



Monthly Newsletter  
August 16, 2023

❖ What's New ?

Your ARRL Membership Dues are about to rise.

Annual Membership will rise to \$59 per year effective January 1, 2024. A three-year membership can be purchased for \$174.00

Members will have access to ARRL digital magazines QST, On-The-Air, NCJ, and QEX for no additional cost. This is the same as ARRL currently offers.

Printed copies of ARRL Magazines QST and On-The-Air will carry a new fee of \$25 per year effective January 01, 2024. That \$25 will get you twelve issues of QST, or six issues of On-The-Air.

ARRL Life Memberships are temporarily not being offered . Pricing of Life Membership is undergoing review.

❖ On-The-Air Events

Contesting is making its annual resurgence with State QSO Parties everywhere you look.

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August 2023

- North American QSO Party CW 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
- SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-thon 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>
- Maryland DC QSO Party 12<sup>th</sup>
- North American QSO Party SSB 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>
- Hawaii QSO Party 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>
- Kansas QSO Party 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>
- Ohio QSO Party 26<sup>th</sup>

September 2023

- Colorado QSO Party 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Tennessee QSO Party 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Alabama QSO Party 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>
- ARRL VHF Contest 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>
- RT 66 On The Air 9<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>
- Iowa QSO Party 16<sup>th</sup>
- New Jersey QSO Party 16<sup>th</sup>
- Texas QSO Party 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
- Washington State Salmon Run QP 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
- CQ WW DX Contest RTTY 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>
- Maine QSO Party 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>

October 2023

Just the first weekend

This is a big hamfest... not a contest.

- CARA Fest (Maryland) 1<sup>st</sup>

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

❖ License Plate Puzzle

If you could have any license plate you wanted, what would it be?

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## **❖ Zoom Web Meeting Contact Point**

If you experience difficulty or unexpected results when attempting to join the Zoom Web Meeting please reach out to the CARC Zoom Meeting Contact Person.

For the time being, Andrew Forsyth AF3I will provide this support xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx.

If Andrew does not answer it may be a sign that he is on the telephone with another CARC Member. Please leave a voice mail message under those conditions. If you have grandchildren one of them may be able to show you how to send a text message to my cell phone.

A lot of this works best when the two parties have each other's contact information set up beforehand. You have mine... may I have yours?

## **❖ Know-How Articles**

Last month our Newsletter/Agenda described a new research tool that had been placed on the Know-How Resources page. The tool has the appearance of a spreadsheet and offers the User a way of seeing the titles of all the articles and a few memory-jogging keywords.

Your Editor has been overwhelmed with personal chores. He has not kept pace with collecting lists of Know-How articles and creating the data structures that are essential to providing the search functions.

He says: "Often I fool myself by thinking I will be able to catch-up on a rainy day. That's a laugh."

## **❖ Eyes and Ears Needed**

This is AF3I writing to you. In the past few days I received an email from a friend of ham radio telling me about a booth that the South Mountain Radio Amateurs club had set up at

the National Night Out event held on Tuesday August 1, 2023.

When I think of National Night Out I think it involves local Police and Fire Departments cooking hot dogs and hamburgers and socializing with the residents who come out for a good time.

I would have never known National Night Out provides a time and place for local organizations to set up booths and tell the public what they do. SMRA must have known. Shame on me. I have not attended a National Night Out event and know only what I read in the Dillsburg Banner.

If you see or hear about other clubs taking part in events where they can self-promote amateur radio and their own radio club please share your observations with Club Leadership. We need eyes and ears who can call attention to the opportunities we may be missing out on.

Who wants to be part of a Polar Bear swim for Ham Radio in conjunction with Winter Field Day 2024? I read that the water flowing out of the Boiling Springs spring holds to a consistent 55 degrees year 'round.

I see a hand in the air. Is that Frank? Thank you for volunteering.

## **❖ Contesting Fundamental #1**

Contesting is not a free-style conversation between two people. Everything a contesting person says or does ought to be predictable.

When a contest QSO is taking place, one of the parties is called the RUNNING station. The other parties are called the SEARCH & POUNCE stations.

There is a predictable pattern to what each of those parties says when it is their turn to talk.

Knowing the pattern is the key to your success.

## ❖ General Interest and Calendar Items August 2023, and later

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 we should list 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 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: <a href="http://www.w3uu.org">www.w3uu.org</a> 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: <a href="mailto:n3tw@arrl.net">n3tw@arrl.net</a> or <a href="mailto:smraham@gmail.com">smraham@gmail.com</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 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	Watch SMRA for news of their Ham Radio License Exam Training Classes. Google it.
License Exam Training Class	Ralph Brandt, K3HQI offers license exam training classes from time to time. Google him.
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. <a href="http://www.n1fd.org">www.n1fd.org</a>
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". <a href="http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-class">http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-class</a>
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.

Our friends at the Eastern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Association invite you to attend their HAMFEST 2023 to be held Sunday September 17, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Moose Lodge 1336, 705 Stokes Mill Road, East Stroudsburg, PA Their hamfest flyer is posted in our Things To-Do Calendar View under September 17. They have food, beverages, and free parking.

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)

## ❖ 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 <a href="mailto:ELMER@RadioClub-CARC.com">ELMER@RadioClub-CARC.com</a> 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 <a href="http://www.echolink.org">www.echolink.org</a> 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

**In case you are puzzled by this month posting.... I've run out of material. I don't receive much input for this topic and I could use your creative minds.**

**If you ever wished you could have any license plate what would that be?**

**Tell me. [AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com](mailto:AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com).**

**It does not have to be a license plate you have actually seen on a vehicle.**

**I will post the best and it will be our secret where the submission came from.**

### Words of Wisdom...

Ham radio is a hobby where people talk about their hobby using their hobby.

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Action speaks louder than words  
But not nearly as often.

Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens)