

President's Report 1/21/2026

We come together as a community in common cause, ham radio. CARC is 60+ years old! With enthusiasm, encouragement, energy, a plan, and a team, I look forward to a reinvigorated club this year! This is a fun group of people, curious, eager to learn and to share knowledge. My dad, Pops WD4PFJ, spoke regularly on our skeds about having “lunch with the smart guys” (hams, retired engineers, etc.). I get it!

We are following a six-point Leadership Guide, based on a vision (initiative #1) to take a fresh look at things to move the club forward. Under the plan's enhanced communication outreach (initiative #4), I contacted every member via email and USPS mail, to explain the leadership change and to capture members' survey input. Tip of the hat to Charlene for constructing and providing the survey system, and to Andy for getting the club's webmail service ready for my all-member outreach. Charlene will provide data analysis in coming weeks, as responses are still coming in. I sent out a “noodge” message on groups.io ... **We have your survey response, right?!** About half have responded. One responder thought the club was inactive; another was surprised to be considered still a member! Both expressed interest in attending a future meeting. Yup! Yup!

On the CARC homepage, check “News – Read all about it” for the one-page, monthly “From the President...” notepad. I expect to place any club-wide updates here, too. January's From the President... mentioned my meeting with all your elected officers in December. This month I met with Andy, plus have had additional phone meetings and email exchanges with each of them, too. These represent first steps taken to enhance communications (initiative #6) within the club management. Each one of us is taking on some new challenges in these roles. We are ready!

Beginning with this meeting, we attempt to conduct the business portion mindful of the by-laws and the need to keep members informed, but also to allow time for scheduled activities or programs (initiative #5). Survey responses so far bode well for this format. Tonight we plan to hear from VP Charlene WG3Q about her recent antenna adventures, and then to join Jon McCown KC3ZYD in discussing his experience with the club's experimental Slack communications environment.