



Newsletter November 2025

❖ Meeting Detail:

Day / Date:	Wednesday November 19, 2025
In-Person Meeting Option: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Hoss's Steak and Sea House Restaurant, 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA (Upper Allen Township) 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.
Zoom Web Meeting Option: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	We offer a Zoom meeting option. If you are not yet a CARC Member, and if you would like to attend the upcoming November meeting via Zoom, please communicate with Newsletter Editor Andrew Forsyth AF3I via email sent to: AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com Introduce yourself and briefly describe your ham radio interests. Zoom Meeting access credentials will be sent to you. Zoom Meeting Room opens at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:40 p.m. and ends about 7:55 p.m.
Meeting Lead by:	Frank Mellott, KB3PQT

Welcome to our newsletter.

The newsletter concept has been modified to include selected topics from the Member-Only Meeting Agenda.

In some cases, that concept alters the page numbers. As a result, you might encounter topics that refer to a page number which doesn't exist. Your editor will attempt to identify that type of error and compensate by editing the content. Maybe he will do a good job... maybe not.

❖ First Things First

Something new has been added to the Meeting Agenda. Look for this symbol as you read the agenda. ©
When you see that symbol © it marks an action that you and your fellow (M/F) club members are expected to take.

- You may be asked to share your opinion of a club-related topic.
- You may be asked to vote on a club-related proposal.
- You may be asked to volunteer for something that makes our club outstanding.
- You may be asked to mark the date and time of an upcoming event on your calendar.

Keep your eyes on the prize. Look for ©.

❖ 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 Contact Us 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.
License Renewal Reminder Nov, Dec 2025 Jan 2026	No License Renewals Remain Due for November - December 2025 No License Renewals Are Due for January 2026

❖ 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.

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

Milestones and Announcements 1	Thanks again to all those who signed-up and participated 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 Announcements 2	Thanks to John Luthy, WA3KCP who set PERSONAL BESTS in the recent CQ Worldwide SSB contest.
Milestones and Announcements 3	Thank you to Valli Hoski, N8QVT for taking on the task of finding a venue for the Holiday Brunch. And, thank you to Maura Smith-Mitsky, KC3JJH for keeping track of attendee responses.
Milestones and Announcements 4	Steve Hancock, N3FWE. Steve worked a Special Event Station celebrating 200 years of the Erie Canal.
Milestones 5	Tonight is the last formal meeting of 2025. The next meeting will take place Wednesday January 21, 2026

❖ Parks On The Air — CARC Member, Top 10 Standings

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
	Data Mined:		Oct 31, 2025		9:00 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	6	8	5	7	2390	159	163	4653	4816	1	
	N3FWE	9	9	9	9	3024	144	144	3876	4020	2	
	KC3UVG	94	97	28	28	822	1511	1518	1598	3116	3	
	KC3UVH	94	97	28	28	812	1493	1497	1588	3085	4	
	N3GTY	1	1	1	1	1198	15	15	2598	2613	5	
	KC2FLY	1	1	1	1	343	13	13	447	460	6	
	KB3PQT	5	6	4	5	193	90	93	234	327	7	
	WA3KCP	0	3	0	3	220	0	19	260	279	8	
	WG3Q	4	8	4	7	121	116	135	133	268	9	
	WB3FNJ	0	0	0	0	128	0	0	147	147	10	

❖ CARC Calendar (Memory Aid)

If you sometimes miss one of our meetings on on-the-air nets this may be the memory aid you are seeking.

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 November 2025 and all following meetings. Stop by and take a copy. FREE!




On the Internet:
<https://www.facebook.com/CARC-club>
<https://www.dillburgclub.com>
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af3i@carc-club.com

2026

Calendar of Interest to CARC

Blue Highlight = Meeting Date
 Third Wednesday (Jan - Nov.)
 Third Wednesday (December)

Yellow Highlight = Contest 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 25-26, 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 Two Meter Phone Net 146.490 PM Simpler
 Every Sunday, 6:00 p.m. local time Two Meter Digital Net 146.490 PM Simpler
 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 Dillburg Farmers Fair Parade
 December Date, Time, Location TBD Holiday Gathering (aka Bunch)
 December Date TBD, 2026 Bolling Springs Lighting of the Luminaries

❖ Standing Committee Report – Dillsburg Parade

Reporting:	Andrew Forsyth, AF3I
Presentation Details	<p>We had 10 volunteers — Frank Mellott KB3PQT, Valli Hoski N8QVT, Maura Smith-Mitsky KC3JJH, Jon McCown KC3ZYD, Sherry Morgan N3TMT, Charlene Cash WG3Q, Mark Anstine KC3UVG, Paula Anstine KC3UVH, Doug Stenger KC3CPT, and Andrew Forsyth AF3I — with room for more.</p> <p>Valli Hoski N8QVT provided development experience to her two understudies – Paula Anstine KC3UVH and Doug Stenger KC3CPT.</p> <p>We had some equipment challenges and will be looking at options for having backup equipment with us at the site.</p> <p>The Farmers Fair Association rewarded CARC for its service and sent me a nice note.</p> <p>Andrew,</p> <p><i>A HUGE THANK YOU to you and your team for assisting us this past Saturday at our 110th Dillsburg Fantastic parade.</i></p> <p><i>I thought this year went off without too many hiccups.</i></p> <p><i>Please mark your calendars for October 17, 2026</i></p> <p>[Editor comment: unrelated topic removed from this post].</p> <p><i>Thank you!!</i></p>
Comments, Corrections	

❖ Unfinished Business (New name for Old Business)

<p>Election of Officers 2026</p>	<p>This is perhaps the most important meeting of the year. We elect officers for next year from a pool of eligible candidates. As there is a single candidate for each position, the candidates, under the Club By-Laws, are declared to be elected by acclamation..</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Frank Mellott, KB3PQT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice-President</td> <td>John Luthy, WA3KCP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Doug Stenger, KC3CPT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Maura Smith-Mitsky, KC3JJH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretary</td> <td>Maura Smith-Mitsky, KC3JJH</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	Frank Mellott, KB3PQT	Vice-President	John Luthy, WA3KCP	Treasurer	Doug Stenger, KC3CPT	Secretary	Maura Smith-Mitsky, KC3JJH	Membership Secretary	Maura Smith-Mitsky, KC3JJH
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<p>Additional topics of Old Business?</p>											

❖ **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.
ARRL Straight Key Night	January 01, 2026 UTC (Wednesday December 31, 2025 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Local Time.) 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 REALLY NICE Tangible Rewards await.
New Business for Next Month	

❖ 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 DATA ENTRY 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>
November Winner	<p>Won By: _____ Prize Selection: _____</p>

❖ Tonight's Presentation Topic

Video Presentation	A look at <i>Field Day Down South</i> showing how one club sets up for their Field Day weekend.
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❖ Next Meeting Info

Date, Time, Location and Formats	<p>© The next monthly business meeting will be held Wednesday January 21, 2026 at 6:40 p.m.</p> <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>
Graphic presentation of milestone dates appears nearby	<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>

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

November 2025	<u>Local Dates</u>
• ARRL Sweepstakes SSB	15 th -16 th
• SKCC Two-Hour Spring (SKS)	25 th
• CQ WW DX Contest CW	28 th -30 th

December 2025	<u>Local Dates</u>
• ARRL 160 Meter Contest	5 th -7 th
• Tentative Date for Holiday Gathering Starlight Diner, Hanover, PA	7 th
• ARRL 10 Meter Contest	12 th -14 th
• SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES)	13 th -14 th
Holiday Theme Zoom Non-Meeting Takes the place of our December Monthly Meeting Same ID 184 030 413 Starts: 17 th at 6:30 p.m. Same Password 016028 Ends 17 th at 7:30 p.m.	
• ARRL Rookie Roundup CW	21 st
December 2025, continued	<u>Local Dates</u>

• SKCC Two-Hour Sprint (SKS)	23 rd
• Luminary Lighting at Boiling Springs Lake	30 th

January 2026	<u>Local Dates</u>
• Straight Key Night	Dec 31 st -Jan 01 st
• ARRL Kids Day	3 rd
• ARRL RTTY Roundup	3 rd -4 th
• SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES)	10 th
• ARRL VHF QSO Party	17 th -18 th
• CQ WW 160 Meter Contest	23 rd -25 th
• Winter Field Day	24 th -25 th
• SKCC Two-Hour Sprint (SKS)	27 th

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

❖ For Your Awareness – CARC Web Site Menu Hierarchy

Your club operates a web site that is chock-a-block with information. The site URL is <https://www.RadioClub-CARC.com>

Have you ever wondered where to look for information on the web site?

It might be helpful to present the menu structure hierarchy as it appears on the menu bar.

Home **News - Read All About It ▼** **Things To-Do ▼** **Join Us ▼** **Know-How Resources** **Member Area ▼** **Photos ▼** **Policies ▼**

We have eight high-level menu selectors. They are shown below in a **bold** font.

If the high-level menu selector has a ▼ triangle on the right-hand side of the name, that designates the presence of a next lower level drop-down menu. These are shown indented one or more times based on the menu structure.

Hover over any menu selector. If there is a drop down menu it will expand and be displayed.

Hover over any selector in the drop-down menus. There may be a brief additional explanation for that individual menu selector.

Some web pages are quite complex. These usually contain headings within the page to help organize the topics. The **Know-How Resources** page is an example. In the matrix shown below, these complex pages have been tagged with a ❖ icon to differentiate their heading titles from drop-down menu structures.

Home

<https://www.RadioClub-CARC.com> Landing page.

News – Read All About It ▼

News – Top Stories
From the President’s Desk
Notes From the Shack

Blog content related to Amateur Radio
Blog content written by our Club President each Month.
Blog content, generally dealing with station operation.

Things To-Do ▼

CARC Meetings and Events
The Event Calendar View
Frequently Recurring Events
Google Cal.#1 – Events of Interest
Google Cal.#2 – Net Schedules
Special Events

At a glance – Dates, Times, Location, Link to Meeting Topics
Daily view of meetings, classes, exams, and more.
Single Listings of Events that repeat more often than Monthly.
Monthly view of meetings, classes, exams, and more.
Monthly view of local and regional traffic nets and social nets.
Special Event Stations operated by CARC.

Join Us ▼

Membership Information
About Us
Our Meeting Schedule
Our Newsletter
Our People
Let’s Touch Base

Club Membership Information, FAQ, and Application Form.
Overview of what makes CARC one of the best ham radio clubs.
Brief listing of upcoming meeting dates, times, locations, and topics.
Current Month and Prior Month public content from our agenda.
Bio of Club Officers and Leadership Positions.
Contact Form for site visitors to submit questions, comments.

Know-How Resources

- ◆ Introduction
- ◆ Searchable Index
- ◆ Awards
- ◆ Your Amateur Radio License
- ◆ Setting Up Your Station
- ◆ Operating Your Station
- ◆ Managing Your Station
- ◆ Equipment Reference
- ◆ Moving Up on the Technical Side
- ◆ Contesting
- ◆ Radio a la Mode
- ◆ Other Documents You May Enjoy Reading
- ◆ General Interest Files
- ◆ Salmagundi
- ◆ Quick Reference

Background information and listing of recently published articles.
A search tool to assist with locating a desired document,
How to earn a ham radio award certificate, or special event QSL.
How to become a licensed Amateur Radio Operator.
What to do after you have your license. Radios, Antennas, more.
Portable, VHF, Emergency Communications, Traffic Nets, more.
The paperwork aspect of having an amateur radio station.
Reviews, Operating Procedures of selected radio equipment.
How to set up and use ham radio technology
Topics involving contesting, aka Radio Sport.
CW, RTTY, SSTV, FM, SSB, DIGITAL MODES, DIGITAL RADIO.
A variety of articles, presentation slides, and memorabilia
Special Interest Topics that appeal to some CARC Members
Odds and Ends that did not fit anywhere else.
Phonetic Alphabet, Utility Marking Color Codes, and more.

Member Area ▼

- Meeting Records
- Member Chat Room
- Member Data Entry Forms
- Member Documents
- Member Help
- Member Private Page
- Member Quick Reference
- Member What's New
- For Your Entertainment ▼
 - Member Contest Scores
 - Member Photos
 - Member Puzzle

Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes
A chat room tool that is opened upon request from Club Leadership
Change of Address, Net Participation, and similar data entry.
Information published for use by Club Members
FAQs dealing with access to the Member Area pages
How Do I...? articles for Member-Only topics
Repository of radio-related info specific to CARC Members.
Brief Summary of recently published Member-Only articles.
Heading for the following second-level drop-down menu selectors.
Location for posting N3FJP Club Score Processor results, if used.
Member Profiles, Station Profiles
An occasional head-scratcher quiz, riddle, or mystery photo.

Photos ▼

- Celebrations
- Remembrances

Photos of events such as Field Day, PA QSO Party, Derby Day.
Memorial honoring Club Members who have become Silent Keys.

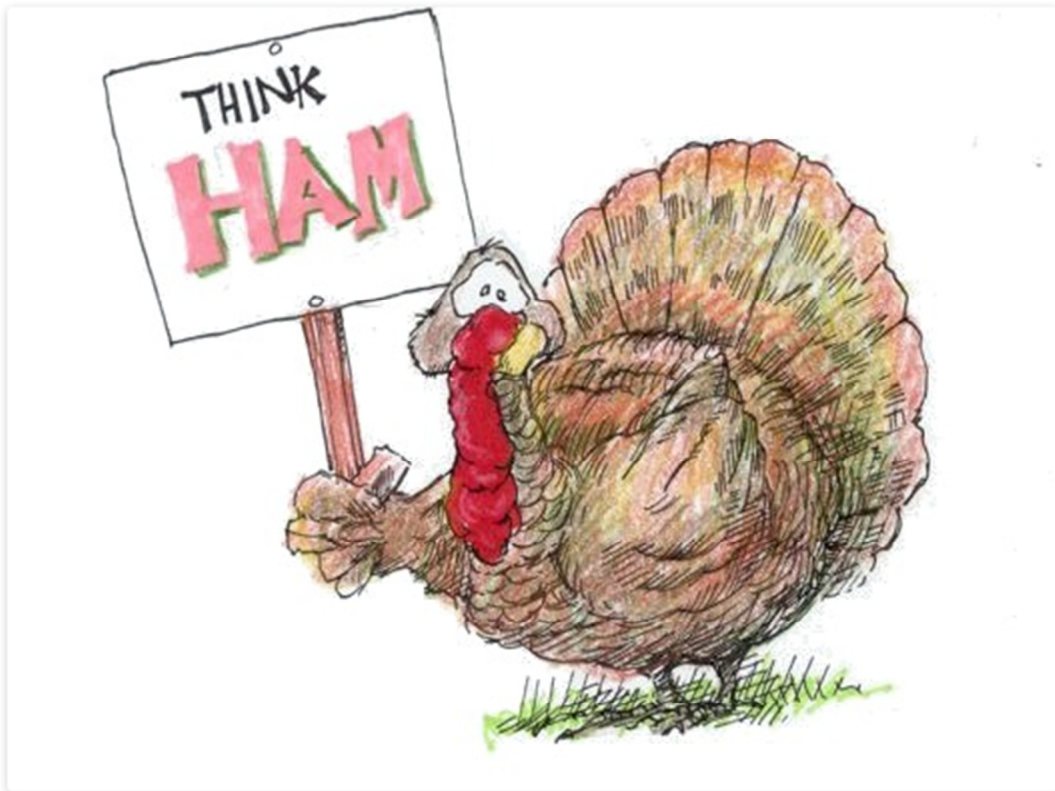
Policies ▼

- Privacy Policy
- Cookie Policy

Statement of our Privacy Policy and related Practices.
Statement of our Cookie Policy and related Practices.

Editor's Note: I hope you found this information to be helpful.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns please let me know. I am glad to help.
I can be reached via eMail sent to: AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com



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