

How do I?

An occasional series

This week: Outfitting for a



Radio Roadshow

Long time readers of this space will see there are many articles on radios, antennas, and other tips and tricks for operating. See <https://www.radioclub-carc.com/resources/> for more articles.

Whew. You've done it! You passed the Technician license exam and have your spiffy new call sign. Or you want to get off the couch and go play radio outdoors. You want to support the community. You want to give back as they say. What can be better than a parade?

Yep. A parade! Remember *The Music Man*? The Fantastic Parade in Dillsburg the third Saturday in October may not have 76 trombones in one group, but it is a big parade. The Cumberland Amateur Radio Club provides communication support for it. Let's get ready!

The CARC Radio Roadshow team has had fluorescent safety vests for a number of years now. New for 2023 is a patch on the radio pocket.

Radio pocket



Vest style may vary from shown.

The patch is vinyl.

The patch needs to be trimmed flush with the black border.

There are 2 ways to attach the patch to the vest.

1. Clothing glue available at Hobby Lobby and other fine retailers.
2. Heat transfer.

Set up your ironing board. Put a solid flat piece of material, I used a piece of 1x12, on top. Position the vest so that the pocket is on top of the wood, then put a piece of cloth (an old T shirt, handkerchief, dish towel, etc.) on top. If using a steam iron, fill with water and set on the heavy cotton setting. Position the patch on the bottom of the pocket. When the iron is hot, carefully put the tip on top of the patch. Let it sit for a minute or so. Then carefully move the tip and make sure all four corners are glued down. Carefully move the iron over the patch completely glued. Total time three minutes or so.



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When done, turn the iron off and set it where it will not fall over.

Let the vest cool for several minutes. You can then remove it and when the iron is cool, put the rest of your toys away.

There, you have your vest. What else makes for a good parade?

1. Radio - a HT, 2 meter only is fine. An ear piece is recommended. A speaker-microphone works well also.
2. Your CARC hat
3. Comfortable shoes. Expect to be on pavement or concrete for a few hours.
4. Multiple layers of clothing. In this case, expect to start out warm and add layers as the night falls.
5. Snacks. The food is fantastic, but snacks can be helpful.
6. A flashlight
7. A pen and note pad.

What's that? A McNutt Special? Wow....I'm just gotta stand here a bit and listen!
They can talk about 76 trombones and 110 cornets all they want. Percussion is where it's at!

Catch 'ya on the air!