

Monthly Newsletter
September 15, 2021

❖ What's New...?

The presentation of topics in our Monthly Newsletter and Meeting Agenda has been rearranged to more effectively differentiate topics that are presented as **Information and Entertainment** from topics that are presented as the **Formal Business** of our club.

❖ Collectible vs. Collectable – Page 4

While editing this month's newsletter I noticed that I used two versions of a challenging word - "collectable" and "collectible".

I consulted the spelling and usage police and decided the intended usage called for the "collectible" spelling.

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We have a lot of info on our THINGS TO-DO > CALENDAR VIEW website page.

September 2021 (Remainder of Month)

- Alabama QSO Party 11th
- ARRL September VHF Contest ... 11th-12th
- Texas QSO Party..... 11th-12th
- Iowa QSO Party..... 18th
- New Jersey QSO Party..... 18th
- New Hampshire QSO Party 18th-19th
- Washington State Salmon Run.... 18th-19th
- CQ WW DX RTTY Contest..... 25th-26th
- Maine QSO Party.....25th-26th
- Ham Radio Lunch 30th

October 2021

- California QSO Party 3rd
- Nevada QSO Party 9th-10th
- Arizona QSO Party 9th-10th
- Pennsylvania QSO Party 9th-10th
- South Dakota QSO Party..... 9th-10th
- Dillsburg Farmer's Fair..... 16th
- New York QSO Party..... 16th
- Illinois QSO Party..... 17th
- Ham Radio Lunch 28th
- CQ WW DX Contest SSB 30th-31st

Check the dates. Some contests begin at 0000Z which is Saturday morning UTC, but late Friday night local time.

❖ I Found The Icon *** August Hall of Fame


Listed in the order (first to last) as received...

◆◆◆	Frank Mellott	KB3PQT	◆◆◆
◆◆◆	Harry Fasick	K3EYL	◆◆◆
◆◆◆	Valli Hoski	N8QVT	◆◆◆
◆◆◆	Steve Hancock	N3FWE	◆◆◆
◆◆◆	Doug Stenger	KC3CPT	◆◆◆
◆◆◆	John Luthy	WA3KCP	◆◆◆
◆◆◆	Garry Fasick	K3EYK	◆◆◆

In addition to being listed in the Hall of Fame, one of the August participants was awarded a prize recognizing active engagement in this club activity.

The August prize was a \$5 McDonald's Gift Card

❖ Where is the icon this month?

There is an icon hidden in this document. This is what you are looking for:  (This *Page Two* instance does not count, but there is a nice one on Page Three.)

Report your discovery on our website
MEMBER AREA >> MEMBER CONTEST
SCORE >> I FOUND THE ICON

Good Luck.

We reached the end of this puzzle feature. September. Three Syllables. Three prizes. Done.

❖ License Plate Puzzle

Sorry, no puzzle this month.

If there was a puzzle the answer would appear on page 5.

❖ Curiosity Corner

Club Member access to Club Resources.

The Club provides several contact points and information sharing tools for use by its Club Members.

If you are a bit foggy as to what we offer please visit the table located at the front of tonight's meeting room and pick up a flyer so that we can expand your awareness and utilization of these tools.

Club Website
www.RadioClub-CARC.com

Groups.io site
groups.io/g/RadioClub-CARC

Two Meter Net
Sunday 7:00 p.m. 146.490 MHz FM Simplex

Ten Meter Net
Wednesday 8:00 p.m. 28.400 MHz USB

Our Club Website has Private Parts. Your CARC Membership card contains the password for accessing those Private Parts. Sssh.... Don't tell.

❖ Member Profile

From what I can tell by sitting here in the Editor's chair, interest in this Newsletter Feature has dried up.

There is no new Member Profile this month. There will be no space set aside for Member Profiles in future months. Done.

If you wish to read any of the profiles that were submitted in the past you will find them here:

www.RadioClub-CARC.com/member-profile/

❖ General Interest and Calendar Items September 2021, and later

HRAC Oktoberfest	Saturday October 23, 2021. Vietnam Veterans of America. 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Club Website Event Calendar	www.RadioClub-CARC.com/calendar/ We have a pretty good Event Calendar plug-in on our website. If you are looking for events, this might be the right place. If you know of worthy events that should be listed in our Calendar please share the <i>Who, What, Where, and When</i> information with AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com
Ham Radio License Testing – Part 1	Harrisburg Radio Amateur Club (HRAC) test dates are 3rd Saturdays, Even Numbered Months, starting at 9 a.m. <i>Location Change: Vietnam Veterans of America, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA</i> <i>Laurel VEC = No Fee! Pre-Registration, including your FCC FRN, is required.</i> HRAC VE Testing Dates appear on our EVENTS CALENDAR: Additional information at their web page: www.w3uu.org Look for the link: License Exams.
Ham Radio License Testing – Part 2	South Mountain Radio Amateurs (SMRA) conducts license testing at the South Middleton Township Office Monthly at 6 p.m. on the Third Monday of the month. Preregistration is required. Our readers are encouraged to perform their own due diligence to validate any exam session in which they have an interest. Contact: n3tw@arrl.net There is a modest fee for this testing service. Additional details at their web page. http://n3tw.org/links/getting-licensed/smra-testing-policies/
Ham Radio License Testing – Part 3	The Southern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Club (SPARC) conducts testing in the Lancaster area. It may be best to visit their website and obtain up-to-date information. Details at www.k3ir.org . There may be a modest fee for this service depending on which VEC conducts the tests. License Testing is conducted as needed. Contact Rich Kaelberer via e-mail: AB3RK@arrl.net From time-to-time the club offers Ham Radio License Classes. To express your interest please e-mail K3IR@arrl.net
CARC Two Meter Net	Every Sunday at 7 p.m. local time. 2 meter band. 146.490 MHz FM Simplex. Also available through EchoLink Node 259045 or search for station AF3I-L. EchoLink is great for those who have no transceiver and/or no antenna, but who do have a PC and an Internet connection. EchoLink is equally great for anyone who resides or travels outside our local area and wishes to stay in touch. Visit www.echolink.org as a starting point.
CARC Ten Meter Net	Every Wednesday* at 8 p.m. local time. 10 meter band. 28.400 MHz USB *Except Meeting Night. Also available through Zoom Web Conference – by arrangement only. See Andy Forsyth if you are interested.
CARC Weekly Coffee Time	Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Location: Caffe 101 in Boiling Springs, PA. On the corner, across from the clock-tower and diagonally across from the Boiling Springs Tavern.

If you have Calendar items that you would like to share with your fellow CARC Members please send them to the Newsletter Editor – Andrew Forsyth AF3I. He can be reached by eMail sent to:

AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com

A good news story contains the Ws – **Who**, **What**,  **Where**, **When**, **Why**, and ho**W** much.

❖ Let's Get Started

Welcome	<p>If you are a guest or visitor we invite you to share your contact information with the Membership Secretary so that we can keep you informed of club news and other activities.</p> <p>We won't pester you. If you ever wish to get off the contact list please tell me (AF3I).</p> <p>eMail: AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com</p> <p>We recently heard from Arthur Sherman who has an interest in becoming a licensed Ham Radio Operator.</p> <p>We also heard from Doug Frantz who already has made plans to take the license exam in a few days.</p> <p>And, Club Vice President Frank Mellott has been in touch with a person named Bret and also with Werner – both are prospective hams.</p>
Tonight's Meeting Host	<p>Thank you Hoss's for making this meeting room available to us, free of charge.</p> <p>Thank you to our Server for serving our food and beverages. Please reward her good service.</p>

❖ Introductions

Tonight's Guests In-Person	Let's take a tour around the Hoss's Meeting Room and introduce ourselves by Name and Call Sign.
Tonight's Guests on Zoom Web Meeting	And then we will do the same for our Zoom Web Meeting audience.

❖ The Main Reason You Are Attending Tonight's Meeting

Door Prize Entry Ticket	<p>Later in the meeting we will have a drawing and announce the tonight's winner. The winning ticket holder is invited to select the prize of his or her choice from the prizes listed in the Door Prize Shopping List which can be found on our website in the MEMBER AREA >> MEMBER HOME PAGE</p>
Collectible Sticker	Tonight's sticker is right here as part of the Monthly Newsletter. The theme of tonight's sticker is based on the annual Dillsburg Farmers Fair Parade to be held Saturday October 16, 2021
Collectible Memento Booklet	If you did not get a booklet during a prior meeting, tonight is your lucky second opportunity. This is a great way to capture and preserve memories of our CARC Meetings.

<p>Door Prize Ticket Goes Here</p>	<p>Collectible Sticker Goes Here</p>
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❖ **Milestones, Achievements and General Announcements**

Milestones and Announcements 1	Steve Hancock, N3FWE worked another Zone in his quest for the CQ Magazine Worked All Zones award. The most recent addition involved Zone 24 in which he worked Hong Kong.
Milestones and Announcements 2	How Do I...? Century Club. Award #001 has been presented to Frank Mellott, KB3PQT in recognition of his effort on behalf of the club. Frank has written and submitted in excess of One Hundred How To I... articles. These articles, and similar articles written by other Club Authors appear in the KNOW-HOW RESOURCES page of our club website. If you would like to write for the club website please let any of the Club Leaders know about your interest.
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Invitation:	If you know of an accomplishment made by a fellow member or a good friend please share. If you have a tiny bit of Lois Lane or Jimmy Olsen in your genes you will make a great reporter.

Words of Wisdom...

The secret of getting ahead
is getting started.

Mark Twain

Advertise
Here

Support
Your
Club

❖ **Meeting Activity**

Tonight's Activity	Tonight, we have a Self-Service Activity. See Page 6. Read it if you wish. Our compressed meeting schedule does not permit me to deliver an actual presentation in-person. I will take questions offline via eMail sent to: AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com
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❖ **Answers**

Answer to the License Plate Puzzle that appeared on Page 2

There was no puzzle this month. Therefore, no answer.

❖ Third Call Area QSL Bureau Basics

The other day I received an envelope from the Third Call Area QSL Bureau. Inside the envelope I found a treasure chest of DX Delights, i.e. QSL Cards – my reward for making two-way radio contacts with hams located in Italy, Germany, Spain, The Netherlands, and Czech Republic.

Would you like to receive some QSL Cards from the bureau? Here's how you can do it.

Anybody who has the number 3 in his or her call sign will work with the Third Call Area QSL Bureau which is operated by the National Capitol DX Association. These instructions are based on their practices. If your call sign contains a different number you will work with a different QSL Bureau which may have a different method of doing business.

Begin by checking the supply cabinet looking for a few 6 inch by 9 inch envelopes. Three or four is a good number. For best results you want the style of envelope that DOES NOT have metal clasps. The presence of metal clasps triggers a postage surcharge which is more easily avoided than explained. While you are in the supply cabinet you might as well look for one larger envelope such as a 9 x 12 or a 10 x 13.

If the inventory level in your supply cabinet has dropped to zero then you are Out Of Stock. In that case, my crystal ball shows a trip to the Staples store in your future. When you are In-Stock advance to the next step.

Consider the amount of DX that you work. In my case, I usually provide the QSL Bureau with three or four self-addressed, stamped envelopes at a time. At my rate of DXing, those envelopes will last about two years before I need to replenish. They will tell you when you are down to one envelope on hand.

Write your own Name and Address in the customary location on the 6 x 9 envelopes. Write your Call Sign, and nothing else, where the Return Address normally is placed. Print neatly so that the QSL Card Sorter can easily identify your envelopes.

Affix one or two FOREVER Stamps to each of your 6 x 9 envelopes. As a guideline, one ounce worth of First Class postage will usually support the return mailing of your envelope containing five QSL cards. Two ounces worth of First Class postage will usually enable return mailing fourteen QSL cards. The new August 29, 2021 postage rates are 58 cents for one ounce, 78 cents for two ounces, and 98 cents for three ounces. I usually stamp my envelopes with enough postage to cover two ounces.

Write the address of the QSL Bureau on the larger envelope. Add your own Return Address.

National Capitol DX Association
PO Box 1149
Clinton, MD 20735-5149

Place your unsealed 6 x 9 inch Self-Addressed, Stamped envelopes inside the larger envelope. Then seal the larger envelope.

Visit the post office. Let them weigh and calculate the cost to mail the whole bundle. Pay the nice man or woman. Continued on Page 7.