

DFARG Signal

Important Goings-on at the June Meeting!

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Marv Bernstein, W2PAT, DFARG member emeritus, celebrated his 104th birthday this month.

There is a lot going on this month in DFARG! As some of you may know, the shack A/C went out and was repaired recently. A key vote on funding that repair, and replenishing the funds thus expended will occur. Our own Tom Francis will present a program titled "Contesting and Logging," just in time for Summer Field Day this

weekend and the IARU HF Championships in July. Dan Goldston will provide an update on the Newberry ARES. Additionally, this will be the last meeting before Summer Field Day (just two days later) and the last chance to nail down details for the club's participation. We're planning on running at least three stations in three modes on

multiple frequencies. Come to the June meeting to find out how you can participate. As you can see on page 3 of this issue, the shack's facilities have been better. Plan to arrive early or stay late and get on the air!



We are an ARRL Affiliated club

Palmetto Amateur Radio Club and DFARG Merge

As reported in the minutes of the May DFARG meeting, the Palmetto Amateur Radio Club and DFARG have merged, though some details of the union remain to be finalized. The Palmetto Amateur Radio Club is the oldest amateur radio association in South Carolina and one of the oldest in the nation. Professor Ashmead Courtenay Carson, along with several faculty members and students who were interested in Ham Radio, started the club in

1928 on the Horseshoe at the University of South Carolina. The club has operated since that time, except for a few short periods, one notably during World War II. The 1934 Radio Amateur Callbook reports the current club call, W4MN, as having been the personal call sign of Professor Carson, who was born on Homefield Plantation near Dalzell in Sumter County in 1876. He was a graduate of the South Carolina College (later University

of South Carolina) class of 1898 and earned a spot on the faculty of his alma mater a few years later. His offices were in Sloan College, an academic building still in use at USC. An inventor, Carson held patents for typewriter attachment improvements, lamp socket extension plugs, and automobile glare shields. He eventually rose to head the University physics department and resided on Sumter Street, half a block from the Horseshoe. The Columbia Amateur Radio Club was an offshoot of PARC, having split over 40 years ago as the Columbia Repeater Society.

Upcoming Regional Hamfests and Conventions

07/06/2019 | 34th Annual Firecracker Hamfest
Location: Salisbury, NC

07/12/2019 | 23rd Milton Annual Hamfest
Location: Milton, FL

07/20/2019 | 15th Annual Hamfest
Location: Athens, TN

07/20/2019 | Big Sandy Amateur Radio Club Hamfest
Location: Louisa, KY

07/20/2019 | Cullman Amateur Radio Club Hamfest
Location: Cullman, AL

07/20/2019 | K4KDI Summer Tailgate
Location: Orlando, FL

07/20/2019 | Mid-Summer SWAPFEST
Location: Cary, NC

07/27/2019 | Greater Nashville and Middle Tennessee HamQuest
Location: Lebanon, TN

07/27/2019 | WCARS Hamfest 2019
Location: Waynesville, NC

Midlands Net Schedule

There is a net on the air somewhere in the Midlands almost every day

Band	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2m repeater	CARC 2030 146.360 RARC After simplex 147.225	KCARC 2000 146.775	SARA 1900 147.015	CARC 2030 146.360	CC-ARES 1930 146.670 GARS 2100 146.165		
2m simplex	RARC 2100 146.550			CARC 2000 146.400			
HF							RARC First Saturday of month 2100 3.959

Legend:

- CARC:** Columbia Amateur Radio Club
- KCARC:** Kershaw County Amateur Radio Club
- SARA:** Sumter Amateur Radio Association
- GARS:** Greenwood Amateur Radio Society
- RARC:** Ridge Amateur Radio Club (Batesburg-Leesville)
- DFARG:** Dutch Fork Amateur Radio Group

May 2109 Treasurer's Report

Beg. balance	\$1750.70
Income	+\$266.67
April Gas Bill	- \$16.93
May Gas Bill	-\$10.70
Best Buy TV	-534.99
End Balance	\$1454.75

Upcoming Contests

July

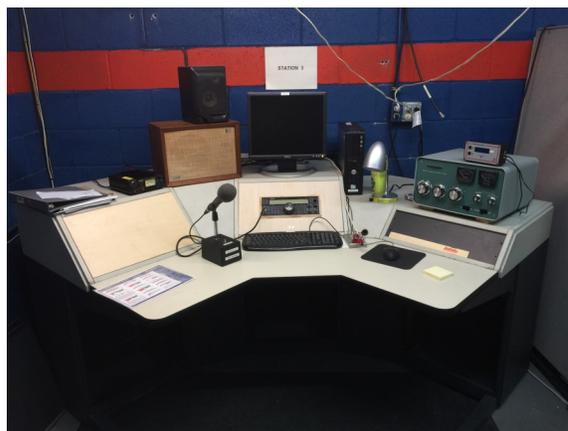
1 RAC Canada Day

6-7 Marconi Memorial HF

13-14 IARU HF Worlds

Club Shack Improvements

If you haven't been to the club shack in Little Mountain recently, you're going to be in for a huge surprise. Because of the dedicated efforts of several members, the shack has never been a better place to get on the air! Three operating stations, fully equipped with transceivers, external speakers, and microphones are ready to be connected to any of our many antennas. These include a 10, 15, and 20 meter triband beam, a 40m dipole, and a G5RV resonant on a several frequencies, among others. Each of these stations has a dedicated desktop computer already loaded with spotting and logging programs. If you're a CW enthusiast, you may want to bring your own key or paddle, as every station is not so equipped. There is also a GOTA (Get On The Air) station where you can connect your own transceiver.



DFARG Monthly Meeting, May 16, 2019

1. David Graham, President of DFARG, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Dan Goldstein spoke about the Newberry ARES program. He was named the Emergency Coordinator for Newberry County. He has been working to get the hospital and the EOC on the same frequencies. He also called for help/participation from Ham operators. He is also working to get DFARG certified as an EOC. He is also working to get some of the Newberry EOC people licensed as hams so they can operate some of the radios they have..

3. Jim Walters introduced our guest speaker, John Seibels, K4AXV. The purpose of his effort was to keep the Palmetto Amateur Radio Club (PARC), one of the oldest in the nation alive while retaining its call sign, W4MN. The question was how do we work out the details to make it happen. The solution was to have the new home of the PARC reside together with DFARG at the Little Mountain facility. All DFARG members in

good standing will automatically become members of PARC while also remaining DFARG members. i.e, dual citizenship. DFARG officers will assume their like positions within PARC while continuing as DFARG officers.. Dues will be collected by DFARG. PARC will collect no dues. Existing PARC members by joining DFARG would also become members of the reorganized PARC. At a future date, the Trustee of W4MN will be transferred from and by John Seibels, to a extra class DFARG member (TBD) acting in his or her capacity as a new PARC member to complete the transition. W4MN will continue as the call sign of PARC and W4DFG as the call sign of DFARG. DFARG members using W4MN will do so as members of PARC. This proposal was voted on by the membership and approved unanimously, the consensus being that all members would benefit greatly from the consolidation of PARC and DFARG.

3. The new ROKU, 65" TV has been mounted on the

shack wall and connected to the internet thanks to Hugh and Doug.

4. Tom Francis indicated that plans are underway to participate in Field Day this year. John Seibels approved use of W4MN for Field Day. Dates are June 22, 23. Also, Tom will be heading up the 13 Colonies again this year for South Carolina. He needs help with operators. The contest starts 1 July.

5. The Secretary's Report for April was read and approved by the membership without correction.

6. Hugh gave his Treasurer's report (on preceding page)

7. Jack gave us an update on work he has been doing on Station #1 console. He stripped it down completely and repainted it. It really looks good. Thanks, Jack. Also, he gave an update on the status of the two radios he is repairing. The TS-830 received a complete set of new 6146 final tubes donated by Hugh. However, maximum output was only 40 watts. Jack will reinstall the TS-830 in the station #1 console after correcting the low output

problem. The TS-120 had the speaker replaced. He plans to have it back in place by the next monthly meeting.

8. A question was raised as to the status of our generator. If we are unable to come up with a fix, Tommy Long, the Newberry EOC Director may write a grant to replace our old one. An anonymous member has offered to provide us with a small generator as another possible option. The generator issue has yet to be resolved.

9. Apparently squirrels have attacked our 40 meter antenna again and the rotor is reported inoperable. Troubleshooting hasn't been done on the problem yet. Someone may have to go squirrel hunting!

10. The A/C is in need of repair. David knows someone he can call to take a look at it. It stopped cooling during our meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at around 8:30 PM.

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