hams after the Technician Class and I want to thank Tom, AJ4UQ and the VE team for the special test session they worked extremely hard. So please welcome the new Amateurs to the Ham Radio community, invite them to your shack, and of course to a Club meeting. Help them learn from your experiences rather than having to learn on their own.

Always keep the Upstate folks in your mind. They have lost much from infrastructure to housing to individual property. We in the Low Country didn't

recover from Hugo quickly either. Plus, all of the water from the Upstate will mostly have to come this way to the ocean so be careful.

Rick N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

I was upstate in Greer, SC, for Helene. The storm itself wasn't very interesting in the big-box hotel, but things got interesting afterwards.

The power went out at breakfast and didn't come back until mid-afternoon at the hotel. Since the parking garage had electric gates, we weren't going anywhere. Walking around town quickly revealed many trees down, including across one of the main streets. Some houses were hidden behind all the fallen trees and power lines.

Downtown Greer did alright with power and several restaurants were open by dinnertime, but the internet service was out – the service used by credit card machines. Remember to have a supply of cash if you need to go out.

Traffic lights were out all over. Most people, but not all, followed the rule to treat the intersection as a four-way stop. Fortunately we only saw one wreck as a result.

Gas stations had long lines after the storm. Why didn't people fill up before the storm?

I brought a handie-talkie on the trip and monitored the statewide net with SC EMD. As the storm passed, the net changed its focus to the most affected areas and stopped calling less-impacted

areas like the Lowcountry. It's important to listen to net control instructions so you know what's going on.

And hang on, there's another Gulf storm headed in our direction this week. Gas up and go shopping *before* the rush.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership:

Total: 186
Associates: 8
Voting: 178
Quorum: 27

First readings:

- Stephen Mitchell K7CB, Extra, Systems Engineer, Walterboro
- Kerry Williamson KQ4VPK, Tech, Fire Safety Superintendent, N. Charleston

Second readings: None

Dues are past due. If you have not yet paid, per the Society By-Laws, you are no longer a member in good standing and cannot vote at club meetings, or hold any office until such time as your dues are caught up. Please send a check made out to CARS, to Lee Miller KI4LLJ, 207 Glebe Rd., Summerville, SC 29485. If you are unsure whether you're paid up or not please text me at 843-518-0669 or email me at ki4llj@arrl.net Dues are still only \$20 for the first member of a household and half price for anyone else in the same household.

Hope to see many of you at a meeting this year.

I wish I could send the following information to you as an attachment, but alas our database is still on the fritz, so here is the information regarding the DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY/MEETING. Please heed the deadlines in the information. Paulette has informed us she cannot accept RSVP's or Monies due past those deadlines as the venue requires our attendance numbers by certain dates.

CARS Christmas Party and Meeting

Monday December 9, 2024

6:30pm-9:00pm

Round Holiday Inn Restaurant

301 Savannah Highway, Charleston

Call or text Paulette (843-200-5735) with questions

Chinese Gift Exchange (\$15 target)

RSVP Paulette firefighter1464@yahoo.com (or text as above) no later than November 25, 2024 if you will be attending and if you are bringing a guest.

Payments of \$20 per person attending are due no later than December 2, 2024. The balance of the cost will be borne by the Society.

Make checks payable to Paulette Harrison and send to PO Box 444, Ravenel, SC 29470.

Paulette has gone to a lot of work to make this a fun event for the club. Please respect her efforts.

Lee KI4LLJ and Jennette KO4BPH
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The recent storm called Helene has been very damaging to the Upstate area. They have lost roads, bridges, power, food, water, communications networks, etc. Those that remember Hugo can begin to understand the current situation up there. There are currently several emergency nets, please give the nets a clear frequency. Also ALWAYS listen before transmitting or tuning up to avoid interference issues with the nets. The rain and water in the Upstate will come down here eventually so remember be careful and "Turn around, Don't drown" on flooded roads.

Next the SCHEART repeater system has been configured to support the western part of South Carolina. Always check the SCHEART website for the current configuration of the analog system and DMR system for the latest issues. This was evident last Sunday during the Sunday evening ARES nets. The SCHEART configuration caused me to cancel

the Low Country ARES net, and we received a briefing about the State of South Carolina and the SCHEART system. Stay flexible and understanding because Ham radio may be the primary communications method available in the damaged areas.

Be careful what information you hear on the air and before repeating the info please check the information with a verified source. Here are some verified sources of information.

- www.scemd.org South Carolina Emergency Management Division
- 1-866-246-0133 South Carolina Phone Information.
- www.poweroutage.us Power outages statewide
- www.511sc.org South Carolina roads and highway information
- www.ris.scdot.org More Road and highway information
- www.drivenc.org North Carolina roads and highway information

There are still people without power and drinking water so if you choose to donate, please pick a trusted group to make sure your donation gets to the people that need the supplies.

Until Next Month,
73 Rick, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

No updates. Watch for FD results in November QST.

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Still checking places for a hamfest.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

MUSEUM SHIPS

Patriots Point is undergoing some big changes to parking. The large lot is closed and replaced with a

smaller lot with automated payment systems (\$5/hour, max \$35/day). Your Patriots Point ID will get you into the staff lot... for now.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE



The club supported the Isle of Palms 5k/10k this weekend, as seen from the farthest point on the course, the 10k turnaround.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER



The trailer supported the IoP 5k/10k run using the trailer's repeater and mast. Here it is supporting pre-sunrise briefs and radio checks.

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report August 2024			
Checking Balance July 31, 2024			\$ 2,740.03
Cash Receipts - August			
	Dues	595.00	
	Memberships	80.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	49.00	
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Total Receipts			724.00
Cash Disbursements -August			
	ARRL Membership	(59.00)	
	Copies	(14.63)	
	Field Day Framing SC Resolution and Letter	(80.29)	
		-	
Total Disbursements			(153.92)
Checking Balance August 31, 2024			\$ 3,310.11

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the SEPTEMBER MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society September 9, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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

Introductions: Members attending: 47 Associate: Guests: 2

Announcements: Rick, N8BKN,

September 21-22, 2024 0800 hrs. Technician Class and test at the VA Hospital If testing for a new license please pre-register.

Slow Code Net: September 11, 2024 @ 2000Hrs on linked repeaters

Spartanburg Amateur Radio Club Events Check their website.

Vanuatu DXpedition event 26, 27 October 2024

IOP Connector Run October 5, 2024

Operating Day September 21, 2024 @ 1100 to 1600hrs

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

Treasurer's Report – Charlotte, KJ4PLX – Accepted as information

Standing Committee Reports

Field Day- Steven AA2BB - See the CARS Carrier for article.

Museum Ships – Tom, AJ4UQ –

Hamfest – Paulette, KI4AIK – Three phone calls received.

Repeaters – Bryce, K4LXF - Nothing to report

School Clubs – Tom, AJ4UQ – No Report

Race Support Reports:

Doug, KU4OC – IOP Connector race please see Doug to sign up Meet at the Sea Biscuit after race for breakfast cash only.

Tom, K4WJC – No Report

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

Communications Trailer – Mike, KY4BO –
Nothing new.

Education/Testing –Tom, AJ4UQ – Next testing, VA hospital 22 September. Eugene reported 2nd Sat October at Tall Pines Baptist Church. Looking for VE's contact Tom or Eugene. Next Tall Pines test session is scheduled for October 12th.

Membership – Lee, KI4LLJ – Membership renews in July.

Total Membership to date 178

Paid up Members – Club dues are due.

Paid Membership – 101

Regular Voting members 179

Lifetime members 4

Associates 8

First Readings: None

Second Reading:

- John Hensel, KQ4STB, Technician Class
- Brant Colbry, KE8CTH, Extra Class
- Richard Hochreiter, KQ4DYW, General Class
- Frederick Harris, KE4NHT, General Class
- Ronald Steele, KQ4SIP, Technician Class

Emergency Preparedness:

September is National Preparedness Month version 7e SC Tactical Communications Plan Down load off of the ARES

Atlantic Basin Storms- Keep track of the NOAA Hurricane Center

Berkeley County, Linda, KJ4EVV – 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

Archie's Repeater back up for 146.790 is K4IUG 147.345 +600 Tone 141.3 Adams Run location

Dorchester County, Beverly, W3BRB –

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

WinLink Net 39.150

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

Old Business:

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

Slow Speed Code Class 8pm Wednesday 79 repeater

Trivia Question What does QST mean.

New Business:

December Meeting/Party – Proposed that the Club will subsidize the cost of the party and each attendee pay \$20.00. Date is December 9th.

November meeting- Veterans Day to be held on another date, Mr. Bryce will make arrangements.

Any Other New Business?

Drawing – Conducted by Larry, KJ4GZR, Won by Paulette.

Meeting Adjourned: hrs. 1935 hrs.

Brian, KN4EXJ

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