

Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

Meeting on November 2nd

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KL7G CODE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Schedule: 7:00am, 10:00am, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm
AK time, every day Frequencies: 3575 kHz, 7075 kHz &
145.35 MHz: Sending Speeds: 7 wpm

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 Mt., 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 Hillside, SCRC & QCWA
146.97/.37 MHz, 30 watts, autopatch, 103.5 Hz PL
KL7M Anchorage Hillside
147.21/.81 MHz, Internet Iphone, 103.5 Hz PL
KL7ION 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
KL7DJE 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
KL7JFU, KGB road, MARA club
146.85/.25, autopatch, no PL
KL7DOB, Wasilla in WL7BD'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
147.57 / 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
147.42MHz Peninsula simplex chat


~~~ **HOT LINKS** ~~~

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/aresalaska>

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:

<http://server5550.itd.nrl.navy.mil/projects/haarp/>

<<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/>

Propagation Report Recording 566-1819

*Please let us know if there are other clubs pages or good starting points that should appear here*

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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 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 week-end 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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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, 1<sup>st</sup>** 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30th: Moosehorn ARC general meeting at 7:00 PM** every other Thursday in the Soldotna Borough q3 Offices on North Binkley. Talk in on 146.88 repeater or 147.42 simplex.

**November 9th: SCRC meeting at 7:00 PM** the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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. 2<sup>nd</sup>** Saturday of the month at Peggy's, across from Merrill Field

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

**November 17th: ARES General meeting 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. 3<sup>rd</sup>** Saturday of the month. Will be held at Alyeska 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.

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Mr. John Shull passed away Thursday, 11 Oct 01. His long time friend Phil Lielasus 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 Anchorage Baptist Temple Children's Ministry by contacting 333-6535.

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### **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:

|                                                 | Sep 2001 | Past 12 Mths |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Sessions                                        | 5        | 55           |
| Number Tested                                   | 45       | 351          |
| Licenses Granted<br>(new or upgrades)           | 18       | 167          |
| Upgrade Rate                                    | 40%      | 48%          |
| Upgrade Rate<br>Change From<br>Previous Month   | - 40%    | - 1%         |
| Passed Elements                                 | 26       | 230          |
| Failed Elements                                 | 28       | 214          |
| Element Pass Rate                               | 48%      | 52%          |
| Elem Pass Rate<br>Change From<br>Previous Month | - 19%    | - 5%         |

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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

#### **ACTIVITIES MANAGER**

#### **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, KLØVZ



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

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## **(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 for 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 year's 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 \$2,660.00 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

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### **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, Iceworm 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 finish's 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.

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### **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 that 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 of over seventy antenna-laden 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 devices 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.

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**ARES - 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 emergency 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 it's 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....

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### **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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<http://www.cnn.com/2001/TECH/computing/01/23/marconi/index.html>

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Book:

Marconi's Atlantic Leap by Gordon Bussey (english)

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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.

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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 callsign 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:

<http://www.amsat-dl.org/journal/adlj-p3d.htm>

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.

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**\*\* 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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