



Newsletter
October 15, 2025

❖ **Meeting Detail:**

Day / Date:	Wednesday October 15, 2025
In-Person Meeting Option:	Hoss's Steak and Sea House Restaurant, 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA (Upper Allen Township)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Arrive at 5:15 p.m. or earlier to order your dinner meal and allow time to eat. Meeting begins at 6:40 p.m. Meeting ends about 7:55 p.m.
Lead by:	Frank Mellott, KB3PQT

Member Count	The Cumberland Amateur Radio Club is the <i>First Choice</i> of radio clubs among its 45 members.
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❖ **Let's Get Started**

Welcome to our Guests and Visitors.	We invite you to share your contact information so that we can keep you informed of club news and other activities. Let us share our <i>Contact Us</i> form with you tonight. We won't pester you. If you ever wish to be removed from the contact list please tell us. email: membership@RadioClub-CARC.com
Tonight's Meeting Host	Thank you Hoss's for making this meeting room available to us, free of charge. Thank you to Diane for serving our food and beverages. Please reward her good service.

❖ **Introductions**

Tonight's Guests	
Tonight's Attendees In-Person	Let's take a tour around the Hoss's Meeting Room and introduce ourselves by Name and Call Sign. Let's begin with Club President Frank Mellott, KB3PQT – the man with the microphone.
Tonight's Attendees Zoom Web Meeting	And then we will do the same for our Zoom Web Meeting audience.

❖ Membership Moment

Announcing the availability of our Cumberland Amateur Radio Club 2026 Meeting Dates and Important Events Calendar. AF3I will have copies of the calendar with him at the October 2025 and all following meetings. Stop by and take a copy.




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2026

Calendar Month Grid:
 Meeting on 1st Day

January: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
February: 5, 12, 19, 26
March: 6, 13, 20, 27
April: 4, 11, 18, 25
May: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June: 6, 13, 20, 27
July: 4, 11, 18, 25
August: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
September: 5, 12, 19, 26
October: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November: 7, 14, 21, 28
December: 5, 12, 19, 26

Cumberland Amateur Radio Club
 Meetings and Other Important Dates for 2026

Pink Highlight = Meeting Date
 Third Wednesday (Jan - Nov.)
 Third Wednesday (December)
 Monthly Club Meeting
 Holiday Theme Zoom Non-Meeting

Yellow Highlight = Content of interest to CARC
 January 1, 2026 ARRL Straight Key Night (0000-2359 UTC)
 January 24-25, 2026 Winter Field Day
 May 2, 2026 CARC Derby Day
 June 27-28, 2026 ARRL Field Day
 October 10-11, 2026 Pennsylvania QSO Party

Green Highlight = Ten Meter Phone Net, No Color Two Meter Nets
 Every Sunday, 7:00 p.m. local time
 Every Sunday, 6:00 p.m. local time
 Most Wednesdays*, 8:00 p.m. local
 *Except the third Wednesday when we hold our monthly meeting

Light Blue = Community Event / Public Service
 October 17, 2026 Dillsburg Farmers Fair Parade
 December Date, Time, Location TBD Holiday Gathering (aka Brunch)
 December Date TBD, 2026 Boiling Springs Lighting of the Luminaries

❖ Milestones, Achievements, General Announcements and My Thanks to...

Milestones and Announcements 1	Thanks to all who participated in the PA QSO Party on behalf of CARC. They are: Charlene Cash WG3Q, Paula Anstine KC3UVH, Mark Anstine KC3UVG, Bill Wagaman N3GTY, Garry Fasick K3EYK, Doug Stenger KC3CPT, Jon McCown KC3ZYD, Dave Donaldson KC3OSG, Andrew Forsyth AF3I and our guest Bob Getty KB3EWJ.
Milestones and Announcements 2	Thanks to all those who signed-up to participate in the Dillsburg Farmers Fair Fantastic Parade. They are: Sherry Morgan N3TMT; Charlene Cash WG3Q; Paula Anstine, KC3UVH; Maura Smith-Mitsky KC3JJH, Valli Hoski N8QVT, Mark Anstine, KC3UVG; Frank Mellott KB3PQT, Jon McCown KC3ZYD; Doug Stenger KC3CPT, and Andrew Forsyth AF3I.
Milestones and Achievements 3	Steve Hancock, N3FWE for earning the POTA Award known as Argyroxiphium Sandwicense for hunting 3000 or more Parks.
Milestones and Achievements 4	Doug Stenger, KC3CPT for earning the POTA Award known as Glandularia Tampensis for hunting 2000 or more Parks
Milestones and Achievements 5	Bill Wagaman, N3GTY for earning the POTA Award known as Western Prairie Fringed Orchid for hunting 1000 or more Parks
Milestones and Achievements 6	Paula Anstine KC3UVH and Mark Anstine, KC3UVG each earned the POTA Award known as Georgia Aster for hunting 800 or more Parks
Milestones and Achievements 7	John Luthy, WA3KCP for earning and submitting a winning score in the Tennessee QSO Party. John's 8,680 points ranked #1 Pennsylvania in the Single Operator, High Power, Mixed Modes category.
Milestones and Achievements	Congratulations to Darrel Justh, WB3FNJ for solving a puzzle involving his SDR receiver and ham radio transceiver. The solution involved changing a SYN (synchronization) setting to enable the SDR UNO and his transceiver to communicate with each other.

❖ Parks On The Air — CARC Member, Top 10 Standings... okay, it is Top 11

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
	Data Mined:		Sept. 30, 2025		9:30 p.m.							
	CARC Member Call Sign	Total Successful Activations	Total Attempted Activations	Unique Parks Successful Activation	Unique Parks Attempted Activation	Parks Hunted	Successful QSOs as Activator	Attempted QSOs as Activator	Plus Successful QSOs as Hunter	Equals Total QSOs	CARC Ranking	Notes:
	KC3CPT	1	3	1	3	2302	30	34	4412	4446	1	
	N3FWE	9	9	9	9	3018	144	144	3857	4001	2	
	KC3UVG	94	97	28	28	808	1514	1518	1577	3095	3	
	KC3UVH	94	97	28	28	810	1493	1497	1583	3080	4	
	N3GTY	1	1	1	1	1180	15	15	2452	2467	5	
	KC2FLY	1	1	1	1	310	13	13	391	404	6	
	KB3PQT	5	6	4	5	193	90	93	234	327	7	
	WG3Q	4	8	4	7	120	116	135	132	267	8	Tied for #8
	WA3KCP	0	3	0	3	212	0	19	248	267	8	Tied for #8
	W3JKO	0	0	0	0	91	0	0	131	131	10	
	WB3FNJ	0	0	0	0	112	0	0	130	130	11	

❖ Help Wanted Part 1 – CARC Secretary

CARC Secretary Paula Anstine, KC3UVH, has announced that she is unable to continue serving as Secretary in 2026. At the October 2025 meeting we are on schedule to present a slate of candidates for elected office 2026. We will need nominations for CARC Secretary at that meeting. You can self-nominate if interested. Show your Club Spirit and step forward to be part of the solution.

The primary duties of CARC Secretary are to take notes related to the conduct of club meetings e.g. attendance, discussions, motions, results of voting. From those notes, and any recordings of the meeting, produce a written record in the form of Meeting Minutes. Submit the Minutes to the website administrator for style formatting and publication.

❖ Help Wanted Part 2 -- CARC Operations Guru aka Activity Manager

Motivated self-starter to manage club operating events.

Evaluate ideas and let Club Leadership know what needs to be done for an event to happen.

Organize volunteers and have primary planning responsibility.

Request Meeting Agenda space and funding from Club Leadership.

Primary Responsibility: Organize the club's multi-operator portable station for the annual Pennsylvania QSO Party and the annual CARC Derby Day operating events.

Time required: Estimated 20-30 hours per year.

Pay: Tangible Rewards await.

Reply with your expression of interest via eMail to President@RadioClub-CARC.com

❖ What's New? Part 1

To conserve space in the Meeting Agenda document, and to save the lives of countless trees, two pages of this document have been removed. Their content now appears in the club website.

General Interest, and Calendar Items, (formerly Page 2) which consist mainly of **License Exam Testing** and **License Exam Training Class** events have, for the most part, appeared in our calendars. In addition, they now appear on the website in **KNOW-HOW RESOURCES >> YOUR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE**. The document name is **License Training and Testing**.

Nets, YouTube Channels, and Web Sites of Interest (formerly Page 3) now appear on the website in **KNOW-HOW RESOURCES >> OPERATING YOUR STATION** under the heading **** Emergency Communications – and- Traffic Nets ****. The document name is **Traffic Nets-YouTube-Websites of Interest**.

❖ What's New? Part 2

Our CARC Calendar of Events contains a wealth of information about events that hopefully appeal to you and your fellow ham radio operators.

We offer two calendar formats: Events Calendar View, and Google Calendar. Each format has its pros and cons. Choose the one you prefer, or try both.

As Editor, I am faced with pros and cons involving the setup and maintenance of the calendar events.

- *The Events Calendar View* offers me a **pro** – a nice style and format in which to present the information to our readers.
- *The Google Calendar* offers me two **pros** – ease of setting up and maintaining events, especially the type of events that recur throughout the year. And a nice monthly view that many club members like.

Going forward, any events that recur on a weekly or daily basis will be housed in the *Google Calendar* but not in *The Events Calendar View*.

Instead, a new menu item called **Things To-Do >> Frequently Recurring Events** will capture a single instance of content for each event that used to appear in *The Events Calendar View* as many as 52 times per year. The Editor's job has been simplified. Thank you for your understanding.

❖ Unfinished Business (New name for Old Business)

PA QSO Party	<p>We operated as K3IEC, Multi-Op, Multi-Transmitter, Portable, Low Power, York County.</p> <p>Results: 42 QSOs. Comprised of 35 Phone QSOs 1pt ea, and 7 CW QSOs 2 pts ea, 27 Multipliers 25 PA Counties 2 ARRL Sections SNJ, SD. EPA and WPA TBD 0 Bonus Station QSOs at 200 points each. Total Score: 1,323 Points Likely more when including EPA and WPA ARRL sections.</p>
Farmers Fair Fantastic Parade	<p>Here we are in October 2025. <u>This</u> is last meeting prior to the Parade. (Error last month).</p> <p>Details: The parade takes place Saturday evening October 18, 2025. We gather between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. at the Dillsburg Authority Building Parking Lot, 98 West Church Road, Dillsburg, PA. Park in their lot. Move, then replace, the barricade if necessary. If you have a Two-Meter analog FM HT please bring it. If you need an HT please let AF3I know beforehand. We typically are dismissed sometime between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. In prior years we had 8-10 volunteers. Frank Mellott, KB3PQT and Andrew Forsyth, AF3I made plans for the Base Station radio equipment. Valli Hoski N8QVT has said she will again serve as the Net Control Operator for parade communications. Valli also requested that we develop additional bench strength among club members who have interest in learning the ropes and preparing themselves to serve as Net Control Operator. In that respect we have a volunteer – Paula Anstine, KC3UVH.</p>
Additional topics of Old Business?	

❖ New Business

Editor's Note:	Proposed New Business topics must be submitted to Club Leadership in writing and be published in the Monthly Meeting Agenda before they can be discussed in the Monthly Meeting environment.										
Nominate Officer Candidates for 2026	<p>This is perhaps the second most important meeting of the year. We nominate officer candidates for next year. For any contested offices, the election will be held at the November meeting.</p> <p>© Nominations are sought for the following offices:</p> <table> <tr> <td>President</td><td>Incumbent Frank Mellott, KB3PQT</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vice-President</td><td>Incumbent John Luthy, WA3KCP</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td><td>Incumbent Paula Anstine, KC3UVH has announced her retirement.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td><td>Incumbent Garry Fasick, K3EYK has announced his retirement.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretary</td><td>Incumbent Richard Johnson, N3EPY</td></tr> </table> <p>(Note: Other Leadership positions are appointed and not subject to election. They include Club License Trustee, Quartermaster, Operations Guru, QSL Manager, Newsletter Editor, Historian/Archivist, Technology Guru, Photographer.)</p>	President	Incumbent Frank Mellott, KB3PQT	Vice-President	Incumbent John Luthy, WA3KCP	Secretary	Incumbent Paula Anstine, KC3UVH has announced her retirement.	Treasurer	Incumbent Garry Fasick, K3EYK has announced his retirement.	Membership Secretary	Incumbent Richard Johnson, N3EPY
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ARRL Straight Key Night	<p>January 01, 2026 UTC (Wednesday December 31, 2025 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Local Time.)</p> <p>Straight Key Night is coming up. If you submit a log to ARRL and have never done so before, and if you tell the Club President, Tangible Rewards await. If you were first licensed after February 03, 2007 and enter a log for Straight Key Night, some REALLLY NICE Tangible Rewards await.</p>										
New Business for Next Month											

❖ Tonight's Presentation Topic

Special Presentation	John Luthy, WA3KCP may have a few words to say on the topic of Field Day 2026 Contest Station Plans, and Educational Program. Or, covered under Unfinished Business.
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❖ Door Prize Drawing and Prior Month Results

Draw the Winning Ticket	<p>A random drawing selected from among CARC members attending the meeting in-person or via Zoom. We offer a selection of Instant Gratification Door Prize items – No Waiting for Delivery.</p> <p>We also have an Online Store from which you may choose one of the available door prizes. Located on the club website: MEMBER AREA >> MEMBER FORMS >> THE CARC STORE.</p> <p>Make your selection. Enter information using the website form. Press SUBMIT. Your selection is eMailed to the CARC Fulfillment Center Staff.</p>
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❖ Next Meeting Info

Date, Time, Location and Formats	© The next monthly business meeting will be held Wednesday November 19, 2025 at 6:40 p.m.
Graphic presentation of milestone dates appears nearby	<p>CARC meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, January through November. Check the web site https://www.RadioClub-CARC.com for event status info.</p> <p>We will meet at the Hoss's Restaurant located at 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA.</p> <p>For others, the meeting will be carried online as a Zoom Web Meeting. Our goal is to open the Zoom connection by 6:30 p.m. so the Zoom audience can be ready for the 6:40 p.m. start.</p>

❖ Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn	<p>Moved: _____ Seconded: _____ Vote: AYE: - ____ NAY: ____</p> <p>Tonight's meeting was adjourned at: _____ p.m. Good Night, All.</p>
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CARC EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCT 26	OCT 27	OCT 28	OCT 29	OCT 30	OCT 31	1
2	3	4 November Agenda Content Deadline. Send to AF3I.	5	6	7	8
9	10 November Newsletter and Meeting Agenda to be Published	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 CARC November Meeting at Hoss's & on Zoom 6:40 p.m.	20	21	22
23 / 30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29

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❖ On-The-Air Events, and an Occasional Hamfest

October 2025

Local Dates

- California QSO Party 4th-5th
- CARA Fest (Maryland) 5th
- SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-thon (WES) 11th-12th
- Nevada QSO Party 10th-12th
- Arizona QSO Party 11th-12th
- Pennsylvania QSO Party 11th-12th
- South Dakota QSO Party 11th-12th
- New York QSO Party 18th
- Illinois QSO Party 19th
- ARRL School Club Roundup 20th-24th
- SKCC Two-Hour Sprint (SKS) 23rd
- CQ WW DX Contest SSB 24th-26th

December 2025 Preview

Local Dates

- ARRL 160 Meter Contest 5th-7th
- ARRL 10 Meter Contest 12th-14th
- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES) 13th-14th
- **Holiday Theme Zoom Meeting**
Takes the place of our December Monthly Meeting
- ARRL Rookie Roundup CW 21st
- SKCC Two-Hour Sprint (SKS) 23rd
- Luminary Lighting 30th

November 2025

Local Dates

- ARRL Sweepstakes CW 1st-2nd
- End Daylight Saving Time 2nd
- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES) 8th-9th
- ARRL Sweepstakes SSB 15th-16th
- SKCC Two-Hour Sprint (SKS) 25th
- CQ WW DX Contest CW 28th-30th

January 2026 Preview

Local Dates

- Straight Key Night Dec 31st-Jan 01st
- ARRL Kids Day 3rd
- ARRL RTTY Roundup 3rd-4th
- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES) 10th
- ARRL VHF QSO Party 17th-18th
- CQ WW 160 Meter Contest 23rd-25th
- Winter Field Day 24th-25th
- SKCC Two-Hour Sprint (SKS) 27th

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