

# cumberland amateur radio club

Monthly Newsletter  
July 19, 2023

## ❖ What's New ?

You will find a brand new BUC-EE'S at Exit 407 off Interstate 40 in Sevierville, Tennessee. That is the childhood home of Dolly Parton. The famous convenience store opened at 6 a.m. Monday June 26, 2023.

At 74,000 square feet. this is the largest BUC-EE's anywhere on Earth. I understand this unit offers 120 Fuel Dispensers ("Fuel Pumps" in layman's terminology) and a 250 foot long Car Wash. BUC-EE's is famous for clean restrooms.

If you have a powerful hankering for some BUC-EE'S BEAVER NUGGETS about 500 miles stands between you and your satisfaction. My lovely grand-daughter brought me a bag of nuggets as well as a bag of the White Cheddar Cheese BUC-EE's Nug-EEs habanero flavor.

Words of wisdom seen on their billboards.  
RESTROOMS THAT MAKE MOMS SMILE

ONLY 262 MILES TO BUC-EE'S  
YOU CAN HOLD IT!

TOP TWO REASONS TO STOP AT BUC-EE'S #1 AND #2



ICE. MADE FROM SCRATCH. 99¢  
SAVING THE WORLD FROM ORDINARY  
NEVER DRIVE ON AN EMPTY STOMACH  
WITH A NAME LIKE BUC-EE'S IT HAS TO BE GOOD.  
YOUR THRONE AWAITS.  
EAT HERE. GET GAS.  
THE EYES OF BUC-EE'S ARE UPON YOU.  
EAT JERKY. DON'T DRIVE LIKE ONE.  
HEY BUSES. 49 TOILETS

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## ❖ On-The-Air Events

Contesting takes a bit of a break about this time of year. Look at how short the Contest Calendar has become.

July 2023 (post publication date)

- North American QSO Party RTTY 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>
- CQ Worldwide Contest VHF 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

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 Starts With A Bang

- Colorado QSO Party 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Tennessee QSO Party 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

## ❖ License Plate Puzzle

Via the Internet... Seen on the back of a New York car that had a dented tailgate.

**PLZSTOP**

## ❖ BPSK31 Challenge

A local amateur radio organization wonders if anyone still uses BPSK31, particularly on the 40 meter band (7070 KHz to 7072 KHz). Your editor sometimes has a bit of paranoia and wonders if they are scheming to reappropriate this small slice of the band for other purposes.

This is your opportunity to defend our spectrum. Please follow Frank Mellott's suggestion and put some activity on-the-air between 7070 and 7072 KHz. Let the world hear the melodious twinkle of BPSK31 emanating from Central Pennsylvania.

## ❖ Know-How Articles

The number and variety of Know-How articles posted on our CARC website continues to grow. A quick count the other day showed so many articles that your editor was forced to remove his shoes and socks in order to keep track of the count. His final tally was 147.

Club President Frank Mellott KB3PQT often wonders if our readers are aware of just how many articles have been posted, and how far down the page a person can read without running out of material.

Here are some suggestions to help our readers know when they can "close the book" and go do something else.

The words "Coming Soon..." are used as filler when the website layout has capacity for more articles to be posted. There could be additional material below the "Coming Soon..." notification. Take a look. You might find something.

The words "Scroll for more articles..." mean just about the same as "Coming Soon..." Continue reading. If I told you the really juicy articles are usually posted at the bottom of the page would you believe me?.

If you see a sign saying "I'D TURN BACK IF I WERE YOU!" then you no longer are on the Cumberland Amateur Radio Club website Know-How Resources page. Keep a watchful eye open for clues. If you see Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, or the Wicked Witch of the West then you are in the Haunted Forest on your way to the Emerald City of Oz.

## ❖ General Interest and Calendar Items July 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.

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

CARC Two Meter VHF Digital Net	<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>
CARC Two Meter Phone Net	<p>Every Sunday at 7 p.m. local time. 2 meter band. 146.490 MHz FM Simplex.</p> <p>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>
CARC Ten Meter Phone Net	<p>Every Wednesday* at 8 p.m. local time. 10 meter band. 28.400 MHz USB</p> <p>*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

**There wasn't much mystery in this month's license plate puzzle. PLEASE STOP**

### **Words of Wisdom...**

I don't know how to act my age.

I've never been this old before.

### **Words of Wisdom...**

So what if I am fat?

I identify as Trans-Slender.