

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society January 2025 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, January 13, 2025 at the Golden Corral near the Tanger Mall.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

2024 is ending and 2025 is beginning. Now is the time for planning, assembling parts, tools, and helpers for your Amateur Radio Wishlist items. Weather has been very erratic with winter temperatures and the spring temperatures so plan accordingly.

Did you get your list of Ham gear or did you get a lump of coal. I got the coal but used the coal for heat so even coal is useful.

Let Club officers know if you have any special projects for the Yorktown such as clubroom improvements or special operating requests or ideas. Always willing to support new activities. We have discovered a small conflict during June. Bill, K4KOA has a special event call sign to honor the Battle of Midway and the sinking of USS Yorktown CV-5 on June 7. This coming year June 7 will be Museum Ships weekend. After discussion with Bill, we will do both events on June 7 and offer both call signs, in other words a two fer. Problems with this approach please express them early.

Plan to help Steve, AA2BB our Field Day captain and sign up to work during Field Day. He will appreciate the help especially early notification. Avery, W4QYV has agreed to be co-captain again so plan to support Field Day now.

New Year, time to learn a new operating mode. Larry, KJ4GZR is helping with CW training, and we have many Hams using or learning digital modes so try something new this year. Remember CW contacts are double points for Field Day and

the Club can always use more points, even though this not a contest according to the ARRL.

Hope to see everyone at the January meeting . We will be back at the Golden Corral so enjoy the meal and friendship.

Rick N8BKN

NEWS FROM THE VP

Winter Field Day is coming up on 25-26 January 2025. While not as popular as ARRL summer Field Day it's a good opportunity to operate as a club. We've set up from the club trailer in the past, and put in a part time effort on Saturday.

Our Field Day Captain Steve AA2BB isn't available to coordinate this one, so this is an opportunity for another member to stand up and run the event. The hardest part is probably coordinating a site for the trailer to operate for a day.

If you are interested please contact Rick N8BKN or Tom AJ4UQ.

73 Tom, AJ4UQ.

MEMBERSHIP

There is only one major subject from Membership this month. If you have procrastinated, forgotten, intentionally held off, or think there is a possibility you may have not yet paid your Charleston Amateur Radio Society dues for August 2024 through July 2025, you have now reached the moment of truth. The By-Laws state that if you have not paid your dues by February 1, you are to be removed from the

roster and will have to apply again, including paying a joining fee to be re-instated.

If you intend on staying with the club, which we all hope is the case, and just haven't been able to get to a meeting, or a mailbox, or for whatever reason have not been able to pay, I am not Carnac the Magnificent (an old Johnny Carson character). In other words I cannot read minds. If I am informed of your desire to stay with the club, I will do what I can to stretch the time limit, but I cannot justify extending the time limit if I don't know you want to stay with the club.

Please either pay your dues (which are five months overdue at this point), or let me know of any difficulty, or prepare to be stricken from the list of Charleston Amateur Radio Society members.

To pay, please send a \$20 check made out to CARS, to Lee Miller KI4LLJ, CARS Membership, 207 Glebe Rd, Summerville, SC 29485.

To inform me of your status, or to find out what I have for your status (if you have the green membership card you are good to go), please email me at KI4LLJ@arrl.net. If you do not have a green membership card, but think you have paid, let me know.

Please do not put this off any longer. It creates cost for the club as I have to mail out notices to all who have not responded, which either means my information is not up to date as far as email goes, or the emails have been ignored.

One last thing, and this is not my favorite thing, if you do not plan on being a part of the club any more, I would appreciate you letting me know that as well, as that will reduce the number of mailings required.

Lee KI4LLJ and Jennette KO4BPH
CARS Membership Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

I am writing this in December during a Tornado Watch for the tri-County area. It is late in the year for severe tornadoes or early for 2025. Tornadoes

are normally springtime events but just proves since Hurricane season is over you still have to stay alert to the weather. We have experienced different weather events this last year that are unusual, stick around the weather will change.

Hope you got everything you asked Santa for and not coal. I got coal but it kept me warm on cold nights so even coal has a use.

New Year means you should task yourself to learn a new operating mode. The Club has many Amateurs willing to assist you in your efforts, just ask. I am learning how to use Winlink for emergency communications because it is dependable with or without the internet and produces a paper record or message for government purposes. Currently using the internet version of Winlink but once I learn the application I will hook up to a radio and learn that side next. There are versions for radio-to-radio communications from VARA FM to VARA HF to Echolink to others so any Technician or above can practice and participate.

CW is also another operating mode and language. Time is needed to learn the first digital mode of communications that still works and can get a message through when all else fails.

Now is the time to start planning for the new year and getting ready for the new seasons. Remember there have been ice storms and snow in the Low Country in years past so a blanket or sleeping bag in your vehicle might come in handy if stuck or stranded in a traffic jam. Vehicles get cold fast without the engine running so prepare before you get stuck. Also, good hiking boots will work better in snow than a pair of sandals or flip-flops.

Everybody have a safe and happy new year.

Until Next Month,
73 Rick, N8BKN

FIELD DAY

Field Day, 2025 will be the 4th full weekend in June. The dates are June 28th-29th, 2025. Please add this to your calendar if you are interested.

Preparations will begin this month with the drafting of invitations to public officials.

Avery Hill, W4QYV, will be my Co-Captain once again and we will try to have as good an experience as we did in 2024. Anyone wishing to be part of the preparations please let me know. FD is a signature event in Ham Radio and is always special!

Steve, AA2BB

HAMFEST

Nothing new for Hamfest

Thank you to everyone that came to the December meeting/Christmas Party.

Paulette, KJ4AIK.

MUSEUM SHIPS

Museum Ships Weekend is the first week of June. I don't see why we can't combine it with a special event operation; just start planning those special QSL cards early.

Tom, AJ4UQ

RACES / PUBLIC SERVICE

Nothing coming up for a while.

Tom, K4WJC and Doug, KU4OC

SCHOOL CLUBS

The Trident Amateur Radio Club (TARC) facilitated an Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contact on 2 December 2024 from Woodland Middle School.

Tom, AJ4UQ

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

“CARS TRAILER IS DOING WELL”

Mike, KY4BO

FINANCIAL REPORT

CARS Treasurer's Report			
September-October 2024			
Checking Balance August 31, 2024			\$ 3,310.11
Cash Receipts - September			
	Dues	120.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	47.00	
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Total Receipts			187.00
Cash Disbursements - September			
	Field Day Frames	(26.88)	
	ARRL 1 Membership	(59.00)	
Total Disbursements			(85.88)
Checking Balance September 30, 2024			<u>\$ 3,411.23</u>
Checking Balance September 30, 2024			\$ 3,411.23
Cash Receipts - October			
	Dues	130.00	
	Memberships	20.00	
	Raffle Proceeds	-	
	Memberships	-	
	Raffle Proceeds	-	
	Raffle Proceeds	<u>28.00</u>	
Total Receipts			178.00
Cash Disbursements - October			
	Christmas Party Deposit	(500.00)	
	Trailer Expenses	(50.55)	

	Postage	(13.87)	
	Returned Dues Check	(20.00)	
	Bank Returned Item Fee	(12.00)	
	ARRL 1 Membership	(59.00)	
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Total Disbursements			(655.42)
Checking Balance October 31, 2024			<u>\$ 2,933.81</u>

Charlotte, KJ4PLX

MINUTES of the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER MEETINGS

Charleston Amateur Radio Society Monthly Meeting

November 12, 2024

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

Introductions: Members attending: 40
Associate: Guests: 2

Veterans recognized by stating service USN 15, USA 5, USAF 4, USCG 0, US Marines 0, RSA Navy 1

Announcements: Rick, N8BKN,

Club membership dues are due NOW! See Lee, KI4LLJ

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

Vanuatu DXpedition event 26, 27 October 2024 No Club members made contact

Operating Day November 16, 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- A full report is listed in the December QST magazine. Thank You to all that came out and participated. Looking forward to next year.

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. A lot of keying up of repeaters under investigation.

School Clubs – Tom, AJ4UQ – TARC will be working with Woodland Middle School in Dorchester on an ARISS contact in the first week of December. Woodland won a competition with three other schools to get the contact.

Race Support Reports:

Doug, KU4OC –

Tom, K4WJC – LoVelo ride good support

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

Communications Trailer – Mike, KY4BO –

Education/Testing –Eugene AB4UG – Next testing November 17, 2024 at Reforge is full; Next session is Saturday 14 December at Tall Pines. Always looking for new examiners, must have an Extra Class License.

Membership – Lee, KI4LLJ – Membership renews in July.

Total Membership to date 186

Paid up Members – 116 - Club dues are due.

Regular Voting members 186

Lifetime members 4

Associates 8

First Readings:

Second Reading:

Kerry Williamson, KQ4VPK

Stephen Mitchell, K7CB

Stuart Gott, KZ4LN

Emergency Preparedness:

Three more weeks of hurricane season (Sara next in the Gulf).

Berkeley County, Linda, KJ4EVV – Last Saturday of month David UPT2 training in preparation for the Citadel event.

Charleston County, Rick, N8BKN –Charleston County ARES. Start of meeting is November 16 at 0900 CARS Club Room USS Yorktown. Start of hurricane season is June 1st. Important frequencies to monitor are: Park in the employee parking lot. Remember to bring your ID cards for free parking and checking in at the head of the pier.

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

ARRL Section Elections – remember to vote.

Old Business:

WD4PBR QSL Cards – Rick, N8BKN, The printer has provided us with a start of printing date.

Slow Speed Code Class 8pm Wednesday 79 repeater

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. Cut off November 25, 2024 for reservations

New Business:

General Class at the VA hospital March 15, 16, 2025

Drawing – Conducted by Larry, KJ4GZR, Won by

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

December 09, 2024

1900 hrs. Meeting called to order by President Rick Valentine

First Reading of new members:

Kevin Avery KC0GAO

Daryl Smith KQ4YRV

Thank You to Paulette for planning the Christmas Party and to Jeanette for the party favors.

1901:20 hrs. Meeting Adjourned

Merry Christmas to ALL and a Happy New Year!!!

Brian, KN4EXJ

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