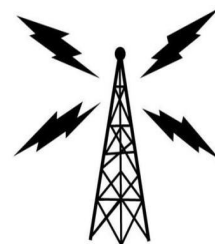




DFARG Signal



Accomplishments

1. VE Testing is now done on 10 new tablets.
2. We have a new camera with microphones for streaming club meetings.
3. The club now has its own Wifi hotspot.
4. The antenna is up and operating with a new rotator.
5. A grant has been written for funds for a generator. We are still in the running to be awarded.
6. Thanks for John Miller. We have had our first CW class.
7. Currently, all five stations have working radios and computers.

We have come a long way in just five months this year. We have much to be proud of, but there is still work to do.

DFARG Net

Mike 9 KX4TKO) continues to do a stellar job with the net. He seems to have steady attendance and keeps his topics timely and relevant. Thanks Mike for your representation of the Ham community and DFARG in particular. For anyone who hasn't tuned in he is on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM on the 147.000 repeater. Come Join in the conversation.

June will be

June will see Summer Field Day activities on the 27th-28th. We have 5 fully operational stations at the Shack for anyone interested in joining in. If you have never been involved in field day before this is a chance to learn about the HF fun. You don't have to be a General level to come in and get on the radio, there will be Extra level operators there to guide you through.

We would really like to see some of the new Hams come in and get their feet wet and see what we can do.

Club Updates

In the early part of June, there will be a club e-mail concerning the "State of The Club." Please take time to read this carefully. We would like this to be a conversation starter to bring our club closer together and increase participation in events. We are blessed to have the facility we do. We just want to see more folks enjoying it.

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Upcoming Events

June 27-28th: Summer Field Day
Come to the Shack and enjoy the Fellowship and fun.

Tower Work

Thank goodness the project is practically complete. The only items left to do are to raise and connect the lower guides, and to hang the two remaining wire antennas.

Many thanks for ALL the folks involved in this project.
Nothing like this gets done without a lot of help. So thank you to everyone.

Charlie's Big Adventure

Many Thanks to Charlie for sharing his trip with the club at this month's meeting. Charlie has a gift for telling his story, and certainly did well Thursday night.

May Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Officers Present:

Vice President: Brandon Hawkins
John Seibels, Treasurer
Secretary: Mike Connelly

Guest Presentation

Charlie Brown KD4CB gave an engaging presentation about his coast-to-coast bike ride to raise funds for Sua Sponte.

Secretary's Report

The April minutes were approved.
We welcomed the following new members:
Bill Gabali KE4IFI (Uncle Bill)
Ryan Wright KR4MED
Zach Grimmig KR4MEK
David Carver W1DRC

Treasurer's Report

Balance: \$11,763.83
Expenses: \$45.00
Deposits: \$85.00

Old Business

Shelter 6 at Dreher Island State Park has been reserved for Summer Field Day on Saturday, June 27, 2026, by Mike Connelly KX4TKO. Operations may take place from either the clubhouse or the park.

Volunteers are needed for the club picnic on July 18th. Please contact any club officer if you can help. We are seeking more club member participation during club events.

The May 2026 club meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

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Notes and Happenings

Reminder: Dutch Fork Net Mondays 7:00 PM on 147.000 repeater.

Ham Humor

My radio diet plan? Cutting out static calories.

My ham radio hobby? It really amplifies my social life.

My ham radio and I have great chemistry—we're always on the same wavelength.

The "Dit and Duh Brothers" on youtube share 10 of their pet peeves.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21aHHweoK6M>

Ham Question

Do you know the 333 Rule in radio communication?

Answer

It is a widely used survival and emergency protocol. It dictates that operators turn on their radios every 3 hours starting at the top of the hour (local time) and listen/transmit for 3 minutes on Channel 3.

Source: Google

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Upcoming Contests

February		March	
14-15	<u>CQ WPX RTTY</u>	1-2	<u>NC QSO Party</u>
	<u>KCJ Topband</u>	7-8	<u>ARRL Int'l DX SSB</u>
	<u>Dutch PACC</u>	14-15	<u>SARL Field Day</u>
	<u>Russian PSK</u>		<u>RSGB Commonwealth</u>
	<u>OMISS QSO Party</u>		<u>SKCC Sprintathon</u>
21-22	<u>REF SSB</u>		<u>EA PSK63</u>
	<u>Russian PSK</u>		<u>South America 10m</u>
	<u>ARRL Int'l DX-CW</u>		<u>OK QSO Party</u>
22	<u>Argentina World Wide</u>		<u>ID QSO Party</u>
28-1 MAR	<u>UBA DX CW</u>		<u>Tesla Memorial CW</u>
	<u>SC QSO Party</u>		
	<u>North America QSO Party RTTY</u>		
	<u>NA Collegiate QSO Party RTTY</u>		

License Examinations

The next license examination is Saturday, February 14 at 0900 at the shack.