Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Newsletter



Next General Meeting
January 2, 2020 at 7pm
Radio Science and Operations
Center
6721 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, AK



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A good New Years resolution - I'll become more active in my local amateur radio club.

NOTE:

Due to the AARC Board of Directors not having a quorum available at the December 17, 2019 Board meeting, there are no approved minutes from the November Board Meeting or the December Membership meeting. These will be included in the February newsletter.

Remote License Testing Effort in Dillingham a Success!

On December 7th, the Anchorage ARC VEC conducted a remote license testing session in Dillingham, Alaska. With the help of UAF Bristol Bay Campus and their dedicated staff, we successfully administered amateur radio license examinations for two candidates using our new online exam system

The three VE's were Brandin Hess, WB1BR (VEC Chairman), Sam Clark, AC1FP, and Jonathan Limary, N0JKL. Together, with an accredited proctor and the dedication of our VEC Chairman, we issued a Certificate of Successful Completion of Evaluation (CSCE) to one of the candidates using this incredible means to fill a void in remote testing in Alaska. The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club should be proud of this evolution of the VEC program. It will most certainly strengthen the quality of testing offered through our program!

73, Brandin S. Hess – WB1BR Chairman, Anchorage ARC VEC

Did You Know......

The **Anchorage Amateur Radio Club** is now a qualified Pick.Click.Give organization!! Consider the AARC when chosing your Pick.Click.Give donations when filing for your PFD in January.

From https://www.pickclickgive.org/about-pick-click-give/

Pick. Click. Give. was created by the Alaska State Legislature in 2008 to allow Alaskans filing for their PFD online to donate a portion or all of their dividend to eligible charitable and educational organizations. After a three-year pilot project, Pick. Click. Give. became a permanent part of the PFD program. The program was originally managed by the **Rasmuson Foundation**. The **Alaska Community Foundation** took over management of the Pick. Click. Give. program in 2015.

Donations are tax deductible. All eligible organizations are registered with the IRS as a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Per the IRS, Alaskans must report their entire earned dividend as income, regardless of if a portion of it is then donated. The State of Alaska issues a 1099-MISC, which you can use to report both your PFD and charitable contributions to the IRS. The 1099-MISC is available online at pfd.alaska.gov.

AARC Activities Chairman

The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club is actively pursuing an Activities Chairman for 2020. This is a great opportunity to volunteer time for the club while promoting the hobby. Please contact any AARC Board member if interested.

FEMA Region 10 Youth Preparedness Camp Announced

FEMA Region 10 just announced that they will be hosting a Youth Preparedness Camp in Alaska this summer, July 26-31, 2020. Youth ages 14-17 from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington are eligible to apply.

The six-day, five-night camp, hosted and staffed by camp and emergency management professionals, will teach students how to safely assist in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. Subject matter experts and local emergency responders will provide leadership and teambuilding opportunities and introduce campers to a variety of emergency response professions. As part of the program, campers will identify and develop a concept for a longer-term project aimed at utilizing their new skills and improving preparedness in their communities. Here's what some campers had to say about the first FEMA Region 10 Youth Preparedness Camp, held last August in Stanwood, Washington:

- "Preparedness camp was the best thing that happened to me this summer. I made so many new friends while having fun and learning about disaster preparedness in a handson interactive environment," said 14-year-old Shivani Jayaprakasam of Redmond, Washington.
- "The most rewarding aspect of my experience at camp was the intellectual discussions on disaster preparedness and the opportunity to exercise the skills we learned. I wish that youth knew that proper disaster preparedness could prevent their loved ones from being impacted should a disaster occur," said 16-year-old Miles Butler of Post Falls, Idaho.
- "At camp I learned all about disaster preparedness through realistic drills and scenarios.
 It's comforting to know that in case of a disaster, I'm prepared," said 14-year-old Beitris
 Boyreau-Millar of Wasilla, Alaska.
- "Youth preparedness camp was my favorite camp I have gone to. It is an amazing balance
 of a fun summer camp and a great learning experience. I learned how to apply medical
 treatment such as CPR and the basics of being a first responder. These skills are important for everyone to know, including youth!" said 14 year-old Elliot Anderson of Portland,
 Oregon.

Students wishing to be considered for the July 26-31 camp can find application information at: www.fema.gov/YouthPrep. Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. PST Jan. 19, 2020. For further information regarding the camp, please contact Ilyssa Plumer or Sam Robinson, FEMA Region 10 Individual and Community Preparedness staff, at fema-r10-youthprepcamp@fema.dhs.gov or 425-487-4943.

Kent Petty, KL5T

DEC, Anchorage ARES

Anchorage Hamfest - Holy Smoke!

"So, when is Anchorage gonna have a hamfest?"

Wow, have I heard that question A LOT over the past couple of years!

YES! It is about time we had a hamfest. Geez! We used to have them every year! What the heck has been going on?

Well, the truth is we haven't had a "champion" for the event. We've been so darn busy over the last couple years, especially with the work it took to get INTO the Radio Science and Operations Center, or RSOC (that took a year to negotiate), and to then actually make the move and get the place tooled up and organized (that's been the last 2 years), our core volunteer cadre and board members have just been tapped.

So now it's time. It's been too darn long. We need it. Everybody wants it. But who is going to coordinate it? Who can make it happen?

That's the reason for this post. To try to find someone who can lead the charge, take the bull by the horns, and get it done! After all, we have a great place to do it.... the RSOC!

So, this is the plea. We ask the organizer deep down inside you to rise up and speak out, to scream at the top of your lungs, "Me! Yes, I'm the one! I'll do it!"

And that person won't have to go it alone. You'll get plenty of help. We have some ideas that might be helpful. We've got plenty of gear to sell. We've got the needed space for others to sell their gems. We can have food. We can have speakers. We can have vendors. We can have VE testing. We can have demonstrations. We can put people on the radio. We can have a transmitter hunt. We can work some DX. We can check into nets. We can help program radios. We can do many, many things at our hamfest. It just needs to be organized.

So, I'm hoping you feel like getting motivated and stepping up. Go ahead. Give us a call. Drop us an e-mail. Stop in during a Working Wednesday or Saturday, or a Board meeting, or a membership meeting. You can do it. You want to do it. You need to do it. Gheez.... now even I'm getting excited!

So, seriously, please drop us an e-mail at info@kl7aa.org, or give a call and leave a message at 907.345.0719. We'll get back to you right away to help get the ball rolling.

Thanks much for suffering through this exciting message!

73,

Kent, KL5T

Important Update Regarding the South Central Simplex Net

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AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, JOHN LYNN, KL7CY, HAS TURNED INTO A SNOWBIRD AND RELIN-QUISHED CONTROL OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL SIMPLEX NET (FORMERLY THE BIG CITY SIMPLEX NET) AS OF A COUPLE MONTHS AGO. JOHN, KL3KZ, TOOK OVER PRIMARY DUTIES AT THAT TIME WITH A BIT MORE THAN A LITTLE HELP FROM CRAIG, KL4E. NOW, JOHN, KL3KZ HAS TO LEAVE THE STATE PERMANENTLY, THUS LEAVING THE DUTIES TO CRAIG. CRAIG HAS DONE A GREAT JOB OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS RUNNING THE NET, BUT HAS SOME OTHER SERIOUS COMMITMENTS THAT WOULD PRESENT A CHALLENGE FOR HIM TO CONTINUE ON AS THE PRIMARY NET CONTROL STATION FOR THE GROUP. FURTHER, CRAIG SUGGESTS THAT HE REALLY HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANYONE ELSE TO STEP UP TO FILL THE ROLE.

ENTER THE AARC CLUB MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE RADIO SCIENCE AND OPERATIONS CENTER (RSOC). CRAIG, KL4E, SHARED THE DILEMMA AND THE POTENTIAL FOR THE NET TO DIE WITHOUT A CHAMPION. HE BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF THE RSOC TAKING OVER PRIMARY NET CONTROL/MANAGER DUTIES AND A DISCUSSION TO THAT END WAS INITIATED. IN THE END, WE CAME UP WITH A SOLUTION THAT WE HOPE WILL WORK FOR MOST FOLKS. THE IDEA IS INDEED FOR THE RSOC TO TAKE OVER AS NET CONTROL/MANAGER. THE RSOC SEEMS TO BE FULLY EQUIPPED TO ENGAGE IN ALL THE FREQUENCIES AND MODES USED BY THE NET, AND MAY HAVE A FEW MORE TO ADD TO THE MIX.

HOWEVER, THERE IS A TWIST. TO GET THIS OFF THE GROUND AT THE START AND TO ENSURE FOLKS ARE INDEED AVAILABLE TO MAN THE RSOC FOR THE NET, WE DECIDED TO MOVE THE NET FROM TUESDAY NIGHT TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT (SAME BAT TIME AND BAT STATION). THE CHANGE GOES INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

WHAT????? WHY????? WHAT IS THIS CRAZY TALK????? I THOUGHT YOU'D ASK. ANSWER?: BECAUSE WE ALWAYS HAVE FOLKS PRESENT AT THE RSOC ON WEDNESDAYS FOR "WORKING WEDNESDAYS", THUS OPERATORS WILL BE AVAILABLE. WILL IT BE A PERMANENT MOVE? ONLY TIME WILL TELL.

ALL THIS SAID, WE HOPE TO HAVE FOLKS WHO ARE REGULARS ON THE NET COME ON DOWN TO THE RSOC TO TAKE THEIR TURN IN THE HOT SEAT AS NET CONTROL. ACTUALLY, WE HOPE TO HAVE 2 OR 3 FOLKS THERE TO HELP RUN THAT NET. IT SHOULD BE A LOT OF FUN AND WE ARE EAGER TO GET FOLKS TRAINED UP ON THE GEAR AT THE RSOC.

SO PLEASE, IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A REGULAR ON THE NET, MAKE THE CHANGE YOUR CALENDAR AND SHIFT THAT TUESDAY NIGHT ENGAGEMENT TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT. ALSO, PLEASE PASS THE WORD TO OTHERS SO THEY ARE AWARE. WE WILL BE SURE TO HAVE SEVERAL FOLKS MONITORING 146.52 THIS COMING TUESDAY TO LET THOSE WHO DON'T GET THIS MESSAGE KNOW THAT THE NET NIGHT HAS MOVED TO WEDNESDAYS.

AS A REMINDER TO EVERYONE, THE NET MEETS UP ON 146.52 MHZ FM AT 2000L. FROM THERE WE WORK OUR WAY AROUND THE BANDS AND MODES, AND ARE EVEN ON PACKET USING THE EAGLE AND VALLEY NODES (IF YOU NEED MORE INFO ABOUT THESE NODES, DROP US A LINE AT INFO@KL7AA.ORG. HERE IS A LIST OF OF FREQUENCIES AND MODES USED ON THE NET:

146.52 MHZ / FM 144.2 MHZ / USB 446.0 MHZ / FM 432.2 MHZ / USB 52.525 MHZ / FM 50.125 MHZ / USB 223.5 MHZ / FM 28.4 MHZ / USB 29.6 MHZ / FM 29.075 MHZ / FM 1294.5 MHZ / FM

PACKET

145.01 MHZ / (EAGLE NODE – LOCATED ON SITE SUMMIT) 147.96 MHZ / (VALLEY NODE – MATSU)

OH.....THERE MIGHT BE SOME "TWISTS" TO WHAT WE DO ON THE NET. THERE MIGHT BE SOME OTHER FREQUENCIES AND MODES INVOLVED! WHAT MIGHT THEY BE? WELL.....I'VE BEEN SWORN TO SECRECY AND THE CAT WON'T BE LET OUT OF THE BAG UNTIL WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

REGARDS!





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 nonprofit 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!!





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 changes, contact George Van Lone KL7AN donnav@acsalaska.net for information . 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 the Red Cross Office 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, St. Johns Lutheran Church Basement. 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@gci.net.

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 9:30 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)

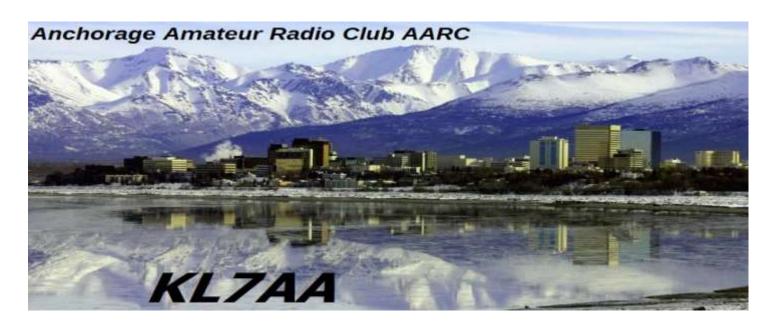
Alaska Pacific Emergency Preparedness Net: 14.292 MHz 8:30am M-F

ERC HF Net: 3.880 MHz 8:30pm Sundays

DATA YOU CAN USE				
Frequency	Tone	Callsign	Features	Area
147.18-	88.5	ADES		JBER
146.88-	no tone	AL7LE	Phone patch	Kenai/Soldotna
146.82-	103.5	WL7CWE	IRLP	Anchorage
146.76-	123.0	KL3K	IRLP	Seward
146.94-	103.5	KL7AA		Anchorage, Wasilla, Northern Kenai
224.94-	no tone	KL7AA		Anchorage, Wasilla, Northern Kenai
444.70+	103.5	KL7AA		Anchorage, Wasilla, Northern Kenai
146.67-	103.5	KL7AIR	MARS station	Anchorage & Highway N
147.30+	141.3	KL7ION		Anchorage, Wasilla, Northern Kenai
146.85-	103.5	KL7JFU	Cross Banded to 444.600	Mat Valley
444.6+	103.5	KL7JFU	Cross Banded to 146.85	Mat Valley
146.91-	no tone	KL7PM		Homer
147.15+	107.2	NL7S		Wasilla
147.84-	103.5	WL7CWE		Wasilla repeater
147.33+	103.5	WL7CWF	Cross linked to 443.900	Very Wide Area
443.900+	103.5	WL7CWF	Cross linked to 147.33	Very Wide Area

South Central Area Simplex Frequencies		
146.52	National Calling and Emergency Frequency	
147.57	DX Spotting Frequency	
146.49	Anchorage Area Simplex Chat	
146.43	Mat-Su Valley Simplex Chat	
147.42	Kenai Peninsula Simplex Chat	

WinLink Information			
144.91	WL7CVG-10	Anchorage Area RMS, 1200 baud	
145.19	KL7JFT-10	Palmer/Mat-Su RMS	
144.91	WL7CVG-4	South Central Digipeater, 1200 baud	
144.97	KL7AA-10	Anchorage Area RMS, 1200 baud	
223.66	WL7CVG-10	Anchorage Area RMS, 9600 baud	
441.175	WL7CVG-10	Anchorage Area RMS, 9600 baud	



January 2020

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			New Years	7pm General Membership meeting		10am Saturday Work Session
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	7pm Development Committee Meeting		6pm Working Wednesday			10am Saturday Work Session
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	7pm Finance Committee		6pm Working Wednesday			10am Saturday Work Session
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	7pm Development Committee Meeting	7pm Board of Directors Meeting	6pm Working Wednesday			10am Saturday Work Session
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	7pm Development Committee Meeting		6pm Working Wednesday			

If you have anything you'd like included in the next newsletter such as items for sale, articles, questions, etc. email editor@kl7aa.org

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