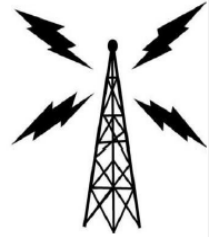




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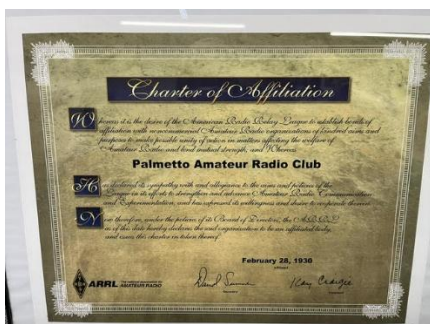
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Palmetto Amateur Radio Club

The Dutch Fork Amateur Radio Group has a long-standing relationship with the Palmetto Amateur Radio Club. PARC was founded in 1928 on the Horseshoe at the University of South Carolina by A. Courtney Carson. Mr. Carson was the Chair of the Physics Dept. at that time. The club callsign, W4MN, was originally his personal callsign.

While it missed the pre-WWII boom by 2 decades the founding date of 1928 still places it in a select group of early historic clubs. These clubs helped shape the ARRL infrastructure in the South during the late 20's and early 30's. PARC officially began their affiliation with ARRL on Feb.28, 1930.

It is an honor for DFARG to have this close relationship for so long. We should not forget who we are and where we come from. Many thanks to the folks who made this possible and keep this callsign alive.



Dutch Fork Net

Mike, KX4TKO, continues to do an outstanding job with the net. Coming up with timely and meaningful topics is not easy to do every week, but he manages very well. We need to support him all we can and if you have a topic of interest give him a shout. The net is on Mondays at 7:00 PM on the 147.000 repeater. Thanks

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DUTCH FORK AMATEUR RADIO GROUP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES May 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Due to inclement weather approaching, the meeting was called to order at 6:54 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Present officers:

Rick Senkowsky, President
Brandon Hawkins, Vice President
John Seibels, Treasurer
Mike Connelly, Secretary

GUEST PRESENTATION

In lieu of a guest speaker, we talked about the club survey that was sent out to all club members. We are looking to add more activities for members, ways to bring people together and add more classes that will be for specific topics of interest (CW, POTA, digital modes, etc.)

UPDATES

The antennas are back up on the tower. We have added new antennas and will be moving the vertical antenna from the fence to the top of the pole at the corner of the club. Motion was made to rent a lift to put the lower guy lines back on the tower and also use it to install the vertical antenna at the top of the pole at the corner of the building.

EVENTS

ARRL Field Day 2026 is June 27th. We will be operating from the shack and from Dreher Island State Park at shelter 6. We will meet between 9 and 9:30. DFARG club picnic, July 18th, 2026, at the club house. The club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring a covered dish. DFARG ham fest/swap meet is tentatively scheduled for October 10, 2026. More information will be forthcoming.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

The grant from ARDC for a generator has been accepted and approved in the amount of \$19,000.00. We are in the process of signing the documents and are awaiting the transfer of funds. If you know of a reputable turnkey company for the generator, please let us know.

A special thank you to Doris Hawkins KQ4UHD and to everyone else involved and your persistence with getting this accomplished.

Special Note: The Executive Board for DFARG has voted and pronounced Doris Hawkins KQ4UHD the DFARG Grant Coordinator.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

May minutes were approved. We welcomed the following guests:
Doug Brown W3MTN
Dion Brown KE4TEC

OTHER NEWS

It was brought up that members would like to make more use of the club calendar on Ham Club Online. Mike KX4TKO implemented this suggestion on Friday June 19th by adding upcoming club events. This calendar will be updated regularly moving forward. A motion was carried out to the club to suggest looking at getting some type of flooring installed in the club house. We will research this and come up with options to set before the club for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:04PM

Upcoming Events

- DFARG/PARC Picnic – In lieu of the monthly meeting, our picnic is scheduled for July 18.
We need volunteers for food.
Please e-mail Rick at kq4fob@gmail.com or Brandon at bohawkins53fd@hotmail.com with your offers.
- N.C. Hamfest – July 11, 2026
Salisbury, N.C.
- 53rd Annual Cary Mid-Summer Swap Meet – July 18, 2026
- SC Hamfest – Florence Hamfest
August 15, 2026, in Florence

VE Testing

Our next test session will be on August 1, 2026. All successful candidates from the June 20 session have received their licenses. We continue to have good groups and excellent results with electronic testing. Kudos to Malcolm for a job well done and to the VE team.

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