

How do I?

An occasional series

This week: Zooming into the CARC 10 Meter net

Our club president, Andy, AF3I has a background in Information Technology or IT. He introduced the Cumberland Amateur Radio Club (CARC), to **ZOOM**. **ZOOM** is a video conferencing service similar to SKYPE or Microsoft Teams. You download some client software, connect to a ðconference roomö and you are part of the conversation.

The easiest way to be part of the Audio-Video conference is to go to the club website and click on the MEMBER AREA tab. Then select MEMBER LINKS. The first item you will see is a recurring meeting. Scroll down to the https: URL and click it. That will guide you through downloading and installing the free software.

Once the client software has been installed on your PC, you will be prompted to join the meeting. If that fails simply back out, click on the web address again and it will open the Zoom software. Most of the CARC members using **ZOOM** do so with a USB or Bluetooth headset with microphone. I use a dual sided USB headset with boom mic. I was amazed I didn't have to make any audio adjustments on the computer sound card. Your mileage may vary!

Your web cam will display your image if you select it. Or you can join the Zoom Web Meeting without enabling your video. **ZOOM** also has screen sharing capabilities so it could be used to give a presentation or help someone with radio settings, etc.

Most of the members on the Weekly Ten Meter Net using **ZOOM** are also using a conventional ham radio. Some of us may not be near a conventional radio, so Andy AF3I will place his transceiver microphone near his computer speakers when it is our turn to talk. In that way, the non **ZOOM** users on the net can pickup the words being transmitted on 10 Meters.

The PC client software is free to download and use. Provided our Web Meeting stays under 40 minutes, the host software also is free.

Links:

<https://zoom.us>