



Monthly Newsletter  
October 18, 2023

❖ What's New ?

Not Much.

❖ License Plate Classic Puzzle

Your editor found this license plate himself.  
I think it was attached to a Camaro.



Possible answer on page 3.

❖ 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 via his cellular telephone. Call 717 991-5354.

❖ On-The-Air Events

November is time to stop and catch your breath. State QSO Party Contesting takes a back seat next month. Some of the biggest Nationwide and Worldwide contests occupy the November weekends.

October 2023	(post publication date)
• Nevada QSO Party	13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>
• Arizona QSO Party	14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>
• South Dakota QSO Party	14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>
• Pennsylvania QSO Party	14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>
• School Club Roundup	16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>
• New York QSO Party	21 <sup>st</sup>
• Illinois QSO Party	22 <sup>nd</sup>
• CQ WW DX Contest SSB	27 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>

November 2023	
• SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-Thon	11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>
• ARRL Sweepstakes CW	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>
• ARRL Sweepstakes SSB	18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>
• CQ Worldwide DX Contest CW	24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>

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

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

HRAC Oktoberfest	Saturday October 28, 2023 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Vietnam Veterans of America Hall, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA Our <b>Things To-Do</b> calendar has a full-color copy of the event flyer for your reading enjoyment.
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	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

<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 spanning Page 1 and 2



**Let's go with CORVETTE DNA. Your editor thinks the plate appeared on a Camaro.... Sort of a Corvette Wanna-Be. In any case, he was left in the dust as the fire engine red vehicle passed as if I was standing still.**

### Words of Wisdom...

If you aren't fired  
with enthusiasm,

you will be fired  
with enthusiasm

Vince Lombardi

### Did you ever wonder...

...why so many hamfests are  
scheduled from 0700 to 1100?

Why do they start so early and end  
so early?

Late risers would like to know!