



Monthly Newsletter
March 15, 2023

❖ What's New ?

A.) Door Prize – Instant Gratification Option

A selection of door prize items will be made available at each meeting. If the person whose name was drawn is present in the Hoss's Meeting Room he or she may select one of these popular items for immediate gratification – No Waiting.

Or, the option to order any of the Door Prize items at **The CARC Store** remains in effect. **The CARC Store** Door Prize Item will be brought to the next meeting, or mailed to the winner, based on preference.

The Instant Gratification selection for March 2023 includes items that have wide-spread appeal, and are small sized: WD-40 Spray, DX Engineering Logo Notepad, Velcro One-Strap, Scotch 88 Electrical Tape, Scotch 33 Electrical Tape. Enjoy!

B.) Newsletter, Agenda, and Meeting Calendar View

Those who read every single word in the Newsletter and Meeting Agenda may be familiar with the topic heading **Next Meeting Info**. This topic heading appears near the end of the Agenda – often somewhere near page 15.

Of all the topics that make their way into the Newsletter and Meeting Agenda, your Editor suspects this one gets pretty low levels of readership.

Beginning this month, the text-based description of important milestone dates will be replaced with a graphical view. The key milestones are:

- Deadline for submitting content for the newsletter and agenda,
- Publication date for the newsletter and agenda,
- Upcoming Meeting Date.

C.) Web Page: News – Top Stories

Our web site content management software provides a blog option. We have been using a News Blog since “Day 1”. The software builds a series of articles, arranged in a single thread, with the most recently posted article at the top.

Your Editor realized that our readers could lose interest before scrolling through a long series of articles. As a solution to that problem he found software that interacts with the News Blog to produce a two-dimension matrix of all the articles. Each entry in the matrix shows the article title and the first 36 words followed by a READ MORE button.

If the first 36 words captured your interest, click the READ MORE button to see and read the full story.

Take a look next time you are online. I think you will recognize the improvement. Enjoy.

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❖ License Plate Puzzle



Take a guess. What does this mean. Frank saw the plate and contributed to this month's agenda. I think he knows the rest of the story. Thank you, Frank.. (Answer on page 4.)

❖ Contests and other On-The-Air Events

March 2023 (post publication date)

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| • SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-thon | 11 th -12 th |
| • Oklahoma QSO Party | 11 th -12 th |
| • Idaho QSO Party | 11 th -12 th |
| • Daylight Saving Time Returns | 12 th |
| • Wisconsin QSO Party | 12 th |
| • Virginia QSO Party | 18 th -19 th |
| • CQ WPX SSB | 24 th -26 th |

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| • Mississippi QSO Party | 1 st |
| • Missouri QSO Party | 1 st -2 nd |
| • Louisiana QSO Party | 1 st -2 nd |
| • SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-thon | 8 th -9 th |
| • Nebraska QSO Party | 8 th -9 th |
| • New Mexico QSO Party | 8 th |
| • North Dakota QSO Party | 8 th -9 th |
| • Georgia QSO Party | 8 th -9 th |
| • Michigan QSO Party | 15 th |
| • Ontario QSO Party | 15 th -16 th |
| • Quebec QSO Party | 16 th |
| • Florida QSO Party | 29 th -30 th |

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

❖ No Moss Grows Under These Feet

The fine software development folks at N3FJP / Affirmatech have been burning the midnight oil and producing some innovative new products for the ham radio community.

The newest among their product offerings is called **Ham Data**. This web-based application, when used in conjunction with updated versions of N3FJP Logging software, provides a Real Time view of the contest activity logged by participants. The app offers filtering tools for those who wish to create their own customized view – such as just their own club members.

Ham Data is destined to take the place of the N3FJP Club Score Processor, which individual clubs (such as CARC) have been hosting on their own computing platforms. Ham Data is hosted by N3FJP and Affirmatech at hamdata.affirmatech.com.

The underlying technology that gave rise to Ham Data is also used by N3FJP weather alert and license exam practice applications.

<https://hamdata.affirmatech.com>

<https://wxwarn.affirmatech.com>

<https://study.affirmatech.com>

❖ ARRL EPA Section Manager Change

ARRL EPA Section Manager George W. Miller, W3GWM has retired as a result of some health challenges. George has served EPA ARRL Members for the past six years.

In his place the ARRL Atlantic Division Director, Robert Famiglio K3RF has appointed Robert (Bob) Wilson, W3BIG as ARRL EPA Section Manager. Bob can be reached via eMail at w3big@arrl.org

Bob wears two hats in the ARRL Field Organization. He has been, and still is, the EPA Section Emergency Coordinator.

❖ General Interest and Calendar Items March 2023, and later

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 we should list in our Calendar please share the <i>Who, What, Where, and When</i> information with AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com
Ham Radio License Exam Testing Part 1	Harrisburg Radio Amateur Club (HRAC) test dates are 3rd Saturdays, Even Numbered Months, starting at 9 a.m. <i>Location: 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 Exam Testing Part 2	South Mountain Radio Amateurs (SMRA) conducts license testing at the Public Safety Center off Claremont Road, Carlisle, PA. Exam sessions are scheduled monthly at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday 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 or smraham@gmail.com 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 Exam Testing	Look for LICENSE EXAM on our website THINGS-TO-DO Calendar View. We have entries for SMRA, Keystone VHF, Cross-Keys Village, HRAC
License Exam Training Class	SMRA announced they will be conducting a Ham Radio License Exam Training Class over the course of five Saturday afternoons beginning February 04, 2023. The classes will take place at the Bosler Library in Carlisle from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
License Exam Training Class	Ralph Brandt, K3HQI offers license exam training classes
License Exam Training Class	The Nashua Area Radio Society (Nashua, NH) offers license exam training classes on a frequent basis. Some are online. Others are conducted in-person. Check their website for current information. www.n1fd.org
License Exam Training Class	If you know of any upcoming License Exam Training classes please let AF3I know so that they can be listed here. The ARRL website has a search tool. The classes I found were listed behind the keyword "online". http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-class
Ham Radio Lunch	The last Thursday of each month. Informal lunchtime gathering at the Hibachi Grill and Buffet. 5080 Jonestown Road -- Route 22, Harrisburg, PA Best guess -- Noon. to 1:30 p.m.
CARC Weekly Coffee Time	Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Location: Sometimes at Caffe 101 in Boiling Springs, PA. On the corner, across from the clock-tower and diagonally across from the Boiling Springs Tavern. Sometimes conducted as a Zoom Meeting. Check with Richard Johnson N3EPY for info.

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

❖ Cumberland Amateur Radio Club Nets

<p>CARC Two Meter VHF Digital Net</p>	<p>Every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. local time. 146.490 MHz. Most likely we will be using OpMode Domino EX 22.</p> <p>If you have experience using Sound Card Digital Modes you will feel at home with this digital net. Mostly informal in terms of conversation topics.</p> <p>If you have not yet experienced the pleasure of using Sound Card Digital Modes you are invited to seek assistance. CARC Members have all kinds of skills tucked away in remote corners of their universe. Some of these members maintain a low profile. However, if you ask they will come out and share their experiences with you. You could send an eMail message to ELMER@RadioClub-CARC.com and one of us will crawl out of our den to help you.</p>
<p>CARC Two Meter Phone Net</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>CARC Ten Meter Phone Net</p>	<p>Every Wednesday* at 8 p.m. local time. 10 meter band. 28.400 MHz USB *Except Monthly Meeting Night. on the third Wednesday of the month.</p>

❖ Answers to the Puzzles

Answer to the License Plate Puzzle that appeared on Page 1



Frank actually saw this month's puzzle on a North Carolina plate. That might be a clue –you never know. Frank speculates that the vehicle owner served with the US ARMY 1st Corps 11th Airborne Division 1st Brigade Combat Team. And, Frank proposes that this vehicle and its plate might belong to the Brigade Commander considering the Team did not exist prior to June 6, 2022. Artic Wolves!

Words of Wisdom...

The more you sweat in training
The less you'll bleed in battle

Words of Wisdom...

They laugh at me because
I am different.

I laugh at them because
they are all the same.