



Monthly Newsletter May 15, 2024

❖ What's New ?

- a.) Your Field Day Logging and Networking volunteer has added four new Windows 11 PCs to his equipment portfolio. These are intended to serve as insurance against the rapidly deteriorating performance of the older equipment .

- b.) It was a nice day when your Editor noticed that two additional CARC Members have enrolled in POTA. Let's welcome John Luthy, WA3KCP and Jeff Orner W3JKO into our not-so-secret POTA society.

- c.) Club President Frank Mellott KB3PQT sometimes asks your Editor and Website Administrator – Does anyone ever read the stuff we post? To learn the answer I embedded two questions in the five **What's New** articles that Frank provided for posting since the beginning of 2024.

To date we have received ZERO replies Is this the answer to Frank's question? Please prove me wrong.

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Did the article capture your interest?

- Looked at the description. Decided not to read the article.
 - Opened the article. Skimmed some parts.
 - Read the entire article, beginning to end.
- Click one choice.

Was the content appropriate?

- Too Simple
 - Too Complex
 - Just Right
 - N.A. / I didn't read the article.
- Click one choice.

❖ On-The-Air Events

May 2024 <small>(post publication date)</small>	
• SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-Thon	11 th -12 th
• Canadian Prairies QSO Party	11 th
• Arkansas QSO Party	18 th
• CQ WPX Contest CW	24 th -26 th

June 2024	
• Kentucky QSO Party	1 st
• ARRL International Digital Contest	1 st -2 nd
• SKCC Weekend Sprint-a-Thon	8 th -9 th
• ARRL VHF Contest June	8 th -9 th
• West Virginia QSO Party	15 th
• ARRL Kids Day	15 th
• ARRL Field Day	22 nd -23 rd

July 2024 <small>(early in the month)</small>	
• HRAC Firecracker Hamfest	6 th

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

❖ **General Interest and Calendar Items May 2024, and later**

<p>Ham Radio License Exam Testing Part 1</p>	<p>Harrisburg Radio Amateur Club (HRAC) test dates are 3rd Saturdays, EVEN Numbered Months, starting at 9 a.m. <i>Location: Vietnam Veterans of America, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA</i> <i>Laurel VEC = No Testing Fee ! Pre-Registration, including your FCC FRN, is required.</i></p> <p>HRAC VE Testing Dates appear on our EVENTS CALENDAR: Additional information at their web page: www.w3uu.org Look for the link: License Exams.</p>
<p>Ham Radio License Exam Testing Part 2</p>	<p>South Mountain Radio Amateurs (SMRA) conducts license testing at the Public Safety Center off Claremont Road, Carlisle, PA. Exam sessions are scheduled monthly at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Preregistration is required. Our readers are encouraged to perform their own due diligence to validate any exam session in which they have an interest. Contact: n3tw@arrl.net or smraham@gmail.com There is a modest fee for this testing service. Additional details at their web page. http://n3tw.org/links/getting-licensed/smra-testing-policies/</p>
<p>Ham Radio License Exam Testing Part 3</p>	<p>Keystone VHF Club (KVHF) conducts license testing at the York County Department of Emergency Services. Exam sessions are scheduled the 2nd Saturday, ODD Numbered Months, starting at 10 a.m. Visit https://www.w3hz.com/laurel-vec-testing/ for additional information. <i>Location: York County Department of Emergency Services, 120 Davies Road, York, PA</i> <i>Laurel VEC = No Testing Fee ! Pre-Registration, including your FCC FRN, is required.</i></p>
<p>Ham Radio License Exam Testing Part 4</p>	<p>Cross Keys Village Amateur Radio Club in conjunction with Adams County Amateur Radio Society conducts license testing in the Cross Keys Village Harmony Ridge Community Center, Encore Room. Exam sessions are offered on the Third Saturday of Odd Numbered months between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Pre-Registration, including FCC FRN, is required. Online Form at: https://www.w3kqn.org. Look for “VE Examinations” in the left-side menu bar. Laurel VEC does not charge a testing fee for administering license exams. FCC \$35 fee payment required before license issuance.</p>
<p>License Exam Training Class</p>	<p>Ralph Brandt, K3HQI offers license exam training classes from time to time as part of the Keystone VHF Club and perhaps in conjunction with other organizations and events. Contact Info: Ralph Brandt, K3HQI eMail: K3HQI@arrl.net 717.885.3063 or Google him.</p>
<p>License Exam Training Class</p>	<p>The Nashua Area Radio Society (Nashua, NH) offers license exam training classes on a frequent basis. Some are online. Others are conducted in-person. Check their website for current information. https://www.n1fd.org/amateur-radio-license-class/</p>
<p>License Exam Training Class</p>	<p>If you know of any upcoming License Exam Training classes please let AF3I know so that they can be listed here. The ARRL website has a search tool. The classes I found were listed behind the keyword “online”. http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-class</p>
<p>CARC Weekly Coffee Time</p>	<p>Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Location: Sometimes at Caffe 101 in Boiling Springs, PA. On the corner, across from the clock-tower and diagonally across from the Boiling Springs Tavern. Sometimes conducted as a Zoom Meeting. Check with Richard Johnson N3EPY for info.</p>

If you have Calendar items that you would like to share with your fellow CARC Members please send them to the Newsletter Editor – Andrew Forsyth AF3I. He can be reached by eMail sent to: AF3I@RadioClub-CARC.com

❖ Cumberland Amateur Radio Club Nets

CARC Two Meter VHF Digital Net	<p>Every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. local time. 146.490 MHz FM Simplex. Most likely we will be using OpMode THOR 22.</p> <p>If you have experience using Sound Card Digital Modes you will feel at home with this digital net. Mostly informal in terms of conversation topics.</p> <p>If you have not yet experienced the pleasure of using Sound Card Digital Modes you are invited to seek assistance. CARC Members have all kinds of skills tucked away in remote corners of their universe. Some of these members maintain a low profile. However, if you ask they will spring forth and share their experiences with you. You could send an eMail message to ELMER@RadioClub-CARC.com and one of us will crawl out of our den to help you.</p>
CARC Two Meter Phone Net	<p>Every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. local time. 2 meter band. 146.490 MHz FM Simplex. Also available through EchoLink Node 259045 or search for station AF3I-L. EchoLink is great for licensed Amateur Radio operators who have no transceiver and/or no antenna. EchoLink is equally great for anyone who resides or travels outside our local area and wishes to stay in touch. Visit www.echolink.org as a starting point.</p>
CARC Ten Meter Phone Net	<p>Every Wednesday* at 8 p.m. local time. 10 meter band. 28.400 MHz USB In case of other activity of that frequency tune up or down the band a few kilo-Hertz looking for us. *Except Monthly Meeting Night. on the third Wednesday of the month.</p> <p>Editor's Note: We could use some new faces on this net. Attendance has dwindled to record low numbers. Give it a try. If even one of us can hear you that person can relay your comments.</p>

Words of Wisdom...

Curiosity is the key
to problem solving.

■ Galileo

Clubs are the Backbone of Amateur Radio

Good Clubs have broad appeal.

Though there are successful niche clubs, those that specialize in one aspect of amateur radio, the ones having broad appeal tend to attract and keep the most members.

Within successful clubs with broad appeal, there are teams of committees designated to unique areas of interest or expertise. These committees could be dedicated to digital, CW, DXing, contesting, Field Day, POTA, etc.

Thanks to Bob Wilson, W3BIG
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W3UU - Harrisburg Radio Amateurs' Club 53rd Annual

Saturday, July 6, 2024

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Electronics Expo and Hamfest



**Harrisburg Postal Employees Picnic Grounds
1500 Roberts Valley Road
Harrisburg, PA 17110**

- Covered Pavilion and Picnic Tables Available
- Largest Tail Gate Electronic Flea Market in Central PA
- Hundreds of tailgate spaces available
- New and refurbished equipment dealers on site
- Check for updated list of vendors at <http://www.w3uu.org>
- ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest
- Great Food (Breakfast and Lunch)
- Meeting areas available for clubs and discussions (must Pre-Register)
- DXCC/WAS/VUCC QSL Card checking on site



General Admission: \$7.00 per person

Tail Gating: \$8.00 per space

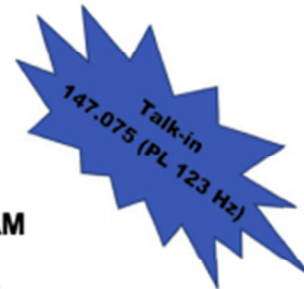
Tables: \$15.00

NO Advance Sale Tickets

General Admission: 8:00 AM

Dealer Setup: Friday 3:00 PM, Hamfest Day 6:00 AM

NO overnight camping without previous authorization.



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Editor's Note: Despite the red starburst graphic saying there is a map on the back please be assured there is no map on the back of this newsletter.

If a map would be helpful you can find a downright dandy map at the other end of this link: <https://www.radioclub-carc.com/calendar/hrac-firecracker-hamfest/>

Or, simply visit the club website, click on THINGS TO-DO, and navigate to July 6, 2024 where you will find the HRAC Firecracker Hamfest event post WITH THE MAP.