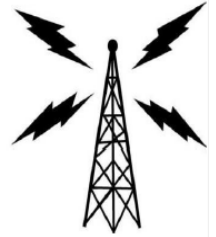




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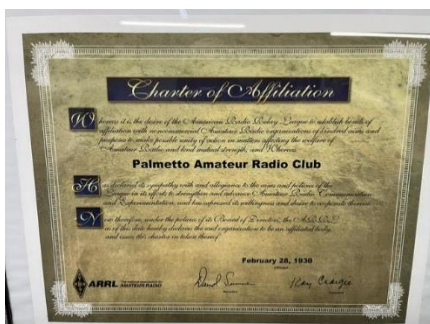
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Palmetto Amateur Radio Club

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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Our next test session will be
August 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM,
230 Depot street, Little Mt.

There was no July club meeting. Due to lack of interest the club picnic was also canceled.

The generator project is moving along close to schedule. We have had several visits from possible contractors but all quotes are not yet in

Shack Openings:

Just a reminder that we would like to welcome visitors to the shack. Contact Rick, KQ4FOB, or myself and we will do all we can to accommodate you and your group.

Visitors to the shack:

Rick received a call from a gentleman inquiring about a visit for himself and a few friends, it sounded like a good opportunity to show off the shack so he agreed. Sunday, 7-26 Rick, Cher, Doris, and I met at the shack. We had a computer issue we were trying to straighten out and as Doris and Rick were finishing up they arrived

Bill and Lora Johnson headed up a group calling themselves, "The Irmo gardening and camping club."

. While we were expecting just 3-4 folks, they showed up with around 15 people. Most of them were Hams and some were interested in becoming licensed. We spent an hour or so answering questions and encouraging participation.

At the time of this newsletter Rick has received a very courteous, Thank You E-Mail, from Mr. Johnson. It was a pleasure to have them visit the shack, hopefully, we will see more of them.
KQ4SKS

13 Colonies and W1AW/4

By the time this hits your E-Mail these contests will have ended. Thanks to all the club members who participated. We are fortunate to have folks to take part and represent DFARG/PARC in these events.

Folks of note were David Livingston, K4CAE, and Jason KQ4SKS. Each with MANY contacts. I don't have the final numbers at this time, but I will supply them when they are available.
