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Palmetto Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

PARC President; David Pomerantz KO4DKN called the *Palmetto Amateur Radio Club's* General meeting to order at 19:40 ET on July 1, 2025 via Google Meet

Board Members Present:

President; David Pomerantz KO4DKN

Membership Chairman; Bill Mercer KE8TPU

Treasurer; Jim Schwantes KM4TMW

Secretary; Tyler Shaikh KQ4ETQ

Board Member(s) Absent:

Repeater Trustee; Mike Samokieszyn KF4ZW (EXCUSED ABSENCE)

TOTAL PARC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 12

2) Repeater Status:

No repeater status was given tonight. Mike Samokieszyn is out of town.



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3) Treasurer's Report:

A treasury report was not presented tonight, but Jim Schwantes informed the members that our current balance is just below \$400.

4) ARRL Testing:

David Pomerantz reported that there are no individuals scheduled for testing thus far in July. Our new ARRL testing sessions are currently being held at Southwest Regional Library in Broward County. The library is located at 16835 Sheridan St., Davie, FL 33331. Testing dates and times can be found on the PARC website.

5) July PARC Hopper's Field Day:

PARC Hoppers will meet on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at Tree Tops Park in Davie, FL at 08:00. We have a 4 member minimum attendance requirement. If less than 4 members are registered, we will scrub the picnic, but still hold the event.

IMPORTANT: Please register on the PARC website if you're planning to attend. We need to plan logistical supplies accordingly; items such as hot dogs, drinks, paper plates, coffee, doughnuts, etc. A great deal of effort, care and planning takes place behind the scenes and we want everyone to enjoy themselves. We don't want to run out of hot dogs! Please help and everyone by taking the time to register on the PARC website. THANK YOU!

WEATHER: If the forecasted weather looks detrimental on the event date, we will send out an email notifying members we are scrubbing the event. Members will be notified via email by 06:00 the DAY OF the event. PLEASE check you email prior to leaving your residence. We don't want anyone showing up wondering why nobody is putting up antennas in a thunderstorm or hurricane. Feel free to pitch in and bring something to share. We will have a donation box as well to fund future picnics.



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ACTIVITY: POTA! We are planning to discuss POTA (Parks On The Air). Come join us and learn everything about POTA activation. We are planning a discussion and demonstration and hope to answer any questions you may have. The goal is to hold a future PARC Hopper, in a local (Broward County) State Park to activate POTA.

NEW FACES: It's great to see new faces at PARC Hoppers. We want everyone to feel welcomed as we continue to grow. Please introduce yourself to new faces and make them feel welcome. We will implement a sign in sheet for club email and PARC information via the website.

6) GCARA Field Day:

The Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association held their Field Day last month. They graciously invited our club to participate with them. Together, we had 68 people show up at Quiet Waters Park! It was a great networking opportunity and the PARC Board would like to extend out gratitude to GCARA for the invitation. THANK YOU!

7) PARC Board Open Positions:

The PARC Board currently has two open positions which need to be filled immediately. The open positions are Vice President and Director at Large.

We have two excellent nominations to fill these positions:

Roberto Fernandez KQ4RFT

Nemury Valladares W4NEM

Both of these gentlemen hold an EXTRA class license and are ARRL VE's. They have been key figures in our club. They consistently attend meetings and help with event logistics and learning. At PARC Hopper events or ARRL FCC testing, these gentlemen have shown leadership and we wish them both the best.



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In the coming days, we will send out an email for voting. Please be sure to check your email and vote for your preference.

8) Meeting Adjourned

The next PARC General Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 19:30. The meetings generally run approximately 1 hour. Please show up on time.

Circle the date on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you soon.

As a reminder and for future calendar planning, we hold our PARC General Meetings on the FIRST Tuesday of the month at 19:30 promptly.

The PARC Board meeting will be held on the same date, but we promptly meet at 18:30.

Monitor the <u>groups.io</u> email for any last minute changes and to obtain the required link for Google Meet.

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TY SHAIKH KQ4ETQ PARC SECRETARY