

Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

Next Meeting on September 4 ! ←

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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)  
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### **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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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**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>.

**September 16: 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.

**September 26: 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. <https://kl7jfu.com>

## 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) (Complete)

Gold Nugget Triathlon – May 18, 2025

Complete

Alaska Run for Women – June 7, 2025

(Complete)

Dog Jog – July 26, 2025

Contact TJ, KL7TS

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

Anchorage Runfest – August 17, 2025

Contact Keith, KL7MM

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## Public Service Note

Five of our public service events have been completed. The Walk and Roll for Hope, the Gold Nugget Triathlon, the Alaska Run for Women, the Dog Jog and the Runfest.

All five events were well coordinated and a big

THANK YOU

to the volunteers that staffed these events!

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

There will be no note from the President this month.

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### Alaska Section News March 2025

No information received this month.

David W Stevens KL7EB AK SM

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

### 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.



## ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 7, 2025

Radio Science and Operations Center (RSOC)  
6721 Raspberry Road  
Anchorage, AK  
**APPROVED**

### Call to Order

The meeting (hybrid w/ Zoom and in-person attendance) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Richard Tweet KL2AZ. A quorum was established.

### Business

- Richard Tweet KL2AZ reported about the upcoming public service event: Anchorage Runfest August 17<sup>th</sup> with Keith Clark KL7MM as the contact person.
- PFD fundraising generated \$700 this year, down from the usual \$1,200 in previous years. Pick, Click, Give allows changes until August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Dave Nicolai K1TAQ has agreed to step into the board position vacated by Dave Webb N9AIG. The membership voted to accept Dave Nicolai K1TAQ as the new board member.

- The election committee was introduced as TJ Sheffield KL7TS chair of the committee with Dave Webb N9AIG and Matt Ostrander KL4QH as committee members.

- Richard Tweet KL2AZ explained the election process as outlined in the club bylaws:

**August meeting:** Election committee announced, and procedures presented

**September meeting:** Committee presents candidate slate, additional floor nominations accepted, then nominations close

**October:** Mail-out ballots if election is required, ballots are due by **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Electronic voting is allowed by the bylaws.

**November meeting:** Election results announced, new directors attend as non-voting members

**January 1st:** Newly elected directors take office

Only Alaska residents in good standing as of September meeting close can vote

Nominees must consent to serve and be seconded by two voting members

- Richard Tweet KL2AZ informed the group that Got Junk has been retained to remove scrap metal, construction debris, and junk material left by the FCC. This activity has been funded by two board members.

- A repair of Hillside South repeater has been scheduled for Monday August 11, 2025. The owner has been contacted to gain access to the site.

Club board (in attendance) introductions

- Richard Tweet KL2AZ is the club President
- Dave Webb N9AIG is the club Secretary
- TJ Sheffield KL7TS serves as vice president and Radio Science and Operations Center Station Manager
- Keith Clark KL7MM is a Board member and the trustee of KL7AA
- John Lime III KL4OF is a Board member.

The membership in attendance also introduced themselves.

Richard Tweet KL2AZ requested input from the group to improve our work covering public service events. TJ Sheffield KL7TS did not propose any changes, but to have an awareness of the following:

- We'll be using the club 146.94 MHz repeater as primary for Runfest on August 17<sup>th</sup>. And the CW ID on that repeater is too hot and it keys up on the initial transmission, it dumps the CW ID on the initial key up. So, your message can get covered up by the system. We're looking to reprogram it so that the audio is less intense, but you want to be aware that your initial transmission could be covered up by the CW ID.

- All repeaters are prone to front end clipping, which means as you key the microphone on your push to talk, you want to pause for half a second. And that allows your transmitter to come up to full power. It allows the repeater to process your signal on the input, and it comes up to full power before it retransmits your message. So key up, pause, then begin speaking.

### Video Presentation from Ham Radio Prep.

Richard Tweet KL2AZ showed a Ham Radio Prep video about Emergency Communications 101 course

- Video covered FEMA training requirements (IS-100C, IS-700B, IS-213), Winlink digital communications, and personal emergency preparedness
- Course includes **5 hours** of video content across **19 lessons**
- Focuses on ARES, RACES, and AUXCOM participation requirements

#### **Alaska emergency frequencies and nets**

**3.920 MHz:** Primary Alaska earthquake information net frequency, activated during major earthquakes like recent Russia and Sand Point earthquakes

**5167.5 kHz:** Secondary emergency frequency is tested on the last Saturday of every month at 10:00 AM and uses upper sideband (not lower sideband despite being in 5 MHz band)

**60 meter** amateur allocation also available with restrictions  
Monthly emergency frequency test reaches as far as Valdez, Fairbanks and Delta Junction area  
TJ Sheffield operates as net control for earthquake information nets, monitoring Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer  
Club operates as AUXCOM (auxiliary communications) under incident command system for both Anchorage Emergency Operations Center and state EOC  
South Central Simplex Net runs **Wednesday nights** and encourages Winlink participation via Telnet for beginners

#### General Discussion

TJ Sheffield KL7TS was thanked by Dave (member from Florida):

“I want to extend a huge thank you to TJ. My wife and I came through your neck of the woods at the end of May, and he was kind enough to give us a grand tour of the RSOC, and we greatly enjoyed it. He was a wealth of information. He was warm and welcoming, and we enjoyed it greatly, and I wanted to extend a huge thank you to TJ for that.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted as recorded by Dave Webb N9AIG  
(AARC Secretary) on August 7, 2025

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

July 15, 2025  
Radio Science and Operations Center (RSOC)  
6721 Raspberry Road  
Anchorage, AK  
**APPROVED**

The online meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Richard Tweet KL2AZ. A quorum was established.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (VIA ZOOM):**

Richard Tweet KL2AZ, Keith Clark KL7MM, TJ Sheffield KL7TS, Dave Webb N9AIG, Wigi Tozzi KL0R, Rebecca Weicht, Mathieu Ostrander KL4QH and John Lime III KL4OF

#### **EXCUSED BOARD MEMBERS:**

Kent Petty KL5T

#### **UNEXCUSED BOARD MEMBERS:**

None

#### **REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Richard Tweet KL2AZ added an item to talk about the election committee.

#### **VISITORS:**

None

#### **TIME CRITICAL ITEM(S):**

None

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **SECRETARY REPORT**

Dave Webb N9AIG provided the June 2025 AARC Board meeting minutes and there was not any membership meeting in July, so no minutes were required for approval. A motion was made by TJ Sheffield KL7TS, to approve the minutes and was seconded by Rebecca Weicht (assoc.) with a couple of minor corrections. With no objections, the motion passed. TJ Sheffield KL7TS suggested that we go over the meeting minutes of the board meeting at the development meeting just prior to the board meeting. Dave Webb N9AIG agreed.

##### **TREASURER REPORT**

Kent Petty KL5T was excused, so there was not a treasurer's report. The Board advised by TJ Sheffield KL7TS that Kent Petty KL5T would be leaving Alaska on August 11.

##### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Keith Clark KL7MM indicated that the website was down for access to the meeting link so no meeting was held. The meeting was moved to this Thursday July 17, 2025.

##### **GAMING COMMITTEE**

TJ Sheffield KL7TS noted there was nothing new to report.

##### **TRUSTEE REPORT**

Keith Clark KL7MM noted the KL7AA callsign was used on Field Day. Dave Webb N9AIG reported there was no use of the KL7G callsign. Keith also indicated that David Nicolai K1TAQ made some calls and that those contacts will be uploaded to logbook.

##### **PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

TJ Sheffield KL7TS requested some help tomorrow on July 16<sup>th</sup>. John Bury, KL7QZ is, getting out of the ham radio hobby, and his wife, Susan, hired Borealis Broadband to take down John's towers and they're actively doing that. But

originally, we were going to get the towers and the antennas, which are a high gain tri bander and mostly dual band antenna for seventeen and twelve meters. However, Borealis Broadband is keeping the Rohn 25 tower equipment. We need to dismantle the antennas and transport them back to RSOC. Both Richard Tweet KL2AZ and John Lime III KL4OF volunteered to assist with the work.

#### **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (includes ROP)**

TJ Sheffield KL7TS reported that we need to send a final report to the Rasmuson Foundation for the snowblower grant to bring closure to the project.

There was also some discussion around equipment at the Pioneer Home.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

As Kent Petty KL5T was excused, no report was given.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

As Kent Petty KL5T was excused, no report was given. There was some discussion regarding Kent Petty KL5T to take some equipment (all personal items or grant funded) with him when he relocates to develop an educational class. The board did not have any objections.

#### **EQUIPMENT REPORT**

TJ Sheffield KL7TS reported the Wick Estate that Keith Clark KL7MM did a site visit to requires a tubular tower removal (Tristao Skyneedle). There is also a Tri Bander on top that will have to be removed. It will be determined whether the club is comfortable removing the equipment and if we have the required resources.

The last is Hillside South. We've got maintenance to do. The owners of the property generously offered to contribute something towards the repair of the shed. It's July, and we haven't been up there. So once again, things are piling up, and the summer's ticking away.

Keith KL7MM reported that he is still working through issues at Glenn Alps repeater site.

#### **EMCOMM**

As Kent Petty KL5T was excused, TJ Sheffield KL7TS reported that we did the shares interoperability event.

The AEOC is getting a new roof. Richard Tweet KL2AZ and TJ Sheffield went to their kickoff meeting. We're supposed to get another invite to a more hands-on site visit where we'd get up on the roof.

The minutes or summary of the joint medical emergency planning group (JMEPG) was forwarded and in the summary, they are talking about radio. So, there's a good reason for us to attend via Zoom or in person their August meeting. They've got two instances of radio-related discussions. And I think some of it may be because of our meeting with their administrative director, the chief medical officer, where we mentioned things like contingency communications and satellite phones.

#### **VEC PROGRAM**

As Kent Petty KL5T was excused, no report was given.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS**

TJ Sheffield KL7TS noted the Dog Jog (our 28<sup>th</sup> year) will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup> and we have a couple of new volunteers. There was some discussion around locations for specific individuals.

Keith Clark KL7MM reported that he had his last coordination meeting with the Run Fest committee. Keith still needs additional people to assist with net control and other locations.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

01. Vacancies –Newsletter Editor, and Membership Coordinator remain vacant. The Treasurer position becomes vacant early August. We also have a vacant board position open with Dave Webb N9AIG accepting the appointment of AARC Secretary.

02. KL7AA Repeater Site status. Both Glenn Alps and Site Summit need immediate attention to resolve access issues and lease verbiage.

03. RSOC Watch Officer – Nothing new, but the term is being used - Placeholder

04. Shared POD for Pahrump – Nothing new.

05. AARC Weatherport sale – Nothing new.

06. Postcard mailing to prospective hams. Richard Tweet KL2AZ to review Wigi Tozzi's KL0R information.

07. In-Person Board meeting(s). Tentative September 16th

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

01. Richard Tweet KL2AZ appointed TJ Sheffield KL7TS, Dave Webb N9AIG, and Mat Ostrander KL4QH as the election committee (announced at the August membership meeting). This committee is to have a slate ready for presentation to the membership in September.

02. Richard Tweet KL2AZ reported that he is still actively pursuing a speaker for the August 7<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

03. Wigi Tozzi KL0R brought up the subject of developing remote capabilities for an HF station for the hospitals. We could set it up such that the membership would have access to the stations under a sign-up system. This way, we would always be sure that the system would be available during emergencies. Would there be a way to monetize this to have it self-sustaining (subscription service)?

#### **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted as recorded on 07/15/2025 by Dave Webb N9AIG, AARC Secretary.

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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)

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## From the Past - - (2005)

The Amateur's Code The Radio Amateur is CONSIDERATE...never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY...slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

--The original Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928.

### 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.

## 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

Northwestern News  
Volume Two, August 2025

Greetings fellow Northwestern Division members. It's been a busy few months both here in the Division and back at ARRL HQ.

### Field Day 2025

FD came and went. I have not heard any horror stories so am assuming all went "as planned", unlike that one year with a plane crash, the tent blowing away and two 80 year olds in a fist fight. (If you know you know, don't ask)

Oregon SM Scott Rosenfeldt, N7JI reports:  
Hannah, W7HER (Oregon PIO, and my daughter) and I headed over the mountains to Florence to visit the W7FLO operation as they were setting up. It was a beautiful day on the coast and the Three Rivers Casino parking lot proved to be a very good location. The COCARC club, newly ARRL affiliated, had a fun, well-run, well-attended Field Day operation. Hannah and I headed back to the home club's site (W7PXL at Lowell State Rec Area), arriving in time for lunch.

I stayed as part of the overnight crew. We had been planning this operation for eight months, and made almost 1,000 QSOs with a 4A, 100% solar battery powered station. I was the primary CW operator, knocking out about 250 QSOs. We made a lot of QSOs on 20m SSB using N7AQ's restored Hallicrafters SX-150, which sounded great and consumed a LOT of solar power to make 100W of RF. It was amazing getting to use a rig that was built 9 years before I was born.

We did a fox hunt, sent messages via winlink for visitors, held an exam session, and nobody got hurt.

We have already held a "lessons learned" meeting for next year's operation. We had about 80 people in attendance.

WWA SM Bob Purdom, AD7LJ reports:  
I attended the FD site set up by the Radio Club of Tacoma. Had a great time with the club members.

Idaho SM Don Lynn, ND7L reports:  
As you know, for Idaho, we were in a transition period during Field Day between outgoing SM Dan Marler, K7REX and myself. I spoke to many of our clubs and individuals who took to the air from a variety of settings whether at home, the great outdoors, or literally a club member's field. Two of our SSC's put on a full meal deal with a full assortment of radio activities.

Most impressive was the Magic Valley ARC's effort - They had a state representative visit their operation; and a news reporter from KMVT-TV who not only did a great job reporting on amateur radio with a wonderful response from two of their members who were interviewed. The reporter stayed and operated 20m SSB for a few hours. Link to story (HDX note.... Magic Valley ARC has been an ARRL Affiliated Club since 1973! )

EWA SM Jo Whitney, KA7LJQ reports:  
"Radio Connects" – Field Day 2025 – EWA Section Manger notes  
Field Day sites visited this year in a whirlwind 785 mile loop included:

Panoramaland ARC, K7JAR, in Colville, Stevens County. They successfully set-up 4 stations and a GOTA. We exchanged site photos of the station, and shared the field with a horse and cow for a great story in their newsletter. My first and hopefully not my last to visit into northeast WA.

Spokane County ARES/ACS, W7GBU, in Spokane Valley, Spokane County. They had two stations set-up in a city parking lot for plenty of public viewing.

KBARA in Valleyford, Spokane County. They were able to set-up in a very accommodating public park with 3 stations. This was their first field day in several years – the turnout was awesome!

Central Washington ARC, W7TT, in Ephrata, Grant County. They have a sweet set-up running 1A at the White Trail Grange. A crane outside suspends their antenna along with with a full kitchen to meet all of their needs for the weekend

Lake Chelan ARC in Chelan. They reached their goal of a hilltop location with a 360-degree view for their 1A entry and a multi-day campout enjoyed by all.

I look forward to 2026 Field Day visits, meeting new people and being inspired by amateur radio operators showing their stuff!

ARRL Second Board of Directors Meeting:

July 17th, 18th and 19th VD Sterba and I attended the Second meeting of the ARRL Board in Connecticut. This time around Michael made it on time and I ended up only about 30 minutes late after having to spend the night stuck inside Reagan National Airport. I don't know if anyone else has noticed, but flying is not as fun as it used to be. I can report the floor at Reagan is nicer than the one at O'Hare. Full minutes of the meeting can be found here:  
<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/About%20ARRL/Board%20Meetings/2025/ARRL%20Board%20Minutes%20Minutes%20July%202025.pdf>

The board got to work on Thursday morning with meetings of the Administration and Finance (A&F) committee, Emergency Communications and Field Services (ECFSC) committee, and Programs and Services (PSC) committee. These are normally around 6 hour meetings and much work is done in committee to reduce time in the Board room.

A few items worth repeating here from the meeting:  
Min. 13 By law 46 passed after a full year and a half of work by the special committee.

Min. 20 The Historical Committee reported that the long awaited ARRL Museum and Research Library of Amateur gear is now live. "Radio Alpha" as it is called can be found HERE.

Min. 30 Many have asked about what the next on-air event will be coming out of HQ. The full text of min. 30 is below and spells out what to look for in 2026.

30. The Programs & Services Committee moved that:  
WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, is the Semi-quintennial or 250th anniversary of the United States of America, and WHEREAS, an event of this magnitude should include a special operating event for amateur radio and the ARRL, similar to the ARRL Centennial. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ARRL Board of Directors hereby authorizes the CEO, requisite staff, and other volunteers, as deemed appropriate, to establish a year-long Semi-quintennial USA operating event for 2026.

Min. 31 On the heels of the new DXCC Trident award, which may be applied for after working and confirming DXCC on each mode, SSB, CW, and Digital, PSC has authorized the CEO and staff to create a new 10

band  
DXCC award.

Min. 32 ECFSC made a motion to promote 2026 as “The year of the club”. More to follow on the details of what will be happening in 2026.

Min. 36 Club website “competition”  
THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ARRL Board of Directors requests that the CEO directs staff to create a program to promote and recognize ARRL Affiliated or Special Service club websites. This program would have two aspects. The first aspect is to offer a website “makeover” to a small number chosen clubs to feature in ARRL publications. The second aspect is to seek out and choose exceptional club websites to be featured throughout 2026.

Recent Division events:

Idaho State Convention: Saturday August 9th  
EWA SM Whitney and I attended the convention held again this year in Post Falls Idaho. Newly appointed Idaho SM Don Lynn along with HVP Fenstermaker were also on hand.

SDXA Summer picnic: Saturday August 9th  
The club (Jo and I included) had a great afternoon at the Morrisett home just out of Spokane. For those who did not know, Del, WA7AQH, passed away earlier this year and his wife wanted to still host the event. The club turned out to support Dells wife, and to share stories.

Upcoming Division events: (If your group would like to promote your upcoming event, please let me know)  
Chehalis Valley ARS (Washington) is sponsoring a Fox hunt on August 16th, meet at the Law and Justice center 345 W. Main, Chehalis WA.

Upcoming ARRL sanctioned Hamfests and Conventions through October  
Check the always updated webpage of Assistant Director Burlingame at [n7cfo.com](http://n7cfo.com)  
August 15-17th Pacific Northwest DX Convention in Clackamas, OR  
September 6th MARA 2025 Hamfest Wasilla AK (New location Wasilla Senior center)  
September 13th Zero Retries Digital Conference in Everett.  
October 11th ARRC Hamfest in Fairbanks, AK Bently Mall,  
October 11th Pacific Northwest VHF Society Conference Wenatchee, WA

October 18th Swaptoberfest in Rickreall, OR  
This list is only inclusive of those events that have applied for ARRL sanctioning. The rules for sanctioning have changed this year. If you are looking to sanction your event this year, or in the future, please review the new rules [HERE](#).

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Mark J. Tharp KB7HDX  
ARRL Director  
Northwestern Division  
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509-952-5764

And now some words of wisdom from Vice Director Sterba:  
As Director Tharp pretty much covered all things from the board meeting, I offer the following statistics.  
Populations at the time of this writing (Lagging Indicators):

Northwestern Division Membership:  
\* 10,391 (Decrease from 10,503)  
\* 62 (New)  
\* 42 (Lapsed that re-joined)

National Membership:  
\* 131,470 (Decrease from 132,533)

License Counts:  
\* 72,013 (Division total)  
\* 171 (New)  
\* 0 (Upgrades) (Reporting under maintenance)  
\* 744,126 (National total)

(Broken record warning, but it is true) Director Tharp and I are always open to input, good and bad, (we prefer good) from members. If you have anything you would like to talk about, shoot us an email or call on the phone. In addition, we are always looking for information to share with the Division. If you have a news item you would like to offer, please send us a note and we would be glad to include it here. It is always great to hear from members.  
Enjoy Amateur Radio... Be Active, Be Positive Be Safe, as your voice carries

Respectfully your servant,

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## 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>

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,

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Station Manager

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## Swap and Shop Photos for listings can be found at:

<https://kl7aa.org/category/swap-shop/>

### Telescoping tower for sale

KL7AA is selling a telescoping tower. There are 5 – 8' sections. There is some rust, but it appears to be superficial surface rust. We don't know the brand name...

Cushcraft 3 element 10, 15, 20 band with 40 m add on. Plus roof mount tower 'kit'. \$100 or best offer Contact: Andy Kmak WE9H 661-992-9224 20610 Jayhawk Drive Chugiak,...

An older ham who is retiring his station has a number of items to sell. Anyone interested in any of the items lease contact the Club at [info@kl7aa.org](mailto:info@kl7aa.org).

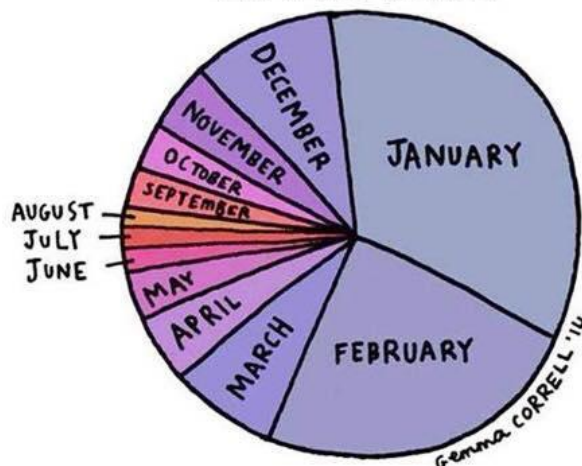
Ameritron AL80B  
Ameritron SPS75MV  
Ameritron ALS500M  
Kenwood TS890S  
Yaesu FT 857D  
Yaesu FT 2900R  
Mosley TW-32  
Hygain Tailtwister  
Hygain TH3MKY  
LDG AT-600 Pro II  
MFJ 9390Y

MFJ941E  
MFJ 962C/D  
ACR Terra Fix (GPS)  
Pixel RF Pro-1b

Older listings can also be found on the Club website.



## How Time Passes... In ALASKA



"Sorry OM, I can only work QRP at the moment!"



