

Sumter Amateur Radio Association

June 2020 Newsletter

President's Message

I am a little late with this month's newsletter. Unfortunately, some commitments must take priority.

While we are slowly coming out of the COVID-19 restrictions, I do not expect any really big changes until July or August. hope to start ramping up our club activities in the next few months. We will continue to comply with state and local restrictions and will keep member safety in mind.

June Meeting On Line

Our June 2020 club meeting will be held online. We will send out the information a few days before the meeting.

Club Activities Canceled

Club activities have been canceled until further notice because of the threat of COVID-19. This remains in effect.

SkyWarn Training

This is still a thing. Doug's schedule changed and we were unable to carry out the training as originally planned. Watch your email and the club FB page for updates.

Hurricane Season

June 1 marked the official beginning of the Hurricane Season. The SC hurricane guide is available on our Facebook page. It was also distributed in print form with both The Item and The State newspapers.

The National Hurricane Center predicts an above-average season and two storms sneaked in prior to the official start. While we are well inland, we are still still at risk. Prepare yourselves and your families. Make sure your house, car, and radios are ready.

Ham Radio and STEM

Right now I am hearing that school will reopen come the new school year. If you are interested in this, please let me know. I am not sure what the school year will look like, but I would like to be prepared. As I mentioned before, I think the "speaker's bureau" is the best method to begin with, however, I am open to any ideas on the subject.

Club Dues

Our dues are \$30 per year and they are due. Please send your payment to our Secretary/Treasurer, George, KK4F, as soon as possible. If you have issues, contact George or myself and we will work something out. We do not want to lose you as a member.

Swap Meet

Tabled until after the shutdown.

VE Team

Marty Greene, KN4NYI, is our VE Coordinator and is moving the team from WCARS to ARRL.

Contact him directly if you are interested in serving as a VE.

Some groups are implementing on-line testing. Marty is following this and will report to the membership as needed.

2020 Field Day

While this year's ARRL Field Day is still scheduled for June 27-28, 2020, it is unlikely that the club will be able to sanction any group activities.

ARRL made only minor modifications to the rules and the 1,000' circle for group credit is still in effect.

Hap, WZ4O, put out some information on Facebook and the general consensus was to forego the club activities this year. Take a look at your capabilities and let us know if you plan on doing anything for Field Day.

Membership Changes

The By-Laws change vote message goes out in conjunction with the June newsletter. We will conduct the vote during our virtual meeting on June 15.

If approved, membership would include the licensed amateur radio operator and all licensed amateurs in the immediate family living in the same household.

Community Service

Please track the hours you are dedicating to community service. I sent out an email requesting inputs, but received very little response. Again, it is voluntary and if it seems members are not interested, I will drop it.

Club Web Page Swap "n" Shop

The page is active again. If you have anything you wish to list, contact Jim Barard, W4BRX.

Equipment Storage

We cleared Hap's warehouse of club gear and now need to determine what to do with it.

We purchased a couple of footlockers to store our Field Day gear in. The gear consists of coax, ropes, feed line and the like.

We have some equipment from club repeaters that are no longer active, along with some odds and ends that we need to determine what to do with. The officers will discuss the issue and report back to the club.

Upcoming Events – Subject to change

June 15,2020	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	ON-LINE MEETING
June 27-28, 2020		ARRL Field Day	
July 20, 2020	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	Tuomey Hospital Classroom 4
August 17, 2020	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	Tuomey Hospital Classroom 4
September 21, 2020	7:00 PM	Eating Meeting	TBA
October 19, 2020	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	Tuomey Hospital Classroom 4
November 16, 2020	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	Tuomey Hospital Classroom 4
December 21, 2020	7:00 PM	Christmas Party	TBA

2020 Club Officers

President	Charley Francis	KF4ARD
Vice-President	Hap Griffin	WZ4O
Secretary/Treasurer	George Mudd	KK4F
Member-At-Large	Bruce Knoblock	KN0BBY
Member-At-Large	Tommy DuBose	W2RMD

2020 Club Coordinators

Repeaters	George Mudd	KK4F
SERA	Hap Griffin	WZ4O
Education	Tommy DuBose	W2RMD
Website	Jim Barnard	W4BRX
VE	Marty Greene	KN4NYI
Field Day	Hap Griffin	WZ4O
Net	Charley Francis	KF4ARD