Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

Meeting on November 2nd

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And Much Much More

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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
Alaska Motley Net 3.933 MHz 9:00 PM daily
Alaska Pacific Net 14.292 MHz 8:00 AM M-F
850 No Name Net 146.85/25 repeater Sundays 8:00 PM
Son of Sideband Net 144.20 USB Mondays 9:00 PM local
Big City Simplex Net 146.520, 446.0, & 52.525 FM Packet
145.01 Tuesdays 8:00 PM local
ARES net 147.30/90 repeater Thursdays at 8:00 PM local
PARKA net 147.30/90 Thursdays at 9:00 PM local

Anchorage & Mat Valley Area Repeaters
KL7AA systems at Flattop Mtn., 2,200 ft
146.94/34 MHz, 80 watts, autopatch, 100/141.3 Hz PL
224.94/223.34, 25 watts, no patch, no PL
444.70/449.70, 25 watts, autopatch, 123.0/141.3 PL
KL7CC, Anchorage Hillsise, SCRC & QCWA
146.97/37 MHz, 30 watts, autopatch, 103.5 Hz PL
KL7M Anchorage Hillsise
147.21/81 MHz, Internet Iphone, 103.5 Hz PL
KL7ON at Mt. Gordon Lyon 3,940 ft
147.30/90 MHz - 80 watts, no patch, no PL
KL7AIR Elmendorf AFB, EARS
146.67/07, 107.2 Hz PL
KL7DIE at Grubstake Peak, 4,500 ft
147.09/69 MHz, 25 watts, no patch, 100 Hz PL
444.925/449.925, 10 watts, no patch, 141.3 Hz PL
KL7FU, KGB road, MARA club
146.85/25, autopatch, no PL
KL7DOB, Wasilla in W7BD’s tree
146.64/04, simplex patch, no PL
KL7AA, Mt. Alyeska, 2,400 ft
146.76/16 MHz, 25 watts, no patch, 141.3 Hz PL

South Central Area Simplex Frequencies
146.52 Mhz Calling and Emergency frequency
447.57 / 447.57 (crossband linked) HF spotters & chat, 103.5 Hz PL
146.49 MHz Anchorage area simplex chat
146.43 MHz Mat Valley simplex chat
147.42 MHz Peninsula simplex chat
Internet Web links, the favorites from our readers
AARC http://home.gci.net/~lawson/
SCRC http://www.KL7G.org
EARS http://www.qsl.net/KL7air
MARA http://www.obarr.net/mara/
Moose Horn ARC http://www.alaksa.net/~Kl7fg
ARES http://www.qsl.net/areascalaska
KL7J http://www.alaska.net/~buchholz
Fairbanks AARC: http://www.kl7kc.com/
Yukon Amateur Radio Association:
http://www.klondike.com/yara/index.html
HAARP Project:
<<Amateur Radio Reference Library>>
http://www.area-ham.org/library/libindex.html
Hamradio: http://www.hamrad.com/
Solar Terrestrial Activity http://209.130.27.95/solar/
ARRL http://www.arrl.org/
Propagations Report Recording 566-1819
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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: All articles from members
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 computer disk, fax, or E-
mail to the newsletter editor at the address listed on the cover.
Submissions must be in the hands of the editor at least two
weeks prior to the meeting.

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MISTAKES!
If you find any mistakes in our newsletter,
especially in the spelling of words, please consider
that they are there for a purpose.
We publish something for everyone to keep
everyone happy, especially those who are always
looking for mistakes....Keep smiling, your Editor

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Regular HAM Gatherings:

Lunch Tuesdays, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM: Join the gang for
lunch and an eyeball QSO at the Royal Fork, “South, on Old
Seward Highway.

Breakfast Saturdays, 7:30 AM: Here is a great way to get
started on the weekend come and meet with some of the locals
and have a great breakfast at Phillips Restaurant, at the corner
of Arctic and International. Great Fun.

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THIS MONTH’S EVENTS

November 2nd: AARC general meeting at 7:00 PM 1st
Friday of the month in the Carr-Gottstein Building, on the APU
Campus. Talk in will be on 147.300.

November 6th: EARS general meeting at 7:00 PM 1st
Tuesday of the month in the basement of Denali Hall (building
31-270) on Elmendorf AFB. Talk in on 147.67/07 repeater.

November 6th: VE License Exam 6:30 PM, 1st Tuesday of
the month at the Hope Cottage offices, 540 W International.
Bring photo ID, copy of license (if any) and any certificates of
completion.

November 2nd, 16th, and 30th: Moosehorn ARC general
meeting at 7:00 PM every other Thursday in the Soldotna
Borough q3 Offices on North Blinkley. Talk in on 146.88
repeater or 147.42 simplex.

November 9th: SCRC meeting at 7:00 PM the 2nd Friday of
the month at Denny’s on Debarr & Bragaw. Talk in on 147.57
simplex.

November 10th: VE License Exams at 2:00 PM. 2nd
Saturday of the month at Hope Cottage 540 W. International.
Be sure to bring photo ID, copy of license (if any) and any
certificates of completion.

November 10th: PARKA Meeting at 11:00 AM. 2nd
Saturday of the month at Peggy’s, across from Merrill Field

November 20th: AARC Board meeting at 7:00 PM 3rd
Tuesday of the month at Hope Cottage 540 W. International.

November 17th: ARES General meeting 9:30 AM to 12:00
PM. 3rd Saturday of the month. Will be held at Alesa
Building on Bragaw Street

November 30th: MARA meeting at 7PM the last Friday of
the month at the MTA Business Office in Palmer.

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Please be advised that there will be NO January newsletter nor will there be any refreshments for the January general meeting.

Mr. John Shull passed away Thursday, 11 Oct 01. His long time friend Phil Liejasus is planning a memorial service and will contact with details once arrangements have been made.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MR. JOHN W. SHULL

A memorial service for Mr. John Shull has been scheduled for Tuesday, 23 Oct 2001 at 7:00pm at Anchorage Baptist Temple (ABT), VIP Room; refreshments will follow the service. Anyone wishing to donate funds please do so in Honor of Mr. John Shull to the Anchorag Baptis Temple Children's Ministry by contacting 333-6535.

VEC Report

Five AARC VEC testing session were held in Anchorage during September. No sessions were held in any other locations. The following table provides some basic statistics for September and the past 12 months:

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Anchorage Amateur Radio Club General Meeting, October 5, 2001

The AARC General Meeting was held on Friday, October 5, 2001, at The Carr-Gottstein building on the APU Campus. President Randy Vallee, AL7PJ, opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

After introductions, Lil Marvin, NL7DL, read a letter from Gordon West. Gordon said he had another good time, and suggested that our next Hamfest chairman contact him as soon as possible, as active participation by himself and the major vendors needs to be scheduled as early in the year as possible.

Susan Woods, NL7NN, then gave a run-down on what the Red Cross has been doing in the wake of the Sept. 11, disaster. Red Cross National has raised a total of $292 million dollars. The local chapter helped approximately 200 stranded passengers. ARES volunteers operated for two full days assisting and passing traffic.

John Lynn, KL7CY, who gave a demo on his lights, provided activities for the evening. It was a very informative presentation about LED's, with hands on examples, and hands-on calculations on performance.

After a short break, Randy, AL7PJ, opened the floor for Board nominations. Attached are the names presented. There are still several slots open as we need at least two candidates for each position.

PRESIDENT
VICE-PRESIDENT
1. Randy Vallee, AL7PJ
2. 1. Jim Larsen, AL7FS

2. Peter Bailey, WL7BW
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SECRETARY
TREASURER
1. Keith Clark, WL7CSR
2. 1. Richard Block, KL7RLB
3. Lynn Hammond, KL7IKV

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THREE YEAR BOARD
1. Larry Cohen, AL7RI
2. Frank Pratt, KL7FSE

ONE YEAR BOARD
1. Rob Smith, AL7ML
2. Lynn Hammond, KL7IKV
3. Fielder Dowding, KL7FHX
4. Pat Wilke, WL7JA
5. Peter Bailey, WL7BW
6. Caron Cohen, N2TSH
7. John Murray, NL7WW
8. Susan Woods, NL7NN
9. Steve Jensen, KL0VZ
There was a brief notice that the Christmas Party would likely be changed from the Elmendorf Officers Club because of the new security measures on base. More to follow---

There not being a quorum, no business was transacted.

John Murray, NL7WW, suggested that the RV and the generators be checked to make sure they have been winterized.

John, KL7CY, suggested that we move on to the monthly raffle before going home.

The meeting ended at 8:30

(UNAPPROVED)
Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting, October 16, 2001

The AARC Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2001, at Hope Community Resources Administrative Building at 540 West International Airport Way. President Randy Vallee, AL7PJ, opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. The following officers were in attendance: President Randy Vallee, AL7PJ, Vice-President Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Secretary Keith Clark, WL7CSR, Treasurer Richard Block, KL7RLB, Activities Manager T. J. Sheffield, KL7TS, and Past-President John Lynn, KL7CY. Also in attendance: Mike Borer, WL7CKB, David Stevens, KL7EB, Jim Tvrdy, KL7CDG, Frank Pratt, KL7FSE, and Rob Smith, AL7ML. AARC Club member, VEC Chairman Jim Wiley, KL7CC, was also present.

Minutes from the September 18th Board Meeting were reviewed. Rob Smith, AL7ML, made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mike Borer, WL7CKB, and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Health and Welfare:
No news reported.

Membership Report:
No report submitted.

Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer Richard Block, KL7RLB, has no official report, but indicates the club is solvent.

Gaming Committee Report:
John Lynn, KL7CY, advises that we have heard nothing from the State on the investigation. All responses have been filed and we are awaiting a response.

VHF Committee Report:

John, KL7CY, reported trouble with the link from Girdwood, and also that everything looks good for establishing a repeater in the inlet on Shell Platform A. More will follow, as it becomes available. A written report submitted from Doug Dickinson, KL7EL, is attached.

VEC Report:
Jim Wiley, KL7CC, indicated things are running smoothly. He advises that there is a request to send VEC's to Angoon. John Lynn, KL7CY, moved to sponsor 3 VE's to Angoon for a test feed of 12 people or more, for an amount not to exceed $600.00. Mike Borer, WL7CKB, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ARES:
Mike Borer, WL7CKB, advises that there is no current activity, and that the next meeting is on Sat. the 20th at 9:30 at Alyeska.

Hamfest
Jim Wiley, KL7CC, thinks all receipts have settled and it looks like a breakeven situation. Planning for next year's Hamfest was begun.

Letters to vendors from this years Hamfest have not been sent as this secretary didn't get it taken care of. It will happen before the next meeting.

Old Business:
Randy Vallee, AL7PJ, is still working on streamlining the Club phone system. He is waiting on return phone calls from ACS.

Repeater was again discussed.

T. J. Sheffield, KL7TS, discussed door prizes at the General Meeting.

There was a short break.

New Business:

Grant Committee brought two requests for action.

David Stevens, KL7EB, made a motion to present to the general membership, the Board's recommendation, to approve $2,600.00 for the Fairbanks Club to outfit a pull trailer as a mobile communications center. It was seconded by John Lynn, KL7CY, and passed unanimously.

Rob Smith, AL7ML, made a motion to present to the general membership, the Board's recommendation, to approve $2,200.00 for the Fairbanks Club to restock its parts supply. It was seconded by Jim Tvrdy, KL7CDG and passed unanimously.
John Lynn, KL7CY, raised the issue of monies sent to MARA two years ago, for discussion. Jim Wiley, KL7CC, to follow up on disposition.

The Board went into Executive Session.

Randy Vallee, AL7PJ, wants the Board to know it is coming up on budget time. He asks all committees to present their budget figures by the November meeting.

Publicity was discussed. Mike Borer, WL7CKB, and Jim Larsen, AL7FS, volunteered to be on a committee to explore the opportunities.

There being no further business, John Lynn, KL7CY, moved to adjourn, Mike Borer, WL7CKB, seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by H. Keith Clark, WL7CSR, Secretary

VHF Report
Doug Dickenson

1. Alyeska link final adjustments on hold until tram maintenance is done. No way to top of mountain...walking is out of the question!

2. I've been on a walk around Iv for the last month, so things have been somewhat restricted for me. That should end tomorrow if I'm lucky.

3. Anchor has been down. Anchor is a personal project of NL7NC John Lawson, for those that don't know John, his oldest son is recovering from a brain tumor, John and xyl have been spending a great deal of time in Seattle at the hospital. Talked to John Monday night, he's back, and his son's 3-month checkup went well, and he hopes to re-activate ANCHOR within the week.

4. Due to budgetary and political things I don't want to be anywhere near, Icewolf the ADES sponsored packet link will be turned off on 1 November. ADES refuse's to pay the overpriced circuit charges, and is tired of putting money to the IT group for repair of the system, only to have the IT group spend the funding on other 'higher' priority projects. KL0UN at ADES is working on a backbone via the Internet between a number of cities on a on-demand basis using the States First Class Server outlets at each city. No time frame on that, but we'll be at the mercy of Anchor, and other Internet links until ADES finishes the project, even then we'll be at the mercy of wire line providers. Maybe it's time to look at some RF path's again, IF there's enough interest in packet to warrant the time.

I'd like to think that things were 'slowing down', and while it's true all but one survey crew is in. I have about a weeks worth of work in Glennallen putting in a new dispatch console.

Another one just like it for Anchorage, plus a complete logging system for Anchorage with IP tie. Slow... That's what I am at 0500, after that all bets are off.

Can you check with the treasurer, I sent my 3-month billing for powering the packet gear to him a week before the end of the month, nothing in the mail yet. Unfortunately I was being fitted for my IV meeting night.

Squirreling Away for the Winter
By Richard Block, KL7RLB

Connecticut, the Nutmeg State, is forested with tall and fully leaved birch and sycamore trees and in the second week of October, the leaves were turning to reds and oranges than signaled to the abundant squirrels that the time is nigh to gather supplies for the winter. The Mountainside Resort, located in Wallingford, just north and east of New Haven, between a lush forest and a rural residential neighborhood, is a large and well appointed convention center, exhibit hall and recreation facility. Here is the venue for the Connecticut State ARRL Convention and Southern New England's Nutmeg Hamfest and over four hundred hams were present to gather supplies for the winter.

The outside "tailgate" flea market featured the usual selection of small parts, old radio gear and tee shirts. The most intriguing presence was a parking lot full of over seventy antennaladen vehicles demonstrating a portability of ham communication capability of the most complete and original kind.

Inside, the tables displayed the usual collection of new and used radio and computer gear, lots of small parts and a more than average collection of vintage radios. (Vintage radios are too old and well cared for to be called boat anchors.)

Wallingford being so close to Newington, Connecticut, it was not surprising that a full compliment of ARRL officials were on hand to give scheduled seminars or just ragchew about ham topics.

The featured speaker was Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, the FCC's special counsel for amateur radio enforcement.

Most of the points of his talk would not likely be surprising to most experienced hams, however, a few points deserve passing on.

One of the principle focuses of enforcement is, what Hollingsworth calls, "stupidity". He refers to hams who use language on the air which is not illegal, but which is an embarrassment to the hobby and provides good reason for law makers, both in U.S. and in foreign countries, to restrict or withdraw spectrum, bandwidth or privileges. He cited, particularly, the language recorded on tape by government
agencies in foreign countries on 75-meter band which is
jealously being petitioned by commercial telephone service
providers in these countries.

He played one of the tapes featuring two hams arguing over
trivia, calling each other names, blaming each other for acting
improperly, etc.

Another point was the dependence the FCC plays on amateur
self-enforcement. The staff of the FCC is too small to do the
job without the watchfulness of hams who listen and record
violations and who can triangulate on offending signals to
pinpoint where the FCC needs to act.

Hollingsworth pointed out that, in fact, the problem of
deliberate violations was quite small; the larger problem is
unintentional RFI that is being tracked and dealt with on a
cooperative basis. As power plants, industrial factories with
offending ventilation systems, universities with experimental
signaling devises and other unlikely sources of RFI are
identified, the FCC meets with the owner of the source and has
found the offenders unaware that their equipment was causing
problems and immediately cooperate to end the problem.

As I left the Nutmeg Hamfest, most of the tables were empty
of their wares. Apparently the hams of Southern New England
are ready to huddle inside and enjoy their hobby as fall gives
way to winter and the squirrels get ready to hide out in the
birches and sycamores.

ARCS - how do you do it?
Paul Cavnar - NN7B
Nevada SEC

I was recently appointed EC of our county ARES organization.
We are about five years old, but the group is lethargic. There
have been a number of issues, including the fact that we haven't
done much as a group. We started with about 25 interested
hams, but the group has dwindled to about 10. I think this is
partly because of the fact that we haven't done much. I'd like to
change that, as I have a number of new hams that are very
interested and enthusiastic, as I am. One of my questions has
to do with the money issue.

I think you have started off well but, you hit the nail on the
head when you said, "we haven't done much" as lack of
activities is one of, if not the biggest reason volunteers lose
interest. Having your enthusiastic members is a great asset
use that energy and get busy planning an exercise among your
radio group. I can give you some good ideas for that and a
whole list of things to look for that may need improvement so
you can "fine tune" your group's skills. Plan for and participate
in Field Day event every year. That does a lot to get hams
together and doing things they enjoy without being in an
"emergency" environment.

Our organization incorporated as a non-profit a couple of years
back, and at the time dues were set at $25 - quite a bit more
than the local radio club. The dues have been a problem for a
few people (probably a perception of not much for their
money). How much of a problem this is, I don't know - I don't
have a big sample to choose from. How does your local ARES
organization handle this? Do you charge dues? If not, how do
you fund your various activities and routine expenses? I see
having some sort of dues structure as good way to elicit at least
some commitment from people, but on the other hand I don't
want to keep people away. One idea I had is to tie this in
somehow with our local radio club (those who are members of
the club can be ARES members by just registering - those not a
member of the local club can pay the dues - potentially a win-
win situation). How do you do it?

Your setup for ARES is considerably different than what I have
been part of over the years. None of the organizations I joined
required any sort of "dues" at all. If you organize your group as
a club then I think you are on a downhill slide already. You
may do what you like but I have always felt it was
inappropriate to charge dues to anyone volunteering to do
d Regular communications. Just my personal opinion but,
that is how we're organized here in Northwestern Nevada.
Once you establish your ARES group as a "club" then you run
into the inevitable member who "isn't getting what they've paid
for" and that will destroy any organization in no time at all.
Volunteers, who will train, learn and practice their skills, as
emergency communicators should not have to "pay" to do so.
If that were the case in my area, we would only be a group of
four or five ever. I understand the need to meet expenses so, I
also don't want to lead you to believe that have some kind of
dues is wrong or bad. Your leadership will have to determine
what is best for your group.

A "club" is primarily a social organization. It has tendencies to
be very easily "controlled" and more often than not, becomes
what the strongest members direct it to be and no necessarily
what the whole of the membership want. Many clubs have the
same set of leaders who are re-elected year after year and
simply change titles. But, it ends up only a handful of people
run the whole thing. New people with fresh ideas and
enthusiasm are usually welcomed. Some "clubs" will welcome
them so long as they don't rock the boat or try to change things.
They are usually not allowed to do certain things that maybe
those who have been leaders for years aren't comfortable with
and become discouraged because their ideas or vision is not
validated or even tried.

Our group brought the ARES organization from oblivion to
about 79 members now and has combined our communications
duties as both ARES and RACES. Removing the "us vs them"
problem has eliminated problems of the past which caused both
of the organizations to suffer from lack of membership. Our
members are trained in all the skills for both ARES and
RACES needs and many are capable of handling
communications other than on an amateur radio. Getting to
that point meant that the leadership of our group, that is re-
elected every two years, commits to the local emergency management that we will recruit, train, certify and have organized volunteer amateur communicators so when we are called upon to assist, most all of our members can be used in any assignment limited only by their physical abilities and the hours involved.

As far as providing funding for events and expenses, we are in the process of securing our IRS 501(c) 3 non-profit organization status which will allow us to solicit for donations in both money, material and labor to support our organization and provide those who donate with a tax deductible receipt. Businesses are more willing to help out when they can have a deductible receipt from us. Many organizations and larger businesses look for local groups they can make a monetary donation to in their community and providing them with an overview of what you do and how it benefits the community is what they are looking for. We have also received some donations of equipment and some money from our own membership. We haven't turned down anything at all because most anything that us useful can be "liquidated" for cash to operate with and cover expenses.

One thing that is very important for your group to do is getting to know your local emergency management people. Whether it is the fire department or law enforcement, make an appointment with whomever is in charge and be prepared to talk about the resource your group is to supplementing communications during emergencies. Tell them about your training provided and how regular exercises with their members would be very good for both of your organizations. If you have gotten this far, you have their attention. But don't ever promise what you can't provide. Invite them to a demonstration of amateur radio and its capabilities like, field day. Have a local TV station show up and document your field day. Most of all, let them know that you are willing to help out with whatever they need in the way of communications. Ask to assist with public events that are going on like parades or the county fair or an air show. I have been told that many events I participated in would not have gone on very well if they didn't have communicators to help out. Find out who organizes foot races, triathlons, mountain bike events, etc. and make contact with them. Ask if they would benefit from having volunteer communicators at various places through the event course in case something happened. You may be surprised at their response too! Many of these groups hold events through the fair weather months and they also can make donations to your group as a gesture of their appreciation for your services. Depending upon the group, these can be substantial amounts too.

This kind of public service communications that is just about the best training for field operations you could ask for. There are several ways you can get involved and have activities without having to put together an exercise and this is one of the best.

My suggestion would be to find out just what you really need for expenses throughout the year and budget for that. Then appraise what kind of dues would provide that budget money. But, also let it be known that the more the members can be active and participate in, the better the chances are that you will receive donations for your being able to assist in events. And, if you are doing quite a lot of these activities, you may even not have to charge any dues at all! You may even be able to set up a repeater for your group, receive donations of surplus commercial radio gear from the city or county when they upgrade their equipment that can be shared among the members.

One of the things that I have seen over the years is that the groups that are "active" doing things and providing public service communications are the one's that attract the interest of other hams. That's probably one of the primary items to consider as we go into next year are what activities can we plan. I'd be very happy to discuss any questions you have at any time. There are lots of ways to get things going and I think you're on the right track but it's sometimes hard to see the course when you're on the inside...

100th anniversary of the first transatlantic leap
By DL3NCR

Special DOK 100MTL from Sep. 1st, 2001 until March 31st, 2002: On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic radio communication the club stations DK0ANT (Backnang), DF0ANB (Offenburg) and DF0BK (Backnang) will issue the special DOK 100MTL (MTL = Marconi's Transatlantic Leap). On Dec. 12th, 1901 Guglielmo Marconi succeeded with the first transatlantic transmission of radio waves, the beginning of modern telecommunication. An "S", transmitted in Morse code at Poldhu/ Cornwall could be received at St. Johns/ Newfoundland. DK0ANT und DF0ANB are club stations of Marconi Communications GmbH. The company's history can be traced back to G. Marconi. DF0BK is the club station of OV-Backnang, P01. For Skeds: dl3ncr@gmx.de / dl3ncr@db0rbs / dk0ant@darc.de

Every contact will be confirmed with a special QSL. More information: Funkschau 20/99 S.38f

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Book:
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Price: EUR 11,80, bound issue - 96 pages ISBN: 0953896706

Vy 73 Georg, DL3NCR

Hi Everyone,
Because of some telephone harassment, my husband and I had our phone number changed. If you would like the new number, please send me an email and I'll give it to you privately. The new number will be activated sometime within the next 2 days.

After some recent experiences, we are going to be very careful with our new number. It is unlisted and we block anonymous incoming calls.

Teresa Nunes, KL0WW
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AO-40 activity continues.

Shunichiro, JH7IMX, tells ANS that he and several JAMSAT members will be active on AO-40 using the call sign 8J7MGK/7. This special event station operation will take place from Sendai, Japan in commemoration of the 1st National Sports Games for the Disabled.

Reinhard, DJ1KM, reports that BV2OL has been active on AO-40 from Taipei, Taiwan.

AO-40 is currently in a long period during which the Earth eclipses the Sun near perigee. These actually began about August 28th, and will rapidly increase in length. The will continue well into June 2002.

For the current transponder-operating schedule visit:


Stay tuned to ANS, the official source of AO-40 information. [ANS thanks the ARRL for this information]

The ARRL has reported that the FCC has proposed changes to its Part 15 rules governing unlicensed devices. The changes, if allowed, would permit operation of advanced RF identification devices between 425 and 435 MHz.

The initial request for these frequencies was made earlier this year by SAVI Technology Inc. and fiercely opposed by the ARRL.

The FCC said the proposed changes would modify the rules for such systems to harmonize U.S. rules with those in other parts of the world (433.9 MHz is allocated for such devices in European countries).

Last March, the ARRL urged the FCC to deny or dismiss SAVI Technology’s petition. The League argued that the field strengths and duty cycles proposed for these systems were unreasonable and would disrupt amateur communications in one of the most popular Amateur Service allocations.

The League plans to file a strong opposition to the FCC’s proposal. The entire Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order is available on the ARRL web site.

In a related story, the League has also urged the FCC to allow no commercial allocations in the Amateur Service 2390 to 2400 MHz primary allocation. The ARRL told the FCC that advanced wireless systems are fundamentally incompatible with continued amateur access to this band. The ARRL’s comments noted that amateur allocations in the vicinity of 2 GHz “have been steadily eroded” through encroachment by other services.

** After its 3-month journey in space, NASA’s Microwave Anisotropy Probe (MAP) moved into its new home over a million miles from Earth and is ready to chart the oldest light in the cosmos. –SpaceDaily

** A new survey by the Teal Group has identified some 600 active satellites in Earth orbit or in deep space. The survey factored in all satellites launched since 1980, and, after a process of elimination, arrived at an estimate of 600-610 for satellites that remain active today. –SpaceDaily
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