



Newsletter January 21, 2026

❖ Meeting Details

Day / Date:	Wednesday January 21, 2026
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 and allow time to enjoy your meal. Meeting begins at 6:40 p.m. Meeting ends about 7:55 p.m.
Zoom Web Meeting Option:	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 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:	John Luthy, WA3KCP
Door Prize Entry Ticket	The winning ticket holder is invited to select the prize of his or her choice from a limited selection of Immediate Gratification Door Prizes . A broad selection of door prizes, for later delivery, can be found in MEMBER AREA >> MEMBER DATA ENTRY FORMS >> THE CARC STORE on our website.

❖ First Things First – Special Election for Vice-President Vacancy

We need to fill a vacancy in the Office of Vice-President. The vacancy was created when then Vice-President John Luthy, WA3KCP rose to fill the Office of President upon resignation of previous president Frank Mellott, KB3PQT.

We have one candidate nomination for Office of Vice-President—Charlene Cash WG3Q.

Do we have any additional nominations?

If only a single candidate, Let's have a motion to elect by acclamation. If two or more...Let's have a motion to vote.

❖ 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
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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.
FCC License Renewal Reminder	<p>No CARC License Renewals Are due in January, February, or March 2026</p> <p>{ FCC license renewals can be submitted beginning 90 days prior to the license expiration date. The CARC website has step-by-step instructions for dealing with a license renewal and remittance of the FCC fee</p> <p>https://www.RadioClub-CARC.com/resource-license/#lic213</p> <p>The link shown above will bring you to the document row where the introduction, shown to the right, appears.</p> <p>Click the white box to display the PDF document. The document page count is 23. About half of that is for readers who successfully registered for a FCC CORES account in 2021</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Renew My FCC License Updated August 30, 2024</p> <p>Renewing your FCC Amateur Radio License requires you to have an up-to-date account in the FCC CORES system and the FCC LICENSE MANAGER system. This article provides step-by-step procedures for getting the job done.</p> <p>Renew My FCC License [PDF]</p> <p>Keywords: RENEW, CORES, ULS, LICENSE MANAGER, FCC, PAYMENT</p> </div>
Birthday Greetings January 2026	Redacted

❖ Introductions

Tonight's Guests	We might have two guests tonight. Michael DiMarco KD3CJZ and Joseph DiMarco KD3CFE contacted us after visiting the club website in search of ham radio clubs. Welcome.
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 John Luthy, WA3KCP – 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

We received a Membership Application from Brian Hannon, KC3TMW. Frank Mellott, KB3PQT is the Sponsor and will present the highlights of Brian's application.

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

Milestones and Achievements 1	A tip o' the hat entry for Charlene WG3Q for wading into the organized chaos of the Two Meter digital net! The net meets every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. on 146.490 FM Simplex using Sound-Card digital mode technology.
Milestones and Achievements 2	The weekly CARC Two Meter digital net reached an all-time high attendance of six last Sunday (December 21, 2025) with Net Control Andrew Forsyth AF3I, Steve Hancock N3FWE, Frank Mellott KB3PQT, Darrel Justh WB3FNJ, Bill Wagaman N3GTY and Charlene Cash WG3Q all participating.
Milestones and Achievements 3	A little birdie told me he has something with which to honor Garry Fasick K3EYK. I won't let the cat any farther out of the bag by sharing additional details. If you are the presenter please grab a microphone and step up to the plate.
Milestones and Achievements 4	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 Achievements 5	

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

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
	Data Mined:	Dec 31, 2025			10:00:00 PM							
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	16	18	5	7	2537	697	701	5095	5796	1		
N3FWE	9	9	9	9	3025	144	144	3882	4026	2		
KC3UVG	94	97	28	28	823	1514	1518	1600	3118	3		
KC3UVH	94	97	28	28	813	1493	1497	1590	3087	4		
N3GTY	1	1	1	1	1237	15	15	2585	2600	5		
KC2FLY	1	1	1	1	376	13	13	503	480	6		
KB3PQT	5	6	4	5	193	90	93	234	327	7		
WA3KCP	0	3	0	3	230	0	19	272	291	8		
WG3Q	4	8	4	7	154	116	135	133	174	9		
WB3FNJ	0	0	0	0	139	0	0	158	158	10		

NEW: Look for an electronic version of the COMPLETE Parks-On-The-Air Standings spreadsheet, accessible via the Club website <https://www.RadioClub-CARC.com>

MEMBER AREA >> MEMBER DOCUMENTS Scroll down. Look for CARC POTA STANDINGS which can be located quickly by following the path to NAVIGATION BLOCK 02.

Click the button labeled ***Visit Our POTA Page***.

And the final step is a link labeled ***Click Here to VIEW the CARC POTA STANDINGS***.

Eureka!. You should see a GOOGLE SHEET before your eyes.

❖ Can You Help a Friend of CARC?

Our former CARC club member, Mike Wacker, N3HR, is looking for someone to climb his 35 foot tower and attach a wire antenna.

Mike lives in Mechanicsburg, PA. His QTH is between Hogestown Road and Silver Springs Road, just north of the town center. Mike is in the callbook if you need additional detail.

Mike's eMail is postclerk17055@gmail.com. For those who see a truncated eMail address to the left, please use this longer version postclerk17055 [at] gmail.com

❖ President's Report (From the President) (Consent Agenda)

Reporting:	John Luthy, WA3KCP	
Presentation Details	From the President appears on the club website. NEWS-READ ALL ABOUT IT >> FROM THE PRESIDENT https://www.RadioClub-CARC.com/from-the-president/	
Consent Option	If there are no objections the President's Report will be accepted as distributed. ◎ Otherwise, please be recognized and present your comments.	
Comments, Corrections		
Motion for Acceptance, if needed.	Moved:	Seconded:
Authorization by Membership	By a vote of _____ in favor, and _____ opposed the President's Report is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected

❖ Secretary Report (Consent Agenda)

Reporting:	Paula Anstine, KC3UVH (for 2025) Introducing Maura Smith-Mitsky, KC3JJH (2026)	
Presentation Details	The minutes of our November 2025 meeting were captured by Paula Anstine, KC3UVH. The document has been posted in the password protected MEMBER AREA >> MEETING RECORDS page of our website. See Andrew Forsyth if you need the password. https://www.RadioClub-CARC.com/meeting-records/	
Consent Option	If there are no objections the November 2025 Meeting Minutes will be accepted as distributed. ◎ Otherwise, please be recognized and present your comments.	
Comments, Corrections		
Motion for Acceptance, if needed.	Moved:	Seconded:
Authorization by Membership	By a vote of _____ in favor, and _____ opposed the Secretary's Report is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected

❖ Standing Committee Report – Luminary Lighting

Reporting:	Garry Fasick, K3EYK and Doug Stenger, KC3CPT.
Presentation Details	We completed our 2025 evening of service to the community. We have an announcement share with you tonight -- the date for our 2026 evening of service.
Comments, Corrections	

❖ Standing Committee Report – Dillsburg Parade

Reporting:	Andrew Forsyth, AF3I
Presentation Details	The next Farmer's Fair Parade will take place Saturday October 17, 2026. Volunteers welcome.
Comments, Corrections	

❖ Standing Committee Report – Holiday Gathering (aka Brunch)

Reporting:	Maura Smith-Mitsky, KC3JJH and Valli Hoski, N8QVT
Presentation Details	We drew a crowd to the Starlight Diner in Hanover, PA. Every attendee was awarded a Door Prize through a random toss of the dice. The ten participants were: Mark Anstine, Paula Anstine, Jon McCown, Nancy McCown, Valli Hoski, Maura Smith-Mitsky, Dave Mitsky, Sherry Morgan, Charlene Cash, and Andrew Forsyth
Comments, Corrections	

❖ Holiday Event Report – December Holiday Themed Zoom Non-Meeting

Reporting:	Andrew Forsyth, AF3I
Presentation Details	We drew a crowd to the Internet. Every attendee was awarded a Door Prize through a random toss of the dice. The eleven participants were: Bob Getty KB3EWJ, Valli Hoski N8QVT, Charlene Cash WG3Q, Mike Schidling KB3GPX, John Luthy WA3KCP, Martin Brasher 2E0EVP, Steve Hancock N3FWE, Bill Wagaman N3GTY, Doug Stenger KC3CPT, Garry Fasick K3EYK, and Event Host Andrew Forsyth AF3I
Comments, Corrections	

❖ Unfinished Business (New name for Old Business)

Field Day 2026 Mark your calendar.	Field Day 2026 Operating Plan can be found in the October Meeting Agenda. Look for K3IEC FD2026 – Contest Station Plans , on pages 9 and 10. This document can be found on the club website, MEMBER AREA >> MEETING RECORDS . Doug Stenger, KC3CPT and Garry Fasick K3EYK were at the head of the line to reserve the Shaffer Park Cabin on the first business day of January 2026. This is done at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 415 Franklin Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 Status Report please. Field Day 2026 takes place on Saturday June 27, 2026 and continues on Sunday June 28.
Straight Key Night Participation	Took place the entire UTC day of January 1, 2026. Frank Mellott, KB3PQT had put some challenges on the table as incentive to learn and operate CW in this event. Did anyone take up Frank's offer? Requirements: Participate, Submit your log to ARRL, Notify CARC President.
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.
SLACK	Thanks to Jon McCown, KC3ZYD for staging a demonstration and evaluation instance of the SLACK application. Quoting their website: " Slack is built for bringing people and information together. " We had the following actively engaged CARC Members sign-up and use the app: Jon McCown KC3ZYD, Bob Getty KB3EWJ, Richard Johnson N3EPY, Charlene Cash WG3Q, Darrel Justh WB3FNJ, John Luthy WA3KCP, Maura/Mars KC3JJH, Andrew Forsyth AF3I.
New Business for Next Month	

❖ What's New?

Your Editor has a few brief words on the topic of CARC Membership Dues.

Annual dues are payable as of January 1 each year. There is a grace period from that day until March 31 in case you need additional time. Dues unpaid as of March 31 are delinquent.

Annual dues amount currently is \$10.00 Dues are payable to the Club Treasurer for efficient processing of club funds. CARC offers several convenient payment methods. Take your pick.

- a.) Pay dues In-Person, at any CARC Monthly Meeting using US\$ Cash (exact amount appreciated) or Check, payable to **Cumberland Amateur Radio Club**.
When Treasurer Doug Stenger is present, please see him. Otherwise, any Club Officer can accept your payment to be forwarded to the Treasurer
- b.) Mail a check, payable to **Cumberland Amateur Radio Club**, to the Club Treasurer.
Address your mail to: Doug Stenger, 15 Morrison Way, Carlisle, PA 17015-7663
- c.) If you wish to pay using a bank card please see Andrew Forsyth AF3I. He has a payment processing account with the SQUARE Payments network. MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express, and Diners Club accepted. Convenience Fee \$1.50 applies. Andrew read that Apple Pay and Google Pay are also supported
- d.) Request a SQUARE Dues Payment Invoice from Andrew Forsyth, AF3I. eMail: AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com
For security-related reasons, your invoice will be sent via eMail to the same address shown in the club membership records, presumably the same address you used when submitting your request.
The invoice will itemize the following current amounts: Club Membership Dues \$10.00 and Convenience Fee \$1.50. Payment is processed by SQUARE Payments. Follow their instructions included in the eMail to pay using your bank card. AF3I will be notified by SQUARE when they have processed your payment.

If you receive an invoice and did not request this payment option then do not pay any unsolicited request for money. Notify Andrew Forsyth, AF3I with any questions or concerns. eMail AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com
- e.) On an experimental basis Andrew Forsyth, AF3I is offering to process PayPal payments. See or eMail Andrew for information.

Membership Secretary Maura Smith-Mitsky, KC3JJH will eMail an acknowledgement letter when she has been notified of your payment by the Club Treasurer. The letter includes your personalized Membership Card.

❖ 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	Won By: Garry Fasick, K3EYK	Prize Selection: Velcro One Wrap
January Winner	Won By:	Prize Selection:

❖ Tonight's Presentation Topic

Antenna Story	Charlene Cash, WG3Q has an antenna story to share with tonight's attendees. Let's list three keywords for an introduction: 50+ Japan – SUCCESS! Charlene, the floor is yours.
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❖ Discussion

SLACK messaging	Jon McCown, KC3ZYD A collaboration application. Next Steps
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❖ Next Meeting Info

Date, Time, Location and Formats	◎ The next monthly business meeting will be held Wednesday February 18, 2026 at 6:40 p.m. Mark your calendar. The February meeting won't be the same without you.
Graphic presentation of milestone dates appears nearby	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.
	We will meet at the Hoss's Restaurant located at 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA. 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.

❖ On the Air Events, and an Occasional Hamfest

January 2026	Local Dates	February 2026	Local Dates
• SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES)	10 th -11 th	• Vermont QSO Party	6 th -8 th
• North American QSO Party CW	10 th -11 th	• Minnesota QSO Party	7 th
•		• British Columbia QSO Party	7 th -8 th
• North American QSO Party SSB	17 th -18 th	• ARRL School Club RoundUp	9 th -13 th
• ARRL VHF Contest January	17 th -18 th	• CQ WPX Contest RTTY	13 th -15 th
•		• SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES)	14 th -15 th
• CQ WW 160 Meter Contest CW	23 rd -25 th	• ARRL International DX Contest CW	20 th -22 nd
• Winter Field Day	24 th -25 th	• SKCC Two-Hour Sprint (SKS)	24 th
•		• South Carolina QSO Party	28 th
• SKCC Two-Hour Sprint (SKS)	27 th	• North American QSO Party RTTY	28 th -March 1 st
		• CQ WW 160 Meter Contest SSB	27 th -March 1 st

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