



Monthly Newsletter
March 19, 2025

❖ What's New ?

Thirteen contests appear in our April On-The-Air Events listing. WOW. They will make good practice sessions for those who plan to participate in CARC Derby Day.

Our event listing gives visibility to upcoming contests.

If you have an interest in operating you really need to study the rules for any contest in which you plan to operate. Our website calendars provide a link to each of the posted contests. We offer two different views. Take your pick. Feel free to explore one or both.

<https://www.RadioClub-CARC.com/calendar>

or

<https://www.radioclub-carc.com/googcalp/>

After the contest please share your results with your fellow ham radio operators. <https://3830scores.com/>

Look for SUBMITTAL FORMS, then CURRENT CONTESTS or RECENT CONTEST (depending on how soon following the contest you reach the site).

At this website, when asked for the name of your club please use: Club Not Listed. When asked, type-in Cumberland Amateur Radio Club

❖ On-The-Air Events

March 2025

Local Dates

- Virginia QSO Party 15th-16th
- CQ WPX Contest SSB 29th-30th

April 2025

Local Dates

- Louisiana QSO Party 5th
- Missouri QSO Party 6th
- Mississippi QSO Party 6th
- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES) 12th-13th
- New Mexico QSO Party 12th
- South Dakota QSO Party 12th-13th
- Georgia QSO Party 12th-13th
- Nebraska QSO Party 19th-20th
- Michigan QSO Party 19th
- Ontario QSO Party 19th-20th
- Quebec QSO Party 20th
- ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB 20th
- Florida QSO Party 26th-27th

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 March 2025, and later**

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 Testing Fee ! Pre-Registration, including your FCC FRN, is required.</i> Additional info at their web page: www.w3uu.org Follow the menu: Getting Started in...
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 Part 3	Keystone VHF Club (KVHF) conducts license testing at the York County Department of Emergency Services. Exam sessions are scheduled the 2nd Saturday, ODD Numbered Months, starting at 10 a.m. Visit https://www.w3hz.com/laurel-vec-testing/ for additional information. <i>Location: York County Department of Emergency Services, 120 Davies Road, York, PA</i> <i>Laurel VEC = No Testing Fee ! Pre-Registration, including your FCC FRN, is required.</i>
Ham Radio License Exam Testing Part 4	Cross Keys Village Amateur Radio Club in conjunction with Adams County Amateur Radio Society conducts license testing in the Cross Keys Village Harmony Ridge Community Center, Encore Room. Exam sessions are offered on the Third Saturday of Odd Numbered months between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Pre-Registration, including FCC FRN, is required. Online Form at: https://www.w3kgn.org . Look for "VE Examinations" in the left-side menu bar. Laurel VEC does not charge a testing fee for administering license exams. FCC \$35 fee online payment required before license issuance.
Ham Radio License Exam Testing Part 5	Capital Area Testing Group Schedule: First Tuesday at 6 p.m. Contact: Paul E. Rokoff 717.657.7652 eMail: CapitalATG@yahoo.com Testing Location Manada Hill Diner, 257 N. Hershey Road, West Hanover Twp, PA (Next to La Quinta Hotel)
Ham Radio License Exam Testing Part 6	Nighthawk VE Team Schedule: Last Saturday of certain months at 9 a.m. Contact: Joshua Burleigh 570.220.5443 eMail: kc3olo@arrl.net Testing Location: usually Greenvillage Church of God, 5164 Philadelphia Ave. Chambersburg, PA
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. https://www.n1fd.org/amateur-radio-license-class/
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
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

❖ Nets, YouTube Channels, and Web Sites of Interest

CARC Two Meter VHF Digital Net	<p>Every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. local time. 146.490 MHz FM Simplex. Most likely we will be using OpMode THOR 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 spring forth 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>										
CARC Two Meter Phone Net	<p>Every Sunday evening at 7:00 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 licensed Amateur Radio operators who have no transceiver and/or no antenna. 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>										
CARC Ten Meter Phone Net	<p>Every Wednesday* at 8 p.m. local time. 10 meter band. 28.400 MHz USB In case of other activity on that frequency tune up or down the band a few kilo-Hertz looking for us. *Except Monthly Meeting Night on the third Wednesday of the month.</p>										
Morning Grind Net	<p>K3IR.org/morning-grind/ 9:00 a.m. Daily. Sunday is Informal – No Net Control. 145.23 MHz analog FM Repeater minus offset. PL 118.8 Hz Manheim, PA</p>										
21 Repeater Group	<p>145.210 MHz https://groups.io/g/21repeatergroup On occasion I tune to 145.210 PL 123.0 MHz and find something of interest.</p>										
Website	<p>http://www.kb9at.com/ AF3I writing: I use this site because it contains a link to the FCC License Search site. You might find other interesting content on this site.</p>										
Website	<p>https://www.k8zt.com/ Anthony Luscre has more information packed into this website than Carter has pills. Even if you don't need his information today, you probably will need it sometime soon.</p>										
RigPix	<p>https://www.rigpix.com/ Steve Hancock N3FWE recommended this site. Your Editor visited the site as part of his due diligence process. It is there. Steve was correct.</p>										
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License Exam Practice Q&A	<p>https://hamradioprep.com/free-ham-radio-practice-tests/ If you navigate to their HOME page you may have difficulty finding the Free Ham Radio Practice Tests. Use the link we provided. Or, go to the end of the HOME page and the Site Map. Look for: RESOURCES Free Practice Tests.</p>										
License Exam Practice Q&A	<p>www.arrl.org/exam-practice Then follow the link ARRL Exam Review for Ham Radio.</p>										

Why the YouTube content listings? I thought there might be some ham radio hobbyists among us who otherwise would be unaware of what exists out in cyber space. I invite you to enjoy what you find. I encourage sharing. Tell me about your discoveries and I will post them for the benefit of our readers.

Or, post your discoveries on the club's groups.io/g/RadioClub-CARC site

❖ World Amateur Radio Day (April 18, 2025)

Reproduced from ARRL homepage, March 12, 2025

Clubs are Gearing Up for ARRL Ham Radio Open House — Yours Can, Too!

03/11/2025

Momentum is building for ARRL's Ham Radio Open House — an amateur radio event for clubs to put their most technological foot forward and show the public the true modern state of amateur radio. The events are to be held in April across the United States, on or close to World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) on April 18. This year's WARD commemorates 100 years of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

The goal for participation is 50 clubs in 50 states — but the more the merrier. ARRL is working with Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation (HamSCI and SciStarter to promote the event as part of April being Citizen Science Month.

"We've had a lot of clubs express interest and commitment to be a part of Ham Radio Open House," said ARRL Public Relations and Outreach Manager Sierra Harrop, W5DX. "Thanks to some great volunteer outreach efforts, clubs are seeing the value of showing off the true current state of amateur radio," she said.

Many other clubs in overlapping hobbies are being engaged. Several astronomy clubs have agreed to partner with local ham clubs to co-host the event.

A public information training workshop will be held for ARRL Public Information Coordinators, Public Information Officers, Section Managers, club leaders, and others with an interest in hosting and promoting an ARRL Ham Radio Open House. The live, interactive, webinar is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 8:30 PM Eastern / 5:30 PM Pacific. Look for a registration link next week.

Plan your Ham Radio Open House in April using the resources and tips at these URLs:

<http://www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day>

<https://www.iaru-r2.org/en/on-the-air/world-amateur-radio-day/>

On World Amateur Radio Day we are invited to get on the air and share our global friendship with other amateurs, and to show our skills and capabilities to the public.

Suggestions for promoting World Amateur Radio Day:

Hold a special net or on-the-air event to encourage other hams to talk about our hobby.

This could be a great opportunity to explore new areas of amateur radio and demonstrate how the service is at the cutting edge of electrical engineering.

Promote your activities on social media platforms such as Facebook. Use the hashtag **#WorldAmateurRadioDay**

Talking Points:

World Amateur Radio Day is an opportunity to reflect on the achievements made by radio amateurs since 1924.

The theme of this year's event is "Entering the Next Century of Amateur Radio Communications & Innovation".

Amateur radio experimenters were the first to discover that the short-wave spectrum could support long-distance radio signal propagation.

Amateur Radio pioneers from 25 countries met in Paris in 1925 and created the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) to promote the interests of amateur radio worldwide. Today the IARU is a federation consisting of more than 160 national amateur radio organizations.

Today, Amateur Radio is more popular than ever, with more than three million licensed operators worldwide.