

# Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

## Next Meeting on June 5 ! ←

Rescheduled POTA presentation by Jeramy Haygood, KL7EC

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~~~ *HOT LINKS* ~~

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### **Newsletter Submissions, Information or corrections:**

Submissions must be received 2 weeks before meeting.  
 Email: [trustee@kl7aa.org](mailto:trustee@kl7aa.org)  
 Mail: P.O. Box 91758, Anchorage, AK 99509

### **W1AW CODE PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Schedule can be found at:

<https://www.arrl.org/w1aw-operating-schedule>

### **Nets in Alaska:**

The following nets are active in South-central Alaska:  
 Alaska Sniper's Net 3.920 MHz 6:00 PM daily  
 Alaska Bush Net 7.093 MHz 8:00 PM daily moving to 3920 at 8:15 PM  
 Alaska Motley Net 3.933 MHz 9:00 PM daily  
 Alaska Pacific Net 14.292 MHz 8:00 AM M-F  
 No Name Net 146.85/.25 repeater Sundays 8:00 PM  
 South Central Simplex Net Wednesday at 1900 local, starting on 146.520  
 Eagle Node Packet 145.01 Wednesdays 7:00 PM local  
 ARES net 147.30/.90 repeater Thursdays at 8:00 PM local  
 Alaska Emergency Frequency Test the last Saturday of the month on 5167.5 MHz/USB

### **Anchorage & Mat Valley Area Coordinated Repeaters**

KL7AA systems at Flattop Mt., 2,200 ft  
146.94/34 MHz, 80 watts, no patch, 141.3 Hz PL

224.94/223.34, 25 watts, no patch, no PL

444.70/449.70, 25 watts, no patch, 141.3 PL

KL7AA at Mt. Gordon Lyon, 3,940 ft  
147.30/90, MHz - 80 watts, no patch, 141.3 Hz PL

KL7AIR Elmendorf AFB, EARS  
146.67/.07, 103.5 Hz PL

KL7JFU, KGB road, MARA Club  
146.85/.25, autopatch, 103.5 Hz PL

For a list of all Alaska State coordinated repeaters go to:  
<https://www.alaskarepeaters.kl7.net/>

### **South Central Area Simplex Frequencies**

146.52 MHz Calling and Emergency frequency  
 146.49 MHz Anchorage area simplex chat  
 146.43 MHz Mat Valley simplex chat  
 147.42MHz Peninsula simplex chat

## Internet Links, the favorites from our readers:

AARC <https://kl7aa.org/>  
EARS <https://www.kl7air.us/>  
MARA <https://kl7jfu.com/>  
Moose Horn ARC <https://al7le.org/>  
ARES <https://kl7aa.org/anchorage-ares>  
Fairbanks AARC <http://www.kl7kc.com/>  
Yukon Amateur Radio Association <https://www.yara.ca/>  
HAARP Project <https://haarp.gi.alaska.edu/>  
Amateur Radio Reference Library  
VOCAP <https://www.voacap.com/hf/>  
ARRL <https://www.arrl.org/>

*Please let us know if there are other clubs pages or good starting points that should appear here. Report dead links or bad info to trustee@kl7aa.org.*

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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES;** All articles from members and interested persons are very welcome. If you wish to submit any articles, jokes, cartoons, please have it typed or neatly handwritten. It can be submitted by mail or E-mail to the newsletter editor at the address listed above. Submissions must be in the hands of the editor **no later than the 14 days prior** to the meeting or it may not be included.

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## Regular HAM Gatherings:

**Thursdays Coffee, 2:00 PM:** Join the gang for coffee and an eyeball QSO at Pizza Man in Eagle River. Attendance varies from 6 to 12 each week.

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## JUNE EVENTS

**June 5: AARC general meeting at 7:00 PM** will be at the Radio Science and Operating Center 6827 Raspberry Road.

**VE License Exams:** These happen 6 days a week on line and occasional in person exams. See the link on the AARC website at <https://kl7aa.org/vec>.

**June 17: AARC Board meeting at 7:00 PM** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month by video conference. Link on the AARC website calendar. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

**June 27: MARA meeting at 7PM** the last Friday of the month at locations announced on the website. These meetings are open to all who wish to attend.

## Why Do We Do Public Service This is the Season!

We support public service events for several reasons. It gives us a chance to practice our communication skills from time to time.

We get to exercise our equipment, and practice with, and learn about our equipment in different situations i.e. weather, noise, etc.

We are there in the event that newer technology breaks down in any manner.

If we are using local repeaters or simplex paths, we can find out where the holes are.

And sometimes we get a t-shirt or a ball cap!.

We also can bank our participation to justify our use of the spectrum that we get for free.

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## 2025 Public Service Events

Walk and Roll for Hope - May 15, 2025

Contact Keith, KL7MM

[aksunlite@aol.com](mailto:aksunlite@aol.com)

Gold Nugget Triathlon – May 18, 2025

Liaison Rebecca Weicht

Looking for Coordinator – Please volunteer

Alaska Run for Women – June 7, 2025

Looking for Coordinator – Please volunteer

Dog Jog – July 26, 2025

Contact TJ, KL7TS

[kl7ts@hotmail.com](mailto:kl7ts@hotmail.com)

Anchorage Runfest – August 17, 2025

Contact Keith, KL7MM

[aksunlite@aol.com](mailto:aksunlite@aol.com)

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## Volunteers needed for the Alaska Run for Women on June 7th

It's time to sign up for the 2025 [Alaska Run for Women](#). It will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025, and is a half day event. Get your HT charged, load up on mosquito repellant, pack a snack, and come out and exercise your equipment and skills while supporting a worthy charity. If you are a new ham, or interested in becoming a ham, we will pair you with someone experienced to gain experience.

The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club provides situational awareness and safety support for these events. It is fun and we need your help, so please sign up. This event typically utilizes at least 8 ham radio volunteers, but there is no limit. Positions staffed typically are:

Net Control

Start/Finish shadow

Quad area (near start finish)

Course Safety 1 (Bike mobile)

Course Safety 2 (Bike mobile)

Goose Lake Park

Power Substation

Health and Wellness

There are more events later this summer. Check out <https://kl7aa.org/> for updates and the website will be updated soon to include 2025 events.

More info is available under the **Public Service Activities** tab on the main menu.

To volunteer, please contact Richard Tweet KL2AZ at [richard.tweet@kl7aa.org](mailto:richard.tweet@kl7aa.org) (please cc [info@kl7aa.org](mailto:info@kl7aa.org) to allow for tracking volunteers).

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available closer to the event.

Thank You!

Richard KL2AZ

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

Again, thank you to Keith Clark KL7MM for getting another newsletter out to the membership!

Summer Public Service Events are at the forefront. We are needing volunteers for the May 18<sup>th</sup> **Gold Nugget Triathlon**, The June 7<sup>th</sup> **Alaska Run for Women**, The July 26<sup>th</sup> **Dog Jog** and the August 17<sup>th</sup> **Runfest**. We, as your radio club, agree to participate in these events in order to keep the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club name in the public arena. PLEASE consider stepping up for one or more of these events as the time is getting close! Past experience is not required as a new ham can be placed with an experienced one to gain some great training.

Your leadership of the AARC continues to look at developing an effective succession plan to continue the success of the AARC. While we welcome members to become more involved in both the day to day operation and the business side of the club, this has been a challenge to gain more member involvement. A very important position coming vacant soon is that of the Treasurer. Our current Treasurer, Kent Petty KL5T, is relocating and will be vacating the position. Please contact me if you are interested.

The Wednesday South Central Simplex Net has added a Telnet Winlink portion to the net in order to get folks more familiar with Winlink. Soon, this will become a peer to peer VHF portion of the net. Stay tuned for instructions later this summer on its implementation. In the meantime please continue to use the Telnet mode

In keeping with tradition, I plan to ask the AARC Board at an upcoming meeting to cancel the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Membership and Projects meetings. This will be our only deviation from the regular schedule this summer. A reminder that all AARC meetings are open to the membership and the links to join the meetings are on the [www.KL7AA.org/events](http://www.KL7AA.org/events) page.

73,

Richard Tweet KL2AZ

President @ KL7AA.org

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## Alaska Section News March 2025

No information to post this month.

David W Stevens KL7EB AK SM

[KL7EB@arrl.org](mailto:KL7EB@arrl.org)

## Motley News

Warmest Greetings to all those on the Motley Group email list,

We have exciting news about this year's HAM Radio Motley Group gathering scheduled for the first weekend in August, (*July 31 - August 3, 2025*).

We now have a **new website** dedicated to all things Motley. There you will find complete information about our annual gathering of HAM's across the state.

Please bookmark following links to *get the latest news and information* about the event.

**Motley Home Page:** <https://motleygroup.kl7.net/>

**Motley Picnic Page:** <https://motleygroup.kl7.net/picnic>  
(scroll down this page to get detailed information)

**Motley Videos:** <https://motleygroup.kl7.net/videos>  
(2024 event video / interesting brief HAM Radio history video)

**Motley Photo Galleries:** <https://motleygroup.kl7.net/galleries>

We have a limited number of sites in the Tolsona Wilderness Campground reserved for the Motley Picnic / campout. If you haven't already made your 2025 reservations, please see the above [Picnic](#) link for details.

Hope to see you there,

Warm regards,

Motley Group Planning Committee

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## Grubstake Repeater!!

The Grubstake repeater system is on the air on 147.33 with plus offset and a tone of 103.5 Hz, however with reduced output. It's really way up there so give it a try. This is a KL7AA repeater that is being operated for the benefit of South Central Alaska hams. It is currently awaiting a site visit for upgrades. See [kl7aa.org](http://kl7aa.org) for a link to support this site.



**This is an abbreviated newsletter as temporary editor will be traveling at the end of the month.**

## **ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

To be updated next newsletter

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## **ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ZOOM BOARD MEETING**

To be updated next newsletter

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### **Kenai Peninsula – Moosehorn ARC Hamfest Scheduled for 7/19/2025**

The Moosehorn ARC has scheduled a hamfest for July 19, 2025. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the attached flyer for specific information.

Contacts:

- Hamfest Chair – Ed Cole, KL7UW, (907) 776-5829
- Club President – Dave Tremper, KL7ZK, (907) 252-3015

**ARES Thoughts – Thinking about emergencies**

To assist you when participating in emergency communications drills or actual emergencies. See the following Internet address for a complete checklist:  
[https://www.qsl.net/aresalaska/training/ARES\\_Emergency\\_communications\\_guide.htm](https://www.qsl.net/aresalaska/training/ARES_Emergency_communications_guide.htm)

### **From the Past - - (2003)**

#### **Beginnings – Phil Mannie, KL0QW**

Radio has always been magic for me. I can recall many hours as a child spent listening to what ever I could tune in on a succession of then antique floor model receivers my father would acquire. These radios, which he got for nothing, or next to it, were junk in the eyes of most folks, including my mother, but I was fascinated by the very idea of hearing the BBC, or later at night with the volume very low, Radio Moscow's English language programming; I was not quite certain that this was even legal, but assumed that my mother, at least, would not approve.

My first real exposure to amateur radio was in 1988. I'd gotten hold of a Heath catalog and noticed the Heath/Zenith Amateur Radio Novice License course. It was one of the few things in the catalog I could afford and just stirred something in me. After a month or so of study, I passed the practice test included with the course, and in March, 1989 sought out the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club; as I recall, the meetings were

then, as today, on the first Friday of the month. Since I did not have an auto at the time, the trip from the East side to Spenard Recreation Center was a long one and I had to leave before the meeting's conclusion to make the last bus that would bring me anywhere near home, so I never did find out how and where to take the exam. Shortly thereafter my SW receiver was stolen in a burglary; I could not afford to replace it at the time and more or less put the entire matter on hold.

It remained on hold for the next ten years. Because the topic continued to appeal to me, I'd take out the Heath material from time to time and review it, but it never went anywhere until I discovered AA9PW's FCC exam practice site on the world wide web in the autumn of 1998. I took a Technician exam on AA9PW's site for the hell of it and surprised myself by passing; so I took it again, and again, using AA9PW's facilities to study questions I'd missed. By October 1998, I was passing the practice exams regularly, so I did a bit of research and bought an Alinco DJ-S11, a 350mW 2m transceiver that I could afford and began listening.

The weekly ARES net came in loud and clear on my little radio, and they were kind enough to mention when and where VEC testing took place. Over the last two weeks of November 1998 I took AA9PW's practice exams daily. It seemed like time to give it a go, so on Tuesday, December 1, 1998, I turned up at the Carr-Gottstein Building with my driver's license, calculator and two pencils. I left an hour later with a certificate of successful completion for the Technician exam and the advice to watch the FCC web site for my call sign. I started programming the little Alinco and made my first contact (with Margie Page, KL7GLU) December 3, 1998, about an hour after first seeing my call listed in the FCC database.

Phil Mannie, KL0QW (SK)

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#### **A Few Notes:**

1. Remember the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club (AARC) **newsletter** can be read **online** at:  
<https://kl7aa.org/newsletters/>
2. An ongoing reminder, Kent Petty, KL5T has been successful in getting us signed up with Fred Meyer for their charitable donation programs. If you aren't signed up, please do so.

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### **Asset Reduction**

The Club has a Weatherport Tent that was originally purchased for use at the State Fair. This tent was also deployed a number of years during Field Day exercises, but the effort to deploy and tear down for a short term event is not feasible and as such has not been used for quite a number of years. It is time to find it a good home. It is a 10' X 20' steel frame tent. For inquiries go to [info@kl7aa.org](mailto:info@kl7aa.org).

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## ARRL Division News Northwestern Division

No update by publication time.

### As an Ongoing Reminder 5167.5 kHz Alaska Emergency Frequency Test

The last Saturday of each month, at 1000 local time, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Auxiliary Station NNAØLP hosts a test of the Alaska Emergency Frequency on 5167.5 kHz. Use only upper sideband USB (J3E or R3E). Continuous Wave CW (A1A) and digital modes (F1B, J2B, etc.) are not authorized on this frequency. Maximum power is 150 watts PEP. There are no restrictions on types of antennas.

**NOTE:** Government stations often use procedures taken from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Radiotelephone Handbook, for example USCG Force Readiness Command (FORCECOM) CGTTP 6-01.1B, available on-line: [https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CGTTP\\_6-01\\_1B\\_Radiotelephone\\_Handbook.pdf](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CGTTP_6-01_1B_Radiotelephone_Handbook.pdf)<sup>[1]</sup>

For signal reports, select one descriptor from the Signal Strength column, and one descriptor from the Readability column (see attached).

Each month, a summary report regarding this test is sent to the State of Alaska Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region X staff are copied in.

Thanks very much,  
TJ Sheffield, KL7TS  
Vice President, AARC  
Station Manager  
Radio Science and Operations Center (RSOC)  
Anchorage, Alaska

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### Swap and Shop Photos for listings can be found at: <https://kl7aa.org/category/swap-shop/>

#### Swap & Shop – Icom 756 Pro II Transceiver, KL3AK, 3/20/2025

For sale by Dave, KL3AK in Nikiski.  
ICOM's Flagship 756 Pro II HF Transceiver.  
Two NON-SMOKER owners. Excellent condition!  
This was Dave's first High Caliber HF rig.  
He got it from a silent key estate back in 2014. The 756Pro II has the first IF brought out through a coax for an SDR so you can use it as a panadapter/bandscope  
Asking \$850 OBO for this Icom IC-756PRO-II transceiver.  
[dnyberg2@gmail.com](mailto:dnyberg2@gmail.com) 907-513-5089

#### Swap & Shop – Kenwood TS-590 HF Transceiver, KL3AK, 3/20/2025

KL3AK, Dave in Nikiski has a Kenwood TS-590 HF Transceiver for sale...  
Two NON-SMOKER owners. Excellent condition! Dave purchased this from a good friend that bought a new FLEX Radio.  
This Kenwood has the first IF brought out through a coax for an SDR so you can use it as a panadapter/bandscope.  
Asking \$1475 OBO. [dnyberg2@gmail.com](mailto:dnyberg2@gmail.com) 907-513-5089

#### Swap & Shop – ALS-1406, AMERITRON, KL7JFT, 3/22/2025

1200-1500 WATT, 1.5-54Mhz, LDMOS Solid State Amplifier with 220 VAC Switching Power Supply, 50 Volt 50 Amp, 220 Volt AC supply It is 6 months old. Got it from GIGAPARTS. It replaced the ALS 1306 with some good improvements. Power supply is very quiet. Cost \$3495.95 new. Will sell for \$3000. Currently operational in my station. Contact info: Don Bush/KL7JFT 907 746 6845, [kl7jft@gmail.com](mailto:kl7jft@gmail.com). Have manual and boxes. 11" x 6.5" x 18". Power supply is about the same size.

#### Swap & Shop – Ameritron AL-811H Amplifier, 12/21/2024, WL4DX

Ameritron AL-811H Amplifier \$900 shipping not included. If needs to be shipped it will be calculated at the time of purchase. Photos below. Contact Misty at (907) 444-4085 or [mistynotte13@gmail.com](mailto:mistynotte13@gmail.com)





## Thanks to Craig Bledsoe, KL7H for these one liners!

Nothing spoils a good story more than the arrival of an eyewitness. (Mark Twain)

Choked on a carrot this morning, and all I could think of was, "I'll bet a doughnut wouldn't have done this to me."

It only takes one slow-walking person in the grocery store to destroy the illusion that I'm a nice person.

It turns out that when asked who your favorite child is, you're supposed to pick out one of your own. I know that now.

It's fine to eat a test grape in the produce section, but you take one bite of rotisserie chicken and it's all, "Sir, you need to leave!"

One thing no one ever talks about, when it comes to being an older adult, is how much time we devote to keeping a cardboard box because it is, you know, a really good box.

I can't believe I forgot to go to the gym today. That's seven years in a row now.

If you dropped something when you were younger, you just picked it up.  
When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for just a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.

Never trust an electrician with no eyebrows.

So, my neighbor knocked on my front door at 3 a.m. **THREE AM!!!** Luckily, I was already up playing the bagpipes.

Instead of cleaning my house, I just watch an episode of "The Hoarders," and think, "Wow! My house looks great."

I like to make lists. I also like to leave them lying on the kitchen counter, and then guess what's on the list when I am at the store.

Ask your doctor if a drug with 32 pages of side effects is bad for you!  
I relabeled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet, but the thyme is cumin. *[ROFL]*

I just read a book about marriage that says treat your wife like you treated her on your first date. So, tonight after dinner I'm dropping her off at her parent's house.

The best way to get back on your feet is to miss two car payments.

I love bacon. Sometimes I eat it twice a day. It takes my mind off the terrible chest pains I keep getting.

As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing am sure of is that it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

Driver: "What am I supposed to do with this speeding ticket?"  
Officer, "Keep it. When you collect four of them, you get a bicycle."

I asked a supermarket employee where they kept the canned peaches. He said, "I'll see" & walked away. I asked another & he also said, "I'll see" & walked away. In the end, I gave up & found them myself, in Aisle C.

I told my physical therapist that I broke my arm in two (2) places. He told me to stop going to those places.

I put our scale in the bathroom corner & that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

When I was a kid, I used to watch the 'Wizard of Oz' & wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got Facebook.

Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror & think, "That can't be accurate!"

I want to be 14 again & ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

Apparently RSVP'ing to a wedding invitation with "Maybe next time" isn't the correct response.

A guy walks into a lumberyard & asks for some 2x4s. The clerk asks, "How long do you need them?" The guy answers, "A long time. We're gonna build a house."

I just burned 1,200 calories. I forgot the pizza in the oven.

Who knew that the hardest thing about being an adult is figuring out what to fix for dinner and doing it every single night for the rest of your life until you die?

I hate it when people act all intellectual and talk about Mozart when they've never even seen one of his paintings.



