



Monthly Newsletter  
October 20, 2021

❖ What's New Part 1...?

I have started an experimental posting of the Monthly Newsletter PDF under **JOIN US > NEWSLETTER**. The site offers our Current Newsletter, the Previous Newsletter as well as one Archive, which I may decide to drop.

The Newsletter posting does not include the Meeting Agenda pages which I consider to be *For Internal Use*.

I posted a feedback form asking visitors to share with us their rating of the Newsletter page. • Dill

If our Google Analytics show that we are attracting visitors then I will keep this page.

❖ What's New Part 2...?

I added an expanded section under the **JOIN US > MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION** page.

This expansion makes our Fillable PDF Membership Application more readily accessible in a place where our visitors might tend of take a look.

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

October 2021 (Remainder of Month)	
• Dillsburg Farmers Fair Parade .....	16 <sup>th</sup>
• New York QSO Party .....	16 <sup>th</sup>
• Illinois QSO Party.....	17 <sup>th</sup>
• ARRL School Club Roundup .....	18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>
• HRAC Oktoberfest .....	23 <sup>rd</sup>
• Ham Radio Lunch .....	28 <sup>th</sup>
• CQ WW DX Contest SSB .....	29 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>

November 2021	
• ARRL Sweepstakes CW .....	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>
• Daylight Saving Time Ends .....	7 <sup>th</sup>
• ARRL Sweepstakes SSB .....	20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>
• Thanksgiving .....	25 <sup>th</sup>
• Ham Radio Lunch Cancelled???	25 <sup>th</sup>
• CQ WW DX Contest CW .....	26 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>

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

❖ I Found The Icon \*\*\* Sept. Hall of Fame

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

◆◆◆	Frank Mellott	KB3PQT	◆◆◆
◆◆◆	Harry Fasick	K3EYL	◆◆◆
◆◆◆	Steve Hancock	N3FWE	◆◆◆
◆◆◆	Doug Stenger	KC3CPT	◆◆◆

In addition to being listed in the Hall of Fame, three of the September participants were awarded a prize recognizing their active engagement in this club activity.

The September prizes were a \$5 McDonald's Gift Card

This marks the end of the I Found The Icon monthly activity. Thank you to those who participated and congratulations to the prize winners.

If you would like to suggest a replacement activity designed to encourage Club Members to read the Monthly Newsletter and Meeting Agenda prior to our meeting please share your thoughts with Andrew Forsyth, AF3I.

### ❖ License Plate Puzzle

**BEE-TILL**

I am so happy when people step up and provide material that can be used in the Monthly Newsletter. Thank you to the kind person who submitted this License Plate Puzzle. It arrived via an Instant Message from a telephone number that I didn't recognize. I don't know who to thank. You know who you are. Please know that you are appreciated.

What is this license plate telling us?  
The answer appears on page 5.

### ❖ Curiosity Corner

For those who have been sitting on the edge of their chair waiting to hear what type of Rube Goldberg contraption Andrew Forsyth has devised in order to deliver the CARC Zoom

Web Meeting to our at-home audience – the time has arrived.

a.) You may recall that I have had difficulty getting my PC to connect with the Hoss's Guest WiFi. And, you may recall that I ran up a 3 Gb Excess Data Usage charge on my Verizon Wireless Account when I brought my own WiFi Hot Spot to close the gap.

I spent a portion of a recent sunny afternoon sitting on the Group W bench in front of Hoss's with my laptop PC in hand. From my outdoor vantage point I was able to connect with their Guest WiFi and probe my options. I learned that the solution is as simple as IGNORE ALL THE WARNING MESSAGES that Norton Security has been sending me, and their recommendations for improving the security of my connection. I was able to connect to the Hoss's Guest WiFi. Case Closed.

b.) You may recall that Zoom confines me to using one microphone unless I am willing to purchase their Corporate Boardroom solution. Not gonna happen.

I learned about a nice PC audio mixer board application that lets me have up to three physical input devices (microphones plugged into USB Ports), combine their signals, and present what appears to be a single microphone to the Zoom application. The app is called **Voice Meeter Banana**. I did some tinkering at home and believe this is a workable solution. Tonight's meeting will validate the solution.

## ❖ General Interest and Calendar Items October 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	<a href="http://www.RadioClub-CARC.com/calendar/">www.RadioClub-CARC.com/calendar/</a> 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 <a href="mailto:AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com">AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com</a>
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: <a href="http://www.w3uu.org">www.w3uu.org</a> 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: <a href="mailto:n3tw@arrl.net">n3tw@arrl.net</a> There is a modest fee for this testing service. Additional details at their web page. <a href="http://n3tw.org/links/getting-licensed/smra-testing-policies/">http://n3tw.org/links/getting-licensed/smra-testing-policies/</a>
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 <a href="http://www.k3ir.org">www.k3ir.org</a> . 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: <a href="mailto:AB3RK@arrl.net">AB3RK@arrl.net</a> From time-to-time the club offers Ham Radio License Classes. To express your interest please e-mail <a href="mailto:K3IR@arrl.net">K3IR@arrl.net</a>
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 <a href="http://www.echolink.org">www.echolink.org</a> 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](mailto:AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com)

A good news story contains the Ws – **Who, What, Where, When, Why, and hoW** 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: <a href="mailto:AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com">AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com</a></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 Diane for serving our food and beverages. Please reward her good service.</p>

**❖ Introductions**

Tonight's Guests	<p>It is my privilege to welcome our guest, Teena Hall. Teena sent a note saying she is considering getting a ham radio license and asked if she could attend tonight's meeting. Welcome Teena.</p>
Tonight's Attendees In-Person	<p>Let's take a tour around the Hoss's Meeting Room and introduce ourselves by Name and Call Sign.</p>
Tonight's Attendees Zoom Web Meeting	<p>And then we will do the same for our Zoom Web Meeting audience.</p>

**❖ 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 &gt;&gt; MEMBER HOME PAGE</p>
Collectible Sticker	<p>Tonight's sticker is right here as part of the Monthly Newsletter. The theme of tonight's sticker is based on Halloween.</p>
Collectible Memento Booklet	<p>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>

<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	At the September 2021 meeting we met Doug Frantz. Since then, Doug took the Technician License Exam and Passed. Congratulations Doug, or should I say KC3STX.
Milestones and Announcements 2	At the February 2020 meeting we met Fred Feldman, KC3KPD. Fred has been a good friend of CARC since then and has been invited to apply for membership. Early on tonight's agenda.
Milestones and Announcements 3	
Milestones and Announcements 4	
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...**

Grow Clubs,  
Grow Ham Radio.

George Miller, W3GWM  
ARRL EPA Section Manager

Advertise  
Here

Support  
Your  
Club

❖ **Meeting Activity**

Tonight's Activity	Tonight's agenda is pretty full. I don't think we can fit an Activity into the short time available to us. If there is something you wish I would talk about as part of an upcoming meeting I will take your suggestions and questions offline via eMail sent to: <a href="mailto:AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com">AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com</a>
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❖ **Answers**

Answer to the License Plate Puzzle that appeared on Page 2

The person who submitted this puzzle mentioned to me that the answer would be easy if our reader knew the vehicle model on which this license plate was observed.

If you think the license plate refers to a Volkswagen Beetle raise your hand.

