

Meeting Minutes **Meeting Date: November 19, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m., by President, Frank Mellott, KB3PQT.

Attendance

In-Person Member Attendees (12)

Charlene Cash	WG3Q
Dave Donaldson	KC3OSG
Garry Fasick	K3EYK
Andrew Forsyth	AF3I
Bob Getty	KB3EWJ
John Luthy	WA3KCP
Jon McCown	KC3ZYD
Frank Mellott	KB3PQT
Dave Smith	W3SOX
Maura Smith-Mitsky	KC3JJH
Doug Stenger	KC3CPT
Bill Wagaman	N3GTY

Zoom Member Attendees (5)

Mark Anstine	KC3UVG
Paula Anstine	KC3UVH
John Bartko	W3JJB
Steve Hancock	N3FWE
Valli Hoski	N8QVT

Guest Attendee (1)

Ronnie, the guest of Dave Smith, W3SOX

Total Attendance 18

Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves as the microphone went around the meeting room.

Membership Moment

Bob Getty KB3EWJ from Dillsburg was presented for consideration as a candidate for membership. Frank Mellott sponsored Bob for consideration. All voting members were in favor. Bob Getty was elected as a member.

Milestones and Announcements

See the November Meeting Agenda for Milestone and Announcements. The agenda can be found in the club website <https://www.RadioClub-CARC.com> Member Area >> Meeting Records.

Check Groups IO for the Meeting status if the weather is predicted to be bad. Andrew Forsyth, AF3I is going to purchase two nylon flags with the CARC name, slogan, and logo on them. The flags will be used as an attention grabber at times and places where we have club activities.

Parks On The Air Standings

POTA Top Ten standings for October 2025 have been posted in the November Meeting Agenda. The full listing of all participating members can be accessed in the CARC website at MEMBER AREA >> MEMBER DOCUMENTS >> Navigation Block 2.

Officer's Reports

Secretary's Report:

The minutes for the October 2025 meeting have been published in the club website **MEMBER AREA >> MEETING RECORDS**. They were approved by general consent.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance On-Hand October 2025	\$3540.49
Donation Received (Anonymous)	\$50.00
Donation Received for our service Dillsburg Farmers Parade	\$250.00
Dues Received	\$0.00
Expenses Paid	(0.00)
Ending Balance November 2025	\$3840.49
Net Income / (Loss)	\$300.00

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was moved by John Bartko, W3JJB and seconded by Mark Anstine, KC3UVG. All voting members were in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Garry concluded his presentation with a brief history of the Treasurer's role in CARC. He was elected in 1981 and served as Treasurer for 44 years. During that time span the club had 13 Presidents, 21 Vice-Presidents, 9 Secretaries, and **ONE** Treasurer. Garry thanked the many people who were CARC Members over those 44 years for their help.

Frank Mellott presented Garry a token of appreciation for his service to CARC – a Kate's AG (you can watch her channel on You Tube) canvas bag and a book were recognized by an observant audience member.

Membership Secretary's Report

No changes.

Operation Guru: Aka Activity Manager or any other title the office holder wishes.

We are looking for a Guru. Anyone who is interested contact Frank Mellott, KB3PQT.

Standing Committee Report-Dillsburg Parade

Annie Cook, Parade Chairperson, thanks everyone for a job well done. Check the November 2025 Meeting Agenda for the names of each person that volunteered. Good job everyone. Thank You Andrew Forsyth, AF3I for taking over the Dillsburg Parade duties and organizing the CARC volunteers. GREAT JOB.

Standing Committee Report-Luminary Lighting

Garry Fasick, K3EYK reported the luminary lighting will be held on Tuesday late afternoon/early evening December 30, 2025. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 3:30 p.m. and park in the former Boiling Springs Tavern lot. If you would like to volunteer please contact Doug Stenger, KC3CPT who will be taking over the duties that have been performed by Garry Fasick, K3EYK.

Holiday Brunch

The Holiday Brunch will be held Sunday morning December 7, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Starlight Diner. The address is 1177 Carlisle Street, Hanover, PA 17331. Please RSVP to Maura Smith-Mitsky, KC3JJH. She can be reached by eMail addressed to: KC3JJH.MARS@gmail.com

Unfinished Business

Officer Elections for 2026

A slate of officer-candidates was presented during the October meeting. For each officer position that had only a single candidate, the candidate was declared elected by acclamation.

President	Frank Mellott,	KB3PQT
Vice-President	John Luthy,	WA3KCP
Treasurer	Doug Stenger,	KC3CPT
Secretary	Maura Smith-Mitsky,	KC3JJH
Membership Secretary	Maura Smith-Mitsky,	KC3JJH

Holiday Theme Non-Meeting

In place of a December Meeting we will hold a holiday-themed Non-Meeting event on Zoom. The Zoom meeting room will open at 6:30 p.m. Use the same Meeting ID and Password as we publish for the traditional monthly meetings January-November.

Link to the Zoom Meeting: Copy and paste this URL into your browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/184030413?pwd=Z1N2ek1TQUpHR0syUy9uUmRSOWxHQT09>

Manual Entry: www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 184 030 413 Password 016028

The meeting will last about one hour... maybe longer. Your Non-Meeting host will be Andrew Forsyth, AF3I. Send recipes, songs, poems, photos, cartoons, anecdotes or anything else having a holiday theme (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Festivus) to Andrew Forsyth, AF3I by December 15, 2025 so he can post them. He can be reached via eMail addressed to: AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com

There is a Non-Meeting document carried forward from 2024 and posted on the club website: MEMBER AREA >> MEMBER DOCUMENTS >> Scroll down to Navigation Block 12. A great time will be had by all.

Valli N8QVT suggested having pictures of the Ham operators when they were young for the December Zoom meeting or for the January meeting.

New Business

Two short films were shown.

The first film was about Field Day 2023 with the Fayette County (Georgia) Amateur Radio Club. The second file was about mobile telephone as it existed in 1940, presented by Bell Telephone Company. Both films were very interesting.

Frank Mellott, KB3PQT informed the audience that he is resigning as President of CARC as of the end of the November 2025 meeting. John Luthy, WA3KCP will immediately assume the role of President for the remainder of 2025 and continuing into 2026. A Special Election will be held as part of the January 2026 meeting. Frank Mellott, KB3PQT gave his endorsement of Charlene Cash, WG3Q for Vice-President and invited club members to support her, pending a nomination. Other nominations will be accepted. Send your nomination to Newsletter Editor Andrew Forsyth, AF3I no later than January 6, 2026 to be included in the Meeting Agenda to be published on January 12, 2026.

John Luthy, WA3KCP expressed his thoughts about Frank's announcement and the future of the club. John provided the website administrator with his letter that introduces his perspective on the change of leadership. That letter is reproduced following the end of these Meeting Minutes. In addition, John Luthy also mentioned to the website administrator his plan to circulate additional information to every club member in the coming weeks.

Thank you Frank for your many years of service to CARC, your inspiration, and your hard work as President. Without you, we would not be having monthly club meetings.

Door Prize Drawing

The Door Prize was awarded to Garry Fasick, K3EYK. He selected a roll of Velcro One-Wrap tape.

Frank Mellott offered his own prizes as membership/leadership rewards. Names selected for this honor were: Doug Stenger, KC3CPT, Paula Anstine, KC3UVH, Charlene Cash WG3Q, Garry Fasick, K3EYK, and Maura Smith-Mitsky, KC3JJH. The prizes were books – titled **DECIDE & CONQUER**, sub-titled **44 Decisions That Will Make or Break All Leaders**, written by David Siegel and published by Harper Collins Leadership.

Next Meeting

The Next Meeting of the Cumberland Amateur Radio Club will take place Wednesday January 21, 2026 beginning at 6:40 p.m. at Hoss's Restaurant located at 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA. Those who wish to order and enjoy their evening meal may

want to arrive about 5:15 p.m. The meeting typically ends by 7:55 p.m. so that we can vacate the premises prior to Hoss's Wednesday evening closing time of 8:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Moved by Dave Smith, W3SOX and Seconded by Garry Fasick, K3EYK. All voting members were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Following tonight's adjournment, attendees were entertained and informed by video presentations involving a southern amateur radio club's Field Day operations, and a look at the technology behind vintage 1940s Mobile Telephones.

Submitted by:
Paula Anstine, KC3UVH
Secretary

Personal Message to Outgoing President Frank Mellott, KB3PQT and CARC Members

November 19, 2025

Thank you Frank, for your very devoted and productive years in CARC leadership. Thank you too for endorsing me, and Charlene, to fill these roles. We've regularly attended club meetings at Hoss's and Caffe 101, activated club events and attended club social events. October's meeting was revealing. Both Charlene and I saw the need for an invigorated leadership team. We talked it over and chatted with others. With encouragement, energy and a plan, we volunteered to help the club immediately in leadership roles.

Looking inward...

CARC members join in common cause - ham radio - but we are hardly a "one size fits all" group!

Looking back...

Back in the '70s, CARC's Field Day combined operating and socializing at a mountaintop cabin. I was guest CW operator then, joining more recently and celebrating CARC's 60th birthday. Thanks to every CARC member along the way. Together we have achieved this huge milestone! What a foundation.

Looking forward...

Beyond the expanse of ham radio, members share other interests as well. Voila! CARC's **Beyond The Airwaves** program is born! Besides the monthly all-club meetings, watch announcements for these other activities, as suggested and supported by membership. Watch for a revisited all-club meeting experience this year.

What. When. How. Watch for a fresh focus on communications.

Since rejoining CARC in 2020, I've met great people and continue to learn much from you – even some technical stuff! The energy is contagious. Together, let's see what kind of fun our 47 members can get into!

73,



John Luthy, WA3KCP, president@RadioClub-CARC.com
Cumberland Amateur Radio Club, President

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