Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

Newsletter

Next General Meeting
June 6, 2019 at 7pm
Radio Science and Operations Center
6721 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, AK

A snazzy 5.5” x 8.5” RSOC/AARC spiral bound notebook is available for purchase on our website www.kl7aa.org. The notebook features the RSOC logo on the front, the AARC logo on the back, and 70 lined pages on 60 lb paper stock.

This is a great way to support the club via its purchase and to show it off when out and about. AARC contact info is also printed on the back cover.

You can purchase it online, www.kl7aa.org/product/rsoc-aarc-notebook
and have it mailed to you for a flat rate mailing fee, or you can pick it up at the RSOC on a Working Wednesday, Saturday, or monthly club meeting.

If you'd like to see the club offer other cool products, drop us a note at info@kl7aa.org.

Keep up with the AARC at www.kl7aa.org

AARC is in need of a Leader/ Coordinator for Field Day!!!
Contact KL7TS@hotmail.com for info
Team Rubicon Trains at the RSOC

By Kent Petty KL5T

Team Rubicon in Alaska tapped into our great community resource, our Radio Science and Operations Center (RSOC), as the venue for a recent weekend training activity. Team Rubicon members from around the state attended the 2-day event, using the RSOC’s multipurpose room for their training on May 11 and 12, 2019. The team members and trainers were great guests and we were happy to accommodate. This collaboration followed a tree clearing exercise a few months ago in Eagle River where Anchorage ARES participated with communications support. We hope to partner with Team Rubicon in the future during exercises and training activities.

To learn more about Team Rubicon and their mission and activities, visit their website https://teamrubiconusa.org/relief/

Go Team Rubicon!

AARC received these gifts from Team Rubicon, for hosting their training event: Tee-shirts, stickers and a nice thank-you card
Thank you to KL7TS, KL7KO and KL4RM for providing the photos!
This is the AARC MTV setup, which provided live-streaming video from the GNT Run Course water drop. Matthieu, KL4QH let the club use his cool bike rack to bring mountain bikes out with the MTV. KL7TS logged 37.7 miles on his bike, patrolling the Run Course from "T2" (Transition 2) to the Finish Line and back, and on a portion of Arctic Valley Road, to sweep-in the Red Lantern.
Anchorage ARC Featured in Indie Alaska Video Spot

By Kent Petty KLST

INDIE ALASKA is an original video series produced by Alaska Public Media in partnership with PBS Digital Studios. They recently produced a great 2 minute video spot focused on the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club and ham radio in general. See our star, Dennis Stevens, WL7AQ, featured in this great brief cover of our efforts!

See the video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGgofRfWyNw&feature=youtu.be

The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club is in need of a Leader/Coordinator for 2019 Field Day. Step up for this great volunteer opportunity, contact kl7ts@hotmail.com for information.

Your help is needed for this event!!
**Items For Sale**

Hi, I have an IC-746PRO that I want to sell. Screen lights up nice. Tested the radio and it has full 100 watts output and also has the built in tuner. These sell on Internet for around $600.00. I’ll sell it to club members for $400.00. Mike Perry, AL7F — TEL: (907) 590-7215— E-Mail: patperry@gci.net

Ten Tec 405 HF amplifier, 1 watt in 50 watt out, with manual $150—George Strother, KL7GS— 376-3865

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I wonder who is running Field Day this year? I’m sure someone will....... VOLUNTEERS run Field Day. Step UP!
Have you signed up to support YOUR Radio Club?

Here are two ways you can help fund our Anchorage Amateur Radio Club. Both are really easy on your part. Please consider doing both options, if you haven’t signed up, please do.

**Fred Meyer will give us money!**

All you have to do is shop there and sign up AARC as your non-profit beneficiary. Once you sign up, a portion of every purchase you make is donated to AARC. There is no increase to you for your purchase by declaring AARC as your beneficiary. Currently there are three individuals signed up for this worthy cause. Let’s see if we can make it 100%.

You still earn your Rewards points, Fuel Points, and Rebates just as you do today.

The AARC’s Fred Meyer non-profit number is UB064.

If you don’t have a Fred Meyer Reward Card, they are available at their service desk.

Tell your family, friends and neighbors about this opportunity too.

(Fred Meyer can be done via Internet)

**Amazon Smile will give us money!**

If you do shopping on-line at Amazon, you can designate AARC as your charitable organization. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to AARC. Log-on to:

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7225693

For more information.

**AARC is Accepting Credit Cards!**

AARC can accept your credit card for payment of dues and donations. See Kent Petty KL5T at the next club meeting, club working Wednesdays or Board meetings.

Now may be the time to renew your membership; don’t forget!

Thanks Kent KL5T, for setting this up!!
The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Lara Baker AL2R

A quorum was established

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**
Lara Baker AL2R, Kent Petty KL5T, Dave Webb N9AIG, Keith Clark KL7MM, Matt Ostrander KL4QH, Mathew Notte WL4DX, Ron Klein AL7JR, Lil Marvin KL7YF

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:**
Alice Baker KL2GD, Rich Gillin AL4S, John Lime III KL4OF

**GUESTS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:**
Angel Lime

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS/GUESTS PRESENT**
Allen Abbott KB1QCE, Walter Yankauskas KL7WY

**EXCUSED BOARD MEMBERS**
TJ Sheffield KL7TS, Richard Tweet KL2AZ

**UNEXCUSED BOARD MEMBERS**
None

**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS/CHANGE IN ORDER**
None

**TIME CRITICAL ITEM(S)**
None

**REPORTS**

**SECRETARY REPORT**
The March Board Meeting minutes and the April Membership meeting minutes were presented. With minor corrections noted and made, a motion was made by Kent Petty KL5T and seconded by Keith Clark KL7MM to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Keith Clark, KL7MM indicated that he was out of town for the finance committee meeting. Kent Petty KL5T indicated that several are working on QuickBooks issues. We also continue to work on entering data and training. We do not have a burn down chart with TJ’s absence.

**GRANT REQUESTS**
There were no grant requests this last period.
GAMING
We are putting out our gaming permit in other forums to obtain a partner. Still trying to work with the pull tabs side of gaming but no final answer from anyone.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE
Lara Baker AL2R and Dave Webb, N9AIG need to get together and sign and stamp the latest copy of approved bylaws.

TRUSTEE REPORT
Keith Clark, KL7MM reported that there were a few cards from the league but has not checked them out. There has not been a request to use the club callsign.

The KL7G will be set up for logbook of the world. Dave Webb, N9AIG and Keith Clark, KL7MM will get together and set this up after the meeting.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE
T.J. Sheffield, KL7TS is not present, but he is working on a fix for the SteppIR vertical. Kent KL5T indicated that we’re not sure if it’s the coil assembly or some other problem but we are looking into it.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Lara Baker AL2R reported he was not at the last meeting. TJ KL7TS is still working on the Department of Homeland Security grant. John Lime III KL4OF is looking into linking into United Way. Kent Petty KL5T indicated that he is working on several handouts for the home school fair. These handouts will be used to let people know of our educational opportunities (We were not invited to the home school fair.). Since we are an ARRL affiliated club, we can receive $15 for each new membership and $2 for each renewal. We can also add a link to our website to obtain this $15 through ARRL. We will be doing this at membership meetings and at license testing sessions. To be an affiliated club, we need to have 51% of our voting membership ARRL members. We are a special service club in the eyes of ARRL. We are in this category in the eyes of ARRL because we have a significant number of activities.

BUILDING COMMITTEE
Keith Clark KL7MM reported that there has not been a building committee meeting. Keith Clark KL7MM indicated there is a large quantity of traction gravel in the parking lot. It would be nice if everyone would pitch in and sweep it up. The same gravel could be saved and used for next winter.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Rich Gillin AL4S indicated there are continuing problems with the membership database. Rich Gillin AL4S does not have a timeline for the database fix. We had 12 membership renewals. Currently there are 161 members.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Kent Petty KL5T reported the homeschool convention went well two weekends ago. The kids were most interested in the Morse code keyer. TJ KL7TS presentation went well at this convention. This same presentation can be slightly modified and used for service clubs. The satellite presentation and demonstration given by Craig Bledsoe KL4E was well received (he was mobbed by students). We’re going to do a half-day camp with two sessions one in the morning one in the afternoon (4 hours each). We have a draft syllabus for this camp. The price per student is going to be $200. The bonus is an opportunity to attend the Saturday North American QSO Party.
EQUIPMENT REPORT
Kent Petty KL5T would like the board’s approval to appoint Tyler Lime KL4RN the assistant equipment manager. Tyler Lime KL4RN has been instrumental in getting our equipment organized and is a hard worker on all tasks assigned. There were no objections and the board passed the appointment unanimously. The club has two new projectors plus a new Dell in the training room.

ARES
Kent Petty KL5T reported Ron Klein, AL7JR went through ICS training 300 and 400. Ron Klein AL7JR will be assuming Kent Petty’s KL5T responsibilities soon. New vanity call signs have been received for the Alaska Native Medical Center KL7NMC and the Senior Activities Center KL7SAC. Dennis Stevens WL7AQ who was the EC for Providence Hospital is leaving the state in May. A search is on for a replacement EC at Providence Hospital. The medical emergency planning group (about 16 to 18 people) met here at the RSOC. The coordinator of the VA is interested in having our club involved at the VA.

VE PROGRAM
Kent Petty KL5T reported that we are progressing to transition the VEC lead. Brandon Hess AL6I is going to take on the role. We received a request from Cordova to do a remote testing session in the beginning of June. It will be on either a Saturday or a Monday. There was a testing session in Homer this past week. We also had a testing session in Seward. Beyond that, all the regular testing sessions went on as planned.

OLD BUSINESS
TECHNICIAN CLASS
Kent Petty, KL5 is working on a class schedule.

REMOTE VILLAGE HF CAPABILITY
Kent Petty, KL5T continues to work on this item.

PREVENTING BURNOUT
We're still looking for ideas.

NEW BUSINESS
MAY PROGRAM
This will be determined in the next couple of weeks. A possibility is a presentation by the FBI. A cyber presentation is also a possibility in the future.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted as recorded on 04/16/2019 by Dave Webb N9AIG, AARC Secretary.
Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Lara Baker AL2R. There were 30 attendees.

Introductions were made for both guests and members.

Business
Lara Baker AL2R indicated that Dennis Stevens WL7AQ is leaving Alaska for Baltimore in May. We thanked Dennis for his service as the club development lead. He will be missed.

Lara Baker AL2R also indicated that there is not a tech talk tonight due to scheduling problems. However, tonight’s program involves STEM which stands for science, technology, engineering, and math.

Our speakers tonight are Missy Fraze; the director for technical education in Anchorage and Daniel Ratzinger a computer electronics teacher in the Anchorage school district. (Missy Fraze comments are first.)

We develop programs to help children decide on a future career. We teach across 14 different subject areas. Handouts were passed out indicating these areas. We have engineering and technology classes at several high schools.

In partnership with industry leaders and post-secondary education, Career Technical Education (CTE) strives to create rigorous, career-focused pathways. CTE pathways provide students with an in-depth introduction to career fields and lead to industry recognized certifications, apprenticeships and post-secondary education. CTE pathways are offered in middle school and high school, creating a cohesive system of career exploration and development for all students.

We have a huge emphasis on connecting to industry. We help students connect to those industries.

Since 1990 there’s been a significant decline in students in high school with jobs. There are significant benefits in having a job in high school that would include showing up on time, dealing with money because you receive a paycheck, and learning on the job skills.

We partner with industry to have them come in and talk to students. We also place students out on internships. This is a great means to learn about opportunities. We do have classes on information technology, and we are planning information security classes.

At present, home economics is not offered in the public schools at the high school level; However, this is offered at the middle school level.

The current deficiency at the high school level is shop classes. Also, job interview skills are not taught. We do have summer classes to make up this deficiency.

We are trying to build workforce-ready students.

There are some very highly paid technical jobs that do not require a four-year college degree.

Dan Ratzinger (former electronics in the service signal core) indicated the following:
Dan talked about two specific classes currently available. The first is the fundamentals of electronics. We first talk about job skills. We talk about DC circuits and basic electricity. We start at the components level and design circuits. We do breadboarding and we do soldering. The second class is digital electronics.

A brand-new class is coming out next year regarding telecommunications. Students will learn about fiber optics, wireless networks, and different means of interface protocols.

The audience was encouraged to contact Dan to share their knowledge of amateur radio. Individuals that know RF (radio frequency) are very difficult to find these days, so it would be nice to have individuals share their knowledge.

It is feasible to have Dan bring his students to the RSOC to experience RF firsthand.

Our classes to date do not have a real diverse enrollment. We’re really trying to get more young women into these classes.

John Lime III KL4OF (club treasurer) requested donations for the club.

Door prizes were awarded.

Field day will be the subject for the next general meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted as recorded by Richard Tweet KL2AZ for Dave Webb, N9AIG on May 3, 2019, AARC Secretary

Scheduled VEC testing sessions are held in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kodiak, and Sitka (Check https://kl7aa.org/vec/test-for-your-license for all testing details). Locations are below:

AARC Radio Science and Operations Center (RSOC)
6721 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK
When: Second Saturday of each month at 2:00 PM

972 Ballaine Rd Fairbanks, AK
When: First Saturday of each month at 1:00 PM

Kodiak Assembly of God
3416 Woodland Drive, Kodiak, AK
When: Check KL7AA.org website

Harrigan Centennial Hall
330 Harbor Dr., Sitka
When: First Saturday of each month at 12:00 PM
ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

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It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walka-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

What is the ARRL? The American Radio Relay League is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA, representing over 170,000 FCC-licensed Amateurs. The ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in ham radio. It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special events, continuing education classes and other benefits for its members.

What is Amateur Radio Often called “ham radio,” the Amateur Radio Service has been around for a century. In that time, it’s grown into a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology. Its people range in age from youngsters to grandparents. Even rocket scientists and a rock star or two are in the ham ranks. Most, however, are just normal folks like you and me who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data and pictures through the air to unusual places, both near and far, without depending on commercial systems.

The Amateur Radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where you as an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications. Hams not only can make and modify their equipment, but can create whole new ways to do things.

For More Information visit: www.arrl.org
**Monthly Events**

1st Thursday each month: **AARC general meeting - 7:00 PM** in the Radio Science and Operations Center (RSOC) Building at 6721 Raspberry Road, Anchorage. Talk in will be on 147.34/94 repeater or 146.49 Anchorage simplex talk frequency.

1st Thursday each month: **Moosehorn Amateur Radio Club General meeting - 7:00 PM** Location is at Borough Emergency Response Center on Wilson Way in Soldotna (behind Soldotna FD. Call for directions on 146.88 repeater (no tone). Moosehorn ARC also holds a weekly luncheon every Thursday, locations and times change — contact George Van Lone, KL7AN: donnav@acsalaska.net

2nd Saturday each month: **PARKA (Polar Amateur Radio Klub of Alaska) Meeting at 11:00 AM.** Polar Amateur Radio Klub of Alaska. All amateurs welcome. Some business is discussed. Originally established as an all woman organization, membership now includes spouses or significant others. Talk in on 147.30+.

2nd Saturday each month (except for holidays): **VE License Exams at 2:00 PM.** at the RSOC, 6721 Raspberry Road. Be sure to bring a government issued photo ID, a copy of your current license (if any) and any Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE). Contact: Lara Baker, AL2R (president@kl7aa.org)

3rd Tuesday each month: **AARC Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at the Radio Science and Operations (RSOC) building.** All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

1st Tuesday of each month: **EARS general meeting at 6:00 PM.** EARS meetings are held at the EARS shack location. Contact info - Pete Pritchard KL7IS for more information (email president@kl7air.us) EARS: 552-2664 (recording); Talk in on 146.67. Email: club@KL7air.us or Ron Keech KL7YK (Station Manager) kl7yk@arrl.net

4th Saturday of each month: **Valley VE Testing at 7:00 PM.** Sessions will be held at Fire Station 61, at 7 pm on the fourth Saturday of each month unless it is a major holiday weekend. Contact Ken Hudson, KL2HF, Kenputer@hotmail.com or 907-354-0206.

The last Friday each month: **MARA meeting at 7:00 PM, Wasilla Fire Station 61.** Talk-in help for the meeting can be acquired on the 147.33 repeater. Further details can be found by contacting Don Bush, KL7JFT, dbush@ghi.net.

Every Monday at 11:00 AM: **Meeting of interested Amateur Radio Operators** — and lunch at Denny’s on De-Barr — across from Costco. Many code and HF operators attend this function. Come talk radio. For information, contact Kathy O’Keefe, KL7KO, kokalaska@gmail.com

Every Saturday at 7:00 AM: **Meeting of a group of Amateur Radio Operators at Village Inn on Spenard Road for breakfast.** Topics include Radio, photography, and upcoming events For information, contact Kathy O’Keefe, KL7KO, kokalaska@gmail.com.
Active Nets in Alaska

**VHF NETS**

The local VHF Nets have a Packet side as well. Look for 2 meter Packet at 145.01 (Eagle) and 147.96 (Valley). The Eagle and Valley nodes provide a talk” or chat function. Also, if you are unable to connect directly to one of the nodes, try digipeating through EARS on either frequency. Do this by typing `c eagle v ears` or `c valley v ears` on the appropriate frequency. Check www.KL7AIR.us for more information on the digipeaters.

**ARES Net:** 147.33 w/ 103.5Hz tone (Backup 147.30 w/ 141.3Hz tone) — Thursdays at 8:00PM

**No Name Net:** 146.43 simplex—Sundays 8:00PM

**South Central Simplex Net:** Meets on 146.52 FM then shifts to 144.2 USB, 446.0 FM, 432.2 USB, 223.5 FM, 927.5FM, 1294.5 FM, 52.525 FM, 50.125 USB, 29.6 FDM, 28.4 USB, 145.01 Packet (Eagle Node), 147.96 Packet (Valley Node) - Tuesdays 8:00PM

**Alaska VHF Up Net:** 144.200 USB—Saturdays 9:00 AM

**Alaska Morning Net:** The Alaska Morning Net is held Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM—11:00 AM on the IRLP Reflector 9109. This net can be reached via several hosting nodes in the area. Please visit www.status.irlp.net/index.php?PSTART=2&mode=3 to find the closest node. Also the net can be reached via EchoLink on 9191 (WL7LP-R) and Allstar nodes 27133 and 29332. The Alaska Statewide ARES net is held on Thursday evenings at 8:30pm (following the Anchorage ARES net) at the same locations and also the 8:30pm Sunday evening Alaska Statewide Radio Link.

**HF Nets**

**Alaska Snipers Net:** 3.920 MHz 6:00pm daily

**Alaska Bush Net:** 7.093 MHz 8:00pm daily

**Alaska Motley Net:** 3.933 MHz 9:00pm daily

**ACWN (Alaska CW Net):** 3540 kHz, 7042 kHz, 14050 kHz Non-directed, CW calling and traffic watch for relaying NTS of other written traffic. AL7N monitors continuously receivers always on WL2K. (RMS connection available— AL7N@winlink.org)

**Alaska Pacific Emergency Preparedness Net:** 14.292 MHz 8:30am M-F

**ERC HF Net:** 3.880 MHz 8:30pm Sundays
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