

6 May *Watch for toys*

General Meeting: Friday, 7 April, 7:00 PM Rm 123, Consortium Library, UAA Campus
 Social Meeting: Friday, 21 April, 7:00 PM Bookies Restraunt, Minnesota & Northern Lites
 Transmitter Hunt: Sunday, 9 April, 2:00 PM meet on 34/94 prior to start, hunt on 52 simplex
 Flea Market: Saturday and Sunday 29-30 April, Sunshine Mall Downtown (see notice below)
 Board Of Directors meeting: Thursday 20 April, 7:00 PM 820 W.71st Ave (KL7CC QTH)
 PARKAS: Contact Lucy, W3HTH for more information

The major event this month is of course the Flea Market, an annual event looked forward to by all the Amateurs in the area. The Flea Market is the major source of funds used for operation of the club throughout the year. This year's event will be held in the Sunshine Mall, next to McDonalds Downtown. This is the same place as the last years affair, and in the same area of the Mall. Frank Drake, KL7IPV, is in charge of booth rental. Contact him if you are looking for a place to unload all that good stuff you have been accumulating the past year or so. We understand the Auctioneer this year will be KL7CQ (Old Foghorn) so there promises to be some spirited bidding for the goodies as usual. Be sure to attend, you will be mad at yourself for a year if you miss it.

KL7IKX is assumed duties as the Anchorage Area ARES Emergency Cooridinator. He has appointed Dave, KL7GAG, as the assistant EC for VHF. Other appointments are forthcoming. Anyone interested in active participation in any function of ARES should contact either Dave or Doug, both are listed in the new club roster (the green one).

WA6AX0 is interested in hearing from anyone who would like to serve on the HF committee, as they are planning on having a meeting soon. 274-5280

We have the new receiver (finally) installed on the 34/94 repeater, and although there seems to be some initial settling in problems, all signs indicate that it will improve the hearing ability at least as much as expected, perhaps more. Sorry that it took so long to get it hooked in, time just isn't as plentiful these days. Along these same lines, we have had to shorten the dropout timer on the repeater temporarily. The reason this was done was in response to a growing number of complaints by club members that a very small minority was monopolizing the machine and others were not getting an opportunity to use it. The machine is supposed to be available to all equally, so hopefully by making the timer shorter each of us will have a better chance. The object of this excersise is to remind each of us that someone else may be patiently waiting to use the machine while we talk. If the situation is improved in a few weeks, the timer will be returned to 3 minutes. Remember that there are other repeaters for use besides 34/94, and several simplex channels too. Remember the first rule of repeater operation: If you don't have something to say, don't spend time on the repeater saying it! Even though you may be in conversation with only one or two stations, there are probably a hundred others listening who do not wish to take part in your conversation. If they are all driven by frustration to turn their receivers off, the ability to raise anyone in town with a simple call on the machine is largely lost. Amateurs as a rule take great pride in their operating practices, which is one of the main things that separates us from the channel 19 crowd. Think about it.

The convention is coming! Mention it to all contacts you make in the south 48, we may be able to get a few friends to arrange their vacation plans around it. See you there.

Found on the wall of a local radio store:

WE HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN ANSWERING ALL OF YOUR PROBLEMS - INDEED WE SOMETIMES FEEL WE HAVE NOT COMPLETELY ANSWERED ANY OF THEM. THE ANSWERS WE HAVE FOUND HAVE ONLY SERVED TO RAISE A WHOLE NEW SET OF QUESTIONS. IN SOME WAYS WE FEEL THAT WE ARE AS CONFUSED AS EVER, BUT ON A HIGHER LEVEL AND ABOUT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS.

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