



Monthly Newsletter
November 15, 2023

❖ What's New ?

SKCC Weekend Sprintathons have a new scheduling algorithm. The event now begins on the Second Saturday each month. Prior to this change the event began on the first Saturday after the 6th day of the month. The change affects a very small number of WES events – only those in which the first day of the month falls on Sunday.

❖ License Plate Classic Puzzle



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.

Andrew Forsyth AF3I will provide this support via his cellular telephone. Call 717 991-5354.

❖ On-The-Air Events

November 2023

- ARRL Sweepstakes CW 4th-5th
- SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-Thon 11th-12th
- ARRL Sweepstakes SSB 18th-19th
- CQ Worldwide DX Contest CW 24th-26th

December 2023

- ARRL 160 Meter Contest 1st-3rd
- SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-Thon 9th-10th
- ARRL 10 Meter Contest 9th-10th
- ARRL Rookie Roundup CW 17th-17th
- Straight Key Night 31st-1st

January 2024

- ARRL RTTY Roundup 6th-7th
- ARRL Kids Day 6th-6th
- SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-Thon 13th-14th
- N.America QSO Party CW 13th-14th
- N.America QSO Party SSB 20th-21st
- CQ 160 Meter Contest CW 26th-28th
- Winter Field Day 27th-28th

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 November 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	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. 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 spanning Page 1 and 2



Richard seems to know what this means to him. Your Editor went down a path involving the CW Network on TV and a new TV Show. Sister Frances will be played by Caitlin Kinnunen.

Words of Wisdom...

Beware of false knowledge;

It is more dangerous
than ignorance.

George Bernard Shaw

Did you ever wonder...

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Are there razors in the jungle?

Third Call Area Incoming QSL Bureau Sorters

If you have been on-the-air recently you know there has been a tremendous surge in DX activity especially on the 10 Meter band. If you have been working DX you should have the Incoming QSL Bureau in the back of your mind – make that the forefront of your mind..

Here is something to help jump-start the thought process. These are the people who sort your Incoming DX QSL cards. They are called Sorters – duh. Make the Sorter’s job easier by having **Self-Addressed Stamped Envelopes** or **Money Account** funds on hand.

Letter	Sorter’s Call Sign	Envelopes (SASE)	Money Account	Postage Stamps	No Preference Indicated at QRZ.com
A	N3WD	✓	✓		
B	K5EK	✓			
C	N3NBT	✓	✓		
D	N3WD	✓	✓		
E	N4VA				✓
F	KQ3F				✓
G	K3EW				✓
H	NN3W				✓
I	WA3DVO		✓		
J	WA3DVO		✓		
K	K1MU	✓	✓	✓	
L	K3QX				✓
M	W3MR				✓
N	W3KX				✓
O	K3IRV				✓
P	K3LU	✓	✓	?	
Q	W3DQ				✓
R	K3RA				✓
S	N3TJO	✓			
T	K3TEJ				✓
U	WK3A		✓		
V	K4RZ				✓
W	N3VPJ				✓
X	K3AJ		✓	✓	
Y	N3LDY				✓
Z	W3UR				✓

Presumably this information is subject to change without notice.

You can find current version of this information the same way your Editor found it.

Visit the National Capitol DX Association (NCDXA) Incoming QSL Bureau web page.

<http://www.ncdxa.org/qs1.shtml>

Scroll up or down from where you land, and look for the alphabet matrix.

Click on the letter in your call sign that immediately follows the Number 3.

Note: Call signs using numbers other than 3 are served by different QSL Bureaus.