



Monthly Newsletter
January 17, 2024

❖ What's New ?

We have TWO WIRELESS MICROPHONES. No longer will we have an excuse for low volume audio.

The Meeting Leader will have one dedicated mic for himself/herself.

We now have an additional mic that can be passed from person to person as they speak.

So that we can keep track of Who's On First let's establish some standards.

- The Leader will use the mic labeled "A" and having the BLUE collar.
- The Audience Member will use the mic labeled "B" and having the ORANGE collar.

❖ 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.

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❖ License Plate Classic Puzzle



Possible answer on page 3.

❖ On-The-Air Events

January 2024	
• ARRL RTTY Roundup	6 th -7 th
• ARRL Kids Day	6 th -6 th
• SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-Thon	13 th -14 th
• N.America QSO Party CW	13 th -14 th
• N.America QSO Party SSB	20 th -21 st
• ARRL VHF Contest January	20 th -21 st
• CQ 160 Meter Contest CW	26 th -28 th
• Winter Field Day	27 th -28 th

February 2024	
• Vermont QSO Party	2 nd -4 th
• Minnesota QSO Party	3 rd
• British Columbia	3 rd -4 th
• CQ WPX Contest RTTY	9 th -11 th
• SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-Thon	10 th -11 th
• ARRL School Club Roundup	12 th -16 th
• ARRL Int. DX Contest CW	16 th -18 th
• CQ 160 Meter Contest SSB	23 th -25 th
• N.America QSO Party RTTY	24 th -25 th
• South Carolina QSO Party	24 th
• North Carolina QSO Party	25 th

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

❖ General Interest and Calendar Items January 2024, 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 as part of the Keystone VHF Club and perhaps in conjunction with other organizations and events. Contact Info: Ralph Brandt, K3HQI eMail: K3HQI@arrl.net 717.885.3063 or 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
Amateur Extra Training Class	A FREE, weekly, Amateur Radio Extra Class Licensing course will begin on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., and will run through Thursday, March 28, 2024. The 11 session course takes place on Zoom. Sessions run for 3 hours. Those wishing to sign up should email roland.anders@comcast.net .
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.</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 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</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



Steve Hancock N3FWE saw this plate back in November while he was out for a walk. He ran into the vehicle owner during the same walk. B1 reminds me of a USAF bomber. RD must be Research and Development.

Words of Wisdom...

A reputation is what you had yesterday.

Today and tomorrow you have to earn it all over again.

**Norman Mayne, CEO
Dorothy Lane Market Dayton, Ohio**

Did you ever wonder...

Funny thing about getting older...
Your eyesight starts getting weaker

But your ability to see through people's bull shit gets better.

Morgan Freeman -- Joker Club

❖ Slashed Zero Fonts

The other day I was reading a groups.io posting that talked about slashed zeros.

The author of the post suggested that anyone in need of a slashed zero in a Windows PC environment could create one by holding down the ALT key and typing 0216 on the numeric keypad. The result would look like this: Ø

That posting triggered a fire-storm of replies. The common theme among those replies is that the character produced using this technique has absolutely no relationship to the number zero. The next topic in today's newsletter will address what that character means to our Norwegian friends Ole and Lena who live in Lake Wobegon, Minnesota.

The posting suggested there are Windows PC fonts that can (and do) produce a slashed-zero character that actually means zero when it passes through other data processing systems. One of those fonts is called Consolas.

The following two paragraphs are making use of the Consolas font. Just type on the keyboard. There is no need to hold down the ALT and type secret codes on the keypad.

I can type letters:
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy
z
ABCDEFGHIJKLMN
OPQRSTUVWXYZ

I can type numbers:
1234567890

To help introduce our next topic I want to bring up a couple of Ole and Lena stories.

What did the Norwegian say when he saw his very first pizza?

Answer - Who threw-up on my lefsa!

Why do Norwegian warships have bar codes on the sides?

So that when they return to port they can "Scandinavian". [Scan da Navy in.]

A Norwegian, a Swede and a Dane made a bet about who could stay the longest in a stinky pig barn. They all went in at the same time. After only two minutes the Dane came running out. Five minutes later the Swede stumbled out the door. After ten minutes, all the pigs ran out.

❖ Norwegian Alphabet Pronunciation

Why is this topic in our newsletter? You should first read the "Slashed Zero Fonts" topic where you will find an introduction

This character appears frequently in Norwegian literature: Ø. It is not a slashed zero. It is one of the vowels in the Norwegian alphabet.

The best I can do is to tell you this vowel is pronounced: ur or perhaps er.

There is a YouTube channel where you can learn Norwegian Pronunciation.



Simple Norwegian #1 - The Alphabet & Pronunciation

YouTube - Simple Norwegian
Mar 13, 2017

In ham radio we have a DXCC entity that often appears in print as Bouvet. The Norwegians would print it as shown in several places in the accompanying screen snapshot.



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Bouvetøya (Bouvet Island)

Bouvetøya is a Norwegian volcanic island in the Southern Ocean. Bouvetøya is one of the most isolated islands in the world and 89 percent of the island is ...
