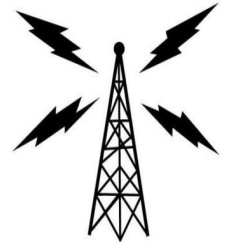




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Ashmead Courtenay Carson is cited as the founder of the Palmetto Amateur Radio Club and, in fact, the club's callsign, W4MN, was first issued as Carson's call in 1929, and remained his call until his passing in in Columbia in 1941.

Carson was born on Homefield Plantation near Dalzell in Sumter County in 1876. He attended the University of South Carolina where he excelled as a student, being recognized as a distinguished student in his freshman, junior, and senior years and graduating with honors in 1898. He was an active member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at USC until the legislature banned Greek Letter societies at publicly funded colleges in 1897. He was appointed as a lecturer in Physics at his alma mater, eventually rising to full professor and served for six years as assistant to the President of the University, Benjamin Sloan.

Carson and several faculty members and students started PARC on the Horseshoe, probably in 1928 or 1929. He was known to have sponsored church services at LeConte College, on the Horseshoe, in which the sermon was transmitted via shortwave from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Carson was active in the South Carolina Academy of Sciences, to which he was elected Vice President in 1935, and President in 1936. At the time he was elected Vice President, he demonstrated to the Academy a 5 meter transmitter which he had constructed,



PROF. A. C. CARSON

Carson's interests ranged far beyond ham radio. In 1901, he published observations of the growth n development of four opossum

pups, and as an inventor, he held patents for typewriter attachment improvements, lamp socket extension plugs, and automobile glare shields.

Carson remained active in ham radio until his death. As noted in an earlier issue in November 1935 issue of QST, there is a note about the first annual hamfest sponsored by the Charleston ARC. Carson was listed as one of the speakers at the banquet, along with his protégé Bannie Stewart.



Homefield Plantation, Dalzell, Sumter County

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June meeting is in the shack on Thursday, June 18, at 7:00 PM with a Zoom invite e-mailed to everyone on the mailing list

Upcoming Regional Hamfests and Conventions

08/15/2020 - Fort Pierce

Hamfest

Location: Fort Pierce, FL

08/22/2020 - TARCFest

Location: Tampa, FL

09/12/2020 - Dalton Swap-
fest

Location: Dalton, GA

09/12/2020 - The Annual

Blue Ridge ARS Hamfest

Location: Spartanburg, SC

Regional Net Schedule

All Times in Eastern Time Zone

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

Treasurer's Report

Beg. balance: \$1,495.14
 End balance \$1,495.14

Upcoming Contests

June
 20-21 [All Asia DX CW](#)
 27-28 [ARRL Field Day](#)
[King of Spain SSB](#)

July
 1 [RAC Canada Day](#)
 4-5 [Marconi Memorial HF](#)
 11-12 [IARU HF](#)
 18-19 [North American QSOP RTTY](#)

May 21 Minutes

The planned Net-Zoom combination proved unworkable owing to a lag of a second or so in audio over the net.

Emery, KW4BQ, hosted an interesting Zoom discussion involving technical aspects of some digital modes.

Upcoming DXpeditions:

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

| Date | End | DXCC | Call | Info |
|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|--|
| Jun11 | Jul02 | St Kitts & Nevis | V47JA | Calypso Bay; 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals |
| Jun30 | Jul14 | St Pierre & Miquelon | FP | Miquelon I (IOTA NA-032); 160-6m; mainly SSB RTTY FT8/4, some CW |
| Jul08 | Jul15 | Aruba | P4 | QRV for IARU Contest |
| Jul29 | Aug15 | Uganda | 5X1RI | HF; CW SSB FT8 SSB; 100w |

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