

CARS CARRIER

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

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Everyone remember that the November CARS Club meeting will be on the second Tuesday of November. That is November 12, 2024. We have moved to the meeting because Golden Corral honors veterans on Monday, we have moved the meeting before just remember Tuesday this month.

Please don't forget the folks in the upstate and Western North Carolina. They are still recovering from Helene and a word of encouragement goes along ways.

Hope everyone is enjoying the changing weather and different temperatures. Start preparing for winter and the upcoming holidays. Also, this is the last CARS Carrier for 2024. We don't publish a December issue. You will have to remember the December meeting times and different locations.

For those planning on attending the December meeting/Festivities please contact Paullette, KJ4AIK for reservations so she can plan the dinner and party.

Not much else needs saying except everyone enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please stay safe and happy. Join us next year with more excitement and plans for 2025.

Until January 2025
Rick N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

Our community service – bicycle events director, Tom K4WJC, had been uncharacteristically quiet during the run-up to the LowVelo ride. We heard that he fell and suffered a head injury, putting him in the hospital for a while. Here's hoping for a full recovery so he can get back to chasing bicycles on his motor bike.

The LowVelo event went well, with Linda KJ4EVV as net control. She keeps things interesting by shifting operators around as the event needs change. It's good practice for a disaster situation where operators won't be sitting still.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

No new members in October. We will have second readings this month for the three applicants that were initially read last meeting. Those were Kerry Williamson KQ4VPK, Stephen Mitchell K7CB, and Stuart Gott KZ4LN. I have been contacted by an interested party, but have received no paperwork yet for a first reading.

If you have not yet paid your dues for this year, you are no longer a member in good standing. In order to regain that good standing you must catch up your dues before the end of January, or you will be struck from the record, and required to pay a new joining fee \$20, catch up your dues anyway, and resubmit a new application. Plus if you don't catch up pretty soon, you'll get one of those "friendly" little reminders in the snail mail, which costs the club money, and me time (a lot of time because I'm not really quick at stuffing envelopes and attaching

labels and stamps). Hopefully you all read these newsletters and it will jog your memory and I'll get a slew of dues over the next few weeks to process. Don't forget meeting is second TUESDAY this month. Hope to see many of you there.

Lee KI4LLJ and Jennette KO4BPH
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Down to one more month of 2024 Hurricane season, or so everyone hopes. Tropical Storm Patty should be resolved by meeting night and the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea are still active, and so is offshore Atlantic. Warning times for these events is noticeably short so keep alert and follow them closely.

With the clocks being set back an hour it will be even darker for the morning school bus traffic and students. Give yourself some extra time and watch closely for the students, no one wants an accident during the upcoming holidays.

Also, with the lower morning temperatures and at night you may want to keep a coat or blanket in your vehicle for added warmth in case you get stopped or stranded for an extended period of time. Try to put a good set of walking/hiking shoes in your vehicle too.

If traveling over the holidays, leave a trip plan with a family member or friend. It's easier to check you are safe or find you if people know where you are going, ETA to get there, and general route you are taking. Sometimes unexpected situations arise, and a good plan comes in handy.

Stay safe everyone, enjoy the holidays.

Until Next Month,
73 Rick, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

Nothing new this month. Will start the process for June, 2025 in January. Watch for FD results in November QST.

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Hamfest... waiting for a call back from the armory.

Christmas Party/meeting Haven't heard from many people, last day to rsvp is Nov 25 and payment is due no later than Dec 2. Email firefighter1464@yahoo.com.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

MUSEUM SHIPS

Nothing new to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

The MUSC LowVelo ride was held on 2 November from Brittlebank Park downtown, across Sullivans Island and Isle of Palms, and into the National Forest. As usual the ham radio operators were able to operate seamlessly across all locations, while cell phone service in the forest is spotty.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

Nothing to report.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

Mike sent photos of recent trailer upgrades – a new cover for the masthead, waterproof covers for the coax, and a spill tray for the gas can.



Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the OCTOBER MEETING

**Charleston Amateur Radio Society
October 14, 2024 Monthly Meeting**

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

Introductions: Members attending: 47

Associate: Guests: 2

Announcements: Rick, N8BKN,

Club membership dues are due NOW!. See Lee, KI4LLJ

Remember there are club members in NC and assisting as well as family members in Fl. Keep them in your thoughts.

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



Vanuatu DXpedition event 26, 27 October 2024

Operating Day October 19, 2024_@ 1100 to 1600hrs

Tickets for the Raffle see Larry

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

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

Standing Committee Reports

Field Day- Steven AA2BB- November QST will have the results for Field Day.

Museum Ships – Tom, AJ4UQ – Change in Patriots Point Parking: Free parking with ID card in the employee's parking lot. General parking is \$5.00/ hour by meter.

Hamfest – Paulette, KI4AIK – Still looking, waiting for return calls.

Repeaters – Bryce, K4LXF- Nothing to report

School Clubs – Tom, AJ4UQ – No Report

Race Support Reports: Doug, KU4OC – IOP Exchange Club is very appreciative of the club support. Rick, N8BKN was net control. One ill person assisted.

Tom, K4WJC – No Report, Sign up to support on the CARS Carrier.

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

Communications Trailer – Mike, KY4BO – Gas spill container installed and new antenna covers.

Education/Testing –Tom, AJ4UQ – Next testing November 17th

October test results: 6 new Technicians

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:

Kerry Williamson, KQ4VPK

Stephen Mitchell, K7CB

Stuart Gott, KZ4LN

Second Reading:

Emergency Preparedness:

September is National Preparedness Month version 7e SC Tactical Communications Plan Down load off of the ARES web site www.ares-sc.org

Atlantic Basin Storms- Keep track of the NOAA Hurricane Center

Berkeley County, Linda, KJ4EVV – Last Saturday of month

Charleston County, Rick, N8BKN –Charleston County ARES. Start of meeting is October 19 at 0900 CARS Club Room USS Yorktown. 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. UpdateThe cards are being
printed in New Jersey.

Slow Speed Code Class 8pm Wednesday 79
repeater

Change of November Meeting date to the Tuesday
November 12th following the normal club meeting
date.

December Meeting/Party –The Club will subsidize
the cost of the party and each attendee pay \$20.
00. Date is December 9, 2024. Meeting is by

reservation at the Round Holiday Inn. See Paulette
for reservations. Dirty Santa limit is \$15.00.

New Business:

General discussion on the results of hurricane
Helene and Milton.

Any Other New Business?

Drawing – Conducted by Larry, KJ4GZR, Won by
Doug, KU4OC.

Meeting Adjourned: 1942 hrs.

Repeater Test Codes

33 date and time read back

44 read back of your message

55 test on tone buttons on your radio

Only on your local repeater

Brian, KN4EXJ

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