CARC Website & Design

## Transfer

Chris L

 Offline Now

FRI 8:24 AM

DreamBot

👋 Welcome!

What brings you to DreamHost.com today?

I'm looking to find the right product.

DreamBot

Exciting!

How should we go about doing that?

Put me in touch with a member of the Sales Team

DreamBot

Sounds good. I will let the team know that you are looking to get in touch now!

Someone will be available shortly!

Chris L

Hello. How can I help you?

JJ

Hi, how can I assist you today?

Good Morning, my email address is [pvatkins@pacbell.net](mailto:pvatkins@pacbell.net) please send me a transcript of this conversation when complete

Chris L

That should happen by default, so that's set

1. I need to know the pricing for 1 year of basic web hosting,including the price to transfer the domain registration to the new account. The new account should have the same hosting plan as the existing [www.coastsidearc.net](http://www.coastsidearc.net/),currently hosted on DreamHost. 2. I need to know your payment options for initial payment and renewals.

Chris L

Happy to clarify

I couldn't tell you what plan another customer is on, but the current Shared plans are...

<https://www.dreamhost.com/hosting/shared/>

Are we talking about the single domain, or are you planning to host other domains/subdomains?

Single domain, basic website

Chris L

Starter may work out for you in that case

And that would include the transfer of that registration for that first year

So that would amount to 12 \* $2.59

Chris L

Yep!

OK, And the payment options after the first year?

Chris L

<https://help.dreamhost.com/hc/en-us/articles/215202687-Payment-methods>

There are several, so you should be set there

OK, Thank you chris for your help. I'll wait for the transcript.

Chris L

That is sent after we disconnect

Is there anything else I can assist you with today?

No, that does it. Have a great day.

Chris L

It was a pleasure speaking with you today. Cheers! =)

The team is out right now, but they’ll get back to you at pvatkins@pacbell.net

Leave a message for Chris L



## Directory

Most of the CARC website is in the directory [www.coastsidearc.org](http://www.coastsidearc.org). Additional website content at the top level also includes the images and logo directories, as well as the startup file, index.html. There is a work directory for my notes about the website.

## CSS Usage

CSS 3 is utilized in the overall design of the CARC website. CSS 3 may be used in any of 4 contexts:

1. In the “global” CSS page layout.css, which is where CSS usage that may cover 2 or more web pages may occur.
2. In a dedicated (to one web-page) CSS file, such as, for example, index.css.
3. In the head section of s web-page for content dedicated to that webpage.
4. In an in-line section within the html body of a web page. One example of this usage is within the construction of the CARC Net Control Roster, where the widths of each column of the table are defined in-line in the **th** headings, on a column by column basis.

As an overall strategy, when developing the website, the use of dedicated separate flies will be discouraged, as that approach tends to make additional files to keep track of. This may encourage additional formatting instructions in the Head Section and in the Global CSS Web-page “layout.css”.

In summary, then, the approach will be as follows for the applicable 8 pages:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Page | Global  Web-page  “layout.css” | Dedicated  Web-page | Head  Section | In-Line |
| Home | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| About |  |  |  |  |
| Coming events |  |  |  |  |
| Field Day |  |  |  |  |
| Exams |  |  |  |  |
| Links |  |  |  |  |
| Officers |  |  |  |  |
| Wants and Swaps |  |  |  |  |
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## Banners

Following the design of the existing website, it was desired to continue the tradition of using a Banner below the WA6TOW logo in a consistent design throughout the website. The immediate problem that arose was that there was not an unpopulated banner that could be used as a template for any new banner.

The solution to this dilemma was to examine the existing set of banners to determine if the underlying banner could be discovered by looking for agreement, on a pixel by pixel basis, between all pairs of banners. Upon giving this technique a try, using the Python 3 PIL library, it was discovered that the original unpopulated banner image could be recovered without any need to manually “fill-in” any pixel positions that had been totally obliterated.

The next challenge was: OK, how do I now add text to create a new banner. It turned out that the Microsoft Paint program could be used for this. Calibri 28 point font was almost perfect. The letters were slightly smaller than the original, and the color did not exactly match the coloring of the original. The original color used in the banner lettering had decimal RGB values of 255, 255, 153 respectively. This seems to be called “Light Yellow” .

Some ideas about how to make corrections to the lettering were thought of but were put on the back burner until more pressing issues could be taken care of.

### Underlying Technology

The original web pages were constructed in HTML 4.01 using tables for layout. Perhaps some web development tool was used to generate the pages, because there was some difficulty encountered trying to follow the page design. It was decided to move to a combination of HTML 5 and CSS 3. This approach resulted in the reduction of volume of source code by hundreds, if not thousands, of lines. CSS Grid was settled on as the layout tool of choice.

### Home Page

The home page is now constructed as a CSS 3 Grid consisting of 4 distinct areas: header, left, right and bottom. Each of these areas is coded as a separate DIV, with an organizing

The size of the body is 815 pixels wide, which is offset 45 pixels from the left border. This offset allows the background tower ‘gif’ file to be displayed unobstructed.

The header div consists of the WA6TOW logo and a banner announcing the website.

The leftcol div contains pointers to the 17 main areas of the website, as described in these paragraphs.

### About CARC Page

### Coming Events Page

### Coastside Communicator Page

### Field Day Page

### Photo Gallery

The photo Gallery is a subject to get back to. For now, I will leave it pretty much alone until I get the website contents loaded. There are a lot of photos loaded and displayed by the current website. As follows:



### Exams

### Links

### North Peak

### Officers

### Wants and Swaps

### Net Script

### Repeater Calendar

### CARC User Guide

### Repeater Usage

### Net Control Operator Guide

### Constitution and Bylaws

The CARC website consists has 17 areas which may be immediately addressed.

Sent an email to Scott Mercer, KI6SEJ, regarding the Coming Events, Officers, and Links pages.

The website has been updated. Especially the Coming Events, Communicator and Officers pages.

Minor corrections to the front page might be in order such as:

* 2018 Membership Form should be 2019 form
* Copyright Date: change 2014 to 2019
* Last revised date: change Feb 2018 to April 2019

The News page does not contain news; it is essentially a duplicate of the Coming events page, but for 2017 instead of 2019.

The links page needs updating.



