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The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. ARES provides the organization and guidance to help amateur radio operators to establish a local emergency communication group. Although ARES is an ARRL program, most individual ARES units are autonomous and operate locally. South Carolina ARES is divided into six Emergency Management Districts, Each District has a District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) who works with the local County Emergency Coordinator (EC) to understand the local community's needs, and organize resources to maintain a level of emergency preparedness. ECs work with local government agencies such as police, fire, sheriff, search and rescue and offices of emergency management to determine what emergency communications needs may exist.

ARRL offers a variety of mentored, online courses designed to equip hams with the skill necessary to participate in ham radio public service and emergency communications activities, as well as links to local training activities. You can find it all here: <http://www.arrl.org/emergency-communications-training>

If you're interested in becoming involved in ARES here in the Palmetto State, go to <http://database.ares-sc.org/> and click on Appointments to get a list of ECs and their contact information.

Summer Field Day



Summer Field Day was a huge success! Thanks to an incredibly generous gift by John Seibels, food and drink were available to all the DFARG hams who showed up to operate. Three stations were on the air almost continuously from the start at 2:00 PM until around 9:00 PM, running a mix of modes and bands. Field Day Captain Tom Francis, W1TEF, reported over 500 QSOs made, roughly split between SSB, CW, and FT8. Action

was interrupted by the simultaneous arrival of a thunderstorm and the ARRL Section Manager, Marl Tarplee, N4UFP. Tarplee denied any connection with the storm. Among those operating this year were Steve Dornburg, W4JSD, Elaine Thorp, N4ENT, John Miller, K4IG, Charlie

Brown, KD4CB, Steve Brumagin, KI4VGA, Doc Simmons, W4DRH, Tim Smith, K4IOW, and Jack Jackson, W4EFZ. W1TEF sends many thanks to the operators and visitors who made this a fun and successful day.

Upcoming Regional Hamfests and Conventions

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

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

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

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

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

08/03/2019 | Roanoke HamFun 2019
Location: Vinton, VA

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

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

08/04/2019 | 69th Annual Berryville Hamfest
Location: Berryville, VA

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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 147.255	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

Treasurer's Report

Beg. balance:	\$1539.75
Liability Insurance	-\$200.00
A/C repair	-\$464.00
Final Balance:	\$870.77

(discrepancy Of \$4.00+ in Beginning Balance and Final Balance TBD)

K2L Takes 3rd Place in 13 Colonies SES!

South Carolina claimed third place honors in the in the annual 13 Colonies Special Event for the second year in a row! Operators from around the Palmetto State worked as K2L from July 1 through July 7, garnering 12,800 contacts in multiple modes and bands from around the country and the world. Overall, 13 Colonies logged 169,000 QSOs. Led by State Manager Tom Franics, W1TEF, the rest of the K2L team included Charlie Brown-KD4CB, John Miller-K4IG, Jeff Vortisch-W4JRV, Doug Anderson - W4NWS, Matt Case - WG4MC, Elaine Thorp - N4EHT, Hans Helling - WUOB, Jim Porterfield - K9JDP, Gary Lyons - K4EEU, Kevan Nason - N4XL, Bob Partain - KF1P, and Frank Baraneck - KG4IGC.

Upcoming Contests

August 2019

3-4 [222 MHz and Up Distance Contest](#)
 17-18 [10 GHz & Up - Round 1](#)
 18 [Rookie Roundup - RTTY](#)

Regional Hamfests continued:

08/10/2019 21st Annual Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society Swapfest Location: Fayetteville, NC	08/17/2019 Alabama State Convention, Huntsville Hamfest Location: Huntsville, AL
08/10/2019 57th Annual Hamfest Location: Huntington, WV	08/24/2019 Byron Hamfest Location: Byron, GA
08/10/2019 Central Kentucky Hamfest Location: Lexington, KY	08/24/2019 Cedars of Lebanon Hamfest Location: Lebanon, TN
08/10/2019 Fort Pierce Hamfest Location: Fort Pierce, FL	08/30/2019 Shelby Hamfest Location: Shelby, NC



DFARG Monthly Meeting, June 20, 2019

Dutch Fork Amateur Radio Group

PO Box 230
Little Mountain, SC
29075

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.W4DFG.ORG

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

2. Dan Goldston gave an update on the Newberry ARES program. He is the Emergency Coordinator for Newberry County. They have 4 members now, up from zero. They had a state-wide exercise on June 8, 2019, to test the system. 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. The membership voted on naming Jim Walters the new Secretary of DFARG. The vote was unanimous without dissent. Jim was unable to attend due to a power outage at his home. I (W4JUS) was asked to take the minutes in his absence.

4. Tom Francis was planning to give the program on Contesting and Logging, but

did not have sufficient time, so decided to forgo his presentation. He also indicated that he hopes to have the name tags ready for hand out by the next monthly meeting.

5. The Secretary's Report for May was not read because of Jim Walter's absence.

6. Hugh gave his Treasurer's report (please see page 3).

7. New Business: Due to the size of recent outlays, concern was raised by David Graham/Tom Francis as to our ability to maintain fiscal solvency with income limited to dues. We are looking for any ideas anyone might have to raise additional revenue for DFARG. Several suggestions were offered including raising dues, conducting raffles, selling Group T-shirts, holding auctions, etc. If anyone has a good idea, please come forward with your suggestion. Ongoing action.

8. According to Hugh, the remote control has come up missing for the new TV we just purchased. Also, the same thing has hap-

pened to the old TV we have mounted on the wall. We have a Remote Gremlin in our midst apparently. John Miller purchased two universal remotes so we can use the TV's. They are not all that compatible with the TV's, but allows us to limp along. If anyone knows anything about the disappearance of our remotes, please come forward.

9. According to John Miller all our antennas are currently working. The only glitch has to do with the controller showing the correct azimuth of the Yagi on the tower. It requires someone physically looking to see which direction the antenna is actually pointing to properly point the antenna. The rotor is working, but there is a problem between the control box and the antenna.

10. The meeting was adjourned at around 8:00 PM.

Jim Lamb
Acting Secretary