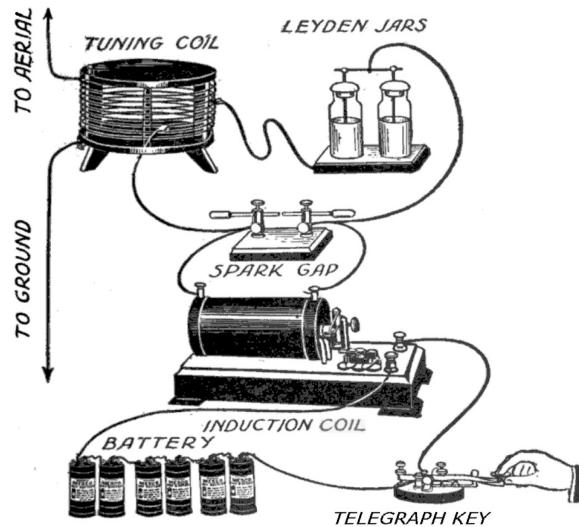


Incorporating Palmetto Amateur Radio Club

## History of Ham Radio in Columbia (first in a series)

According to club lore, the Palmetto Amateur Radio Club was formed on the campus of the University of South Carolina in 1928 by Professor Ashmead Courtenay Carson "...along with several faculty members and students..." Several may be a bit of an overstatement, as the 1929 Department of Commerce List of Amateur Radio Stations of the United States (aka the Call Book) lists only five other licensed stations in Columbia beside Carson's W4MN.

Amateur radio in Columbia did not begin with Carson, though. The first licensed amateur radio operator in South Carolina, and in Columbia, was Charles W. Moseley, licensed in 1913 as 4AY. Moseley, born in November 1897, was 15 when the 1913-1914 call book was published, and was one of only 33 licensed stations in all of call district four, which at that time encompassed North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico. He operated a 20-watt station from the family home on Mulberry Lane a few blocks from Olympia Mills. Though Moseley never again appeared in the call book, he retained his interest in things electrical. He went to work for the R.H. Bouligny company, electrical contractors in Charlotte, in 1922. He eventually rose to be vice president of the company, and invented a truck-mounted system for driving ground rods which was patented in 1951.



Joe A. Featherston was the Palmetto State's sole licensed ham in 1916, residing then in Honea Path and licensed as 4AV. Featherston moved to North Carolina sometime between 1916 and the start of World War I, where he was the superintendent of a municipal electric light company. By 1920, and the resumption of call book publication (suspended during the war) he had returned to South Carolina, where he was the sole ham in Columbia. Featherston left Columbia for Jackson, Mississippi and, apparently ham radio soon after.

One notable figure in the early days of Columbia amateur radio was Lawrence Legare Hardin, Jr. Son of a

prominent banker in Columbia, Hardin was licensed as 4IN in 1922, at the age of 16. He left Columbia in 1924 to study electrical engineering at Duke. As W3AQC, he served a term as president of the South Jersey Amateur Radio Association in 1933-34 and authored an article in the February 1935 edition of QST entitled *Matched-Impedance Coupling to the Zepp Antenna*. In 1953, he was promoted to Director of Research for the National Union Radio Corporation, at a time when the company was making groundbreaking strides in color television and the advancement of transistor research.

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**Monthly meeting is February 20 at the shack in Little Mountain. This month Dan Goldston will discuss a new digital mode being employed in MARS**

## Upcoming Regional Hamfests and Conventions

02/21/2020 - 02/22/2020

6th Annual TECHCONLocation: Punta Gorda, FL

03/07/2020

Charlotte County HamfestLocation: Punta Gorda, FL

03/14/2020

MTARS Tullahoma HamfestLocation: Tullahoma, TN

02/22/2020

Dalton HamfestLocation: Dalton , GA

03/13/2020 - 03/14/2020

Charlotte HamfestLocation: Concord, NC

03/20/2020 - 03/21/2020

Fort Walton Beach Hamfest 2020Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL

03/06/2020 - 03/07/2020

BirmingHamfest. Alabama Section ConventionLocation: Trussville, AL

03/14/2020

Flamingo Net Flea at U. of MiamiLocation: Coral Gables, FL

03/21/2020

45th Annual Stuart Florida HamfestLocation: Stuart, FL

03/07/2020

Cave City HamfestLocation: Cave City , KY

03/14/2020

Gulf Coast ARC Spring HamfestLocation: New Port Richey, FL

03/21/2020

ZAARC Ham FestLocation: Zephyrhills, FL

## Regional Net Schedule

All Times in Eastern Time Zone

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<a href="#">South Carolina SSB Net 1900 3.915</a>						
	<a href="#">Coastal Carolina Emergency Net 1900 3.907</a>						
	<a href="#">South Coast Amateur Radio Service 0800-1100 7.251</a>						
	<a href="#">Intercontinental Amateur Traffic Net 0700-1100 14.300</a>						
	<a href="#">Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network 1100 14.265</a>						
	<a href="#">7240 Club 1000-1200 7.240</a>						
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1930		Little Mountain 147.210 + T156.7					
2000		<a href="#">Kershaw ARC</a> 146.775 - T156.7	Sandlapper SSB 50.250		Calhoun ARES 146.670 - T 156.7		
2030	<a href="#">Columbia ARC</a> 147.33 + T 156.7		Lexington ARES 147.000 + T123.0	<a href="#">Columbia ARC</a> 147.33 + T 156.7			
2100	<a href="#">Ridge ARC</a> 146.550 Simplex				<a href="#">Greenwood</a> 147.165 + T 107.2		<a href="#">Ridge ARC</a> First Saturday 3.959
	<a href="#">Ridge ARC</a> 147.255 + T123.0 after simplex						

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report will return in March.

## Upcoming Contests

February

21-23 [CO 160m SSB](#)

29-Mar 1 [SC QSO Party](#)

[North America QSO Party RTTY](#)

March

1-2 [NC QSO Party](#)

7-8 [ARRL International DX- Phone](#)


14-15 [OK QSO Party](#)

[ID QSO Party](#)

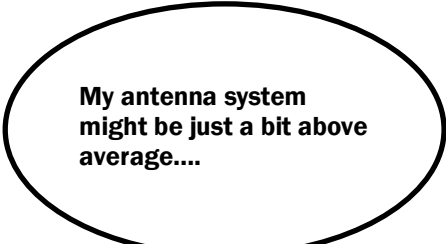
15-16 [WI QSO Party](#)

21-22 [Russia DX Contest](#)

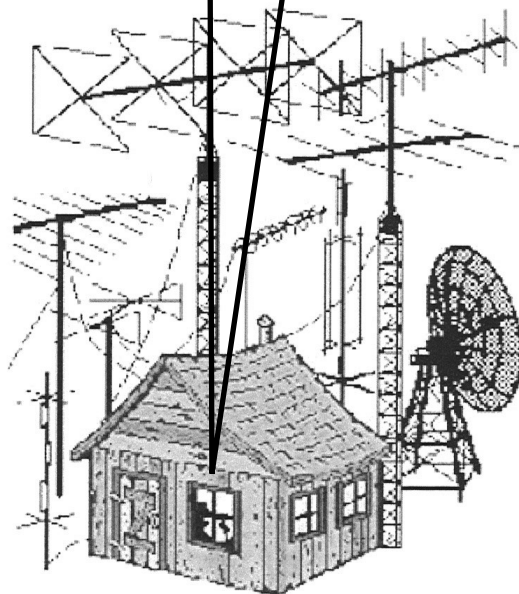
## Ham Humor



Why, yes, I AM operating QRP....thanks for the great signal report....



My antenna system might be just a bit above average....



## Upcoming DXpeditions:

For more information go to <https://www.ng3k.com/>

Start	End	DXCC	Call	Info
Feb20	Feb25	Bahamas	C6AGE	HF; CW; 100w; holiday style operation
Feb20	Mar04	Costa Rica	TI5	160-10m; SSB CW FT8, perhaps FM satellite
Feb21	Feb23	Puerto Rico	KP3RE	Culebra I (IOTA NA-249); 80-10m; CW SSB FT8
Feb21	Feb24	Norfolk I	VK9NR	160-10m; CW FT4 FT8 SSB; 100w; holiday style operation
Feb21	Mar05	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	Calypso Bay; 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB FT8; yagi, vertical
Feb21	Mar06	South Orkney Is	VP8PJ	Signy I (AN-008); 160-10m, incl 60m; SSB CW RTTY FT8
Feb23	Mar01	Bahamas	C6AAN	HF; CW FT8; QSL ok via B/d
Feb24	Feb29	Ivory Coast	TU5PCT	160-10m; CW SSB RTTY FT8
Feb24	Mar21	Tanzania	5H3	Zinga; 40-10m; CW PSK31 FT8, perhaps SSB; 100w
Feb25	Feb28	El Salvador	YS	HF; CW; 100w; holiday style operation
Feb25	Mar05	Ogasawara	JD1	Komagari (IOTA AS-031); CW SSB RTTY FT8
Feb28	Mar01	Papua New Guinea	P29	160-10m; CW FT4 FT8 SSB; 100w; holiday style operation
Feb29	Mar28	Sint Maarten	PJ7AA	80-10m; CW FT8 SSB
Mar01	Mar03	Solomon Is	P29	160-10m; CW FT4 FT8 SSB; 100w; holiday style operation
Mar02	Mar13	Panama	H33K	160-10m; CW SSB FT8
Mar03	Mar06	Vanuatu	YJ0NC	160-10m; CW FT4 FT8 SSB; 100w; holiday style operation
Mar04	Mar15	Zambia	9J2LA	160-6m; CW SSB FT8, some RTTY
Mar06	Mar13	Antigua	V26FP	IOTA NA-100; HF; SSB + digita
Mar06	Mar17	Kyrgystan	EX0QR	Issyk Kul Lake; 160-10m; CW SSB + digital
Mar07	Mar13	Antigua	V26FP	Jolly Harbour (IOTA NA-100); 40-10m; SSB FT8
Mar08	Apr09	Barbados	8P6DR	80-10m; CW
Mar09	Mar18	Rodrigues I	3B9AN	100w; mainly nighttime; holiday style operation
Mar11	Mar15	Kuwait	9K2F	Failaka I (IOTA AS-118); HF
Mar12	Mar21	Maldives	8Q7NC	Veligandu I (IOTA AS-013, MJ64mh); HF; SSB CW + digital
Mar14	Mar15	Belize	V31GX	BERU Contest; QRV after contest, mainly 160m
Mar14	Mar16	St Peter & Paul I	PQ0S	IOTA (IOTA SA-014); HF
Mar15	Mar31	Curacao	PJ2	80-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT4/8
Mar18	Apr06	West Kiribati	T30ET	Tarawa (IOTA OC-017); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY
Mar23	Apr03	Ivory Coast	TU2R	Abidjan; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY FT4 FT8
Mar18	Apr03	West Kiribati	T30ET	Tarawa (IOTA OC-017); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY
Mar25	Mar30	Cayman Is	ZF2PG	Grand Cayman; @ZF1A; 160-10m; SSB