The Knik 200 dog sled race was the first event of the season. I personally want to thank all those who gave of their time to help make this race another success. This race was a cold one the highest temperature reached 2 degrees, fortunately the communications center has an insulated floor now and a good propane heater.

Several hams showed up and setting up the Comms center went smoothly. This shows with practice how well we should be able to set up during an emergency operation. Originally we were going to use both voice and packet for race traffic. Due to only one radio operator being able to get to Skwentna we decided to use voice. John Carrington KL1XM ran the Skwentna ran that portion of the race alone and did a great job keeping race central up to date on the status of the mushers coming and leaving his point.

This year again we scheduled people to be at the trailer during time frames. This elicited the problem where too many people were there at the beginning and not enough as the race progressed. The setup crew included


After things were setup Sean and KL1WH Bob Morgan departed to their position at the Burma Road crossing, this check point is about one hour away from the start point by dog sled. John and Betty Carrington then left for the Willow airport to be transported to Skwentna. Due to the weather only John and the vegetarian was actually able to get to Skwentna.

The race began at 1100, as the first musher left the chute/ With 33 mushers and each leaving at 3 minute intervals that meant the last musher was out at 1206. After the last team passed the Burma crossing that left a few of us with time to do some modifications on the communications trailer.

The first musher arrived in Skwentna and things began picking up again at the communications center. The second crew at the communications center was KL7TQ Mark Kelleher. KL2HU Mary Lou Farman, KL7UU Karen Walker and KL2HY Pam Warren.

This crew manned the center from 1700 to 2400 on Saturday and gathered the information passed from John in Skwentna on the arrival and departure of the teams. The next crew to come in was NL7SK Tim Comfort, KL7ES Paul Williams and KL7HHO Wayne Groomer.

In the morning the final crew arrived they were KL7JFT Don Bush, KL2CM Sharon Groomer. Sean and I spent the night at the site. Around 0600 Sean headed for the Burma crossing and would be replaced at 1200 by KL1WH Bob Morgan. The race continued throughout the day at 1700 as in the past the ham at Burma was told that he could shut down his location and the communications center was shutdown and returned to it’s storage at KL7SD house.

Overall the race was good, the Hams did a great job and I hope that all enjoyed themselves. I want to thank all those who volunteered and let everyone else know you are always welcomed to help on any supported event either in the Valley or the Anchorage area.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM:
TJ Sheffield, KL7TS will discuss NVIS, Near Vertical Incidence Skywave Antennas. The NVIS antenna is ideal for local and emergency communications on HF. Portability and their unique performance envelope make them worth looking at for any amateur serious about reliable HF communications. Probably the biggest users of NVIS antennas are the military and FEMA. Come and learn about this radio propagation mode and its unique design characteristics.
Recycle Old Radio Magazines

Instead of tossing out your year-old QSTs, CQs or other radio magazines, recycle them at your friendly dentist, doctor, hospital or other waiting rooms. The next time you print up some return address labels, print the following also to cover your address on the front of your used magazines: (Or ask your Club Treasurer for some!)
Complimentary Copy: Provided by
Rochester Amateur Radio Assoc.
For info call: (club phone number)
www.rochesterham.org (club web page)

We can promote ham radio and delay some material from going to the landfills at the same time. Who knows, we might get some people interested in becoming hams, or at least read an article or two from a radio magazine.
Thanks & Best Wishes
Bill K. WB2SXY 585-381-6553

KL7AA BADGES are AVAILABLE!

When is the last time you saw a member of the AARC wearing an original badge? Well with some due diligence on the part of a few ham operators, Frank Pratt, KL7RX and myself, KL7SP; we have tracked down the original design and store where the badges were made.

The badge comes with your Name and Callsign engraved, the club logo on an arch 3 inch dome as well as the option of purchasing individual name plates for each position you have served for AARC. If you are interested in purchasing an AARC badge, the cost is $20.00 per member for each badge and $2.00 per customized name plate. Badges have the option of a pin or magnet attachment.

For more information about this project or to order your badge today in time for the convention and outdoor public activities, please contact Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD at 907-351-4038 or via email at: mok@gci.net. When ordering, please indicate your name, Callsign and if you wish to have any additional name plates added.

Orders take approximately 10 days for printing and our made locally in Anchorage. Thanks to Frank Pratt, KL7RX for helping us track these down. Also thanks to KL7MD for picking up this project.
Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Kathleen O’Keefe (KL7KO). Members and guests introduced themselves.

Presentations
Bruce McCormick (KL7BM) gave a presentation on the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group, AMRG. Bruce detailed his duties, experience, preparation and training as a member of this group. Bruce has been a member of the AMRG since 1973 and described the history of the group to date including detailing their involvement in several rescues and recoveries. Bruce gave a detailed description of equipment, patterns and techniques used in avalanche searches. Members were given the opportunity to guess the contents of Bruce’s 72 hour field pack on display and were also able to see many of the tools/devices carried in the pack. As much of the AMRG’s work is during inclement weather, Bruce challenged those interested to practice their knot tying ability, while dressed in rain gear, in the shower, with the lights OFF. Bruce also reminded members to practice and become familiar with the operation and use of maps, compasses, and GPS’s.

Announcements
Kathleen O’Keefe noted the AARC is seeking volunteers for the position of Treasurer of the club. Kathleen noted the current Treasurer is willing to train anyone interested in the position.

Corny Eastman (KL0FK) announced that he would be teaching an Electronics class beginning January 12th at the CCV garage. Corny explained that this would be a basic electronics class with room for 6 people. The class will run for 10 sessions from 9am to noon. Contact Corny at 348-0720 or ceastman@acsalaska.net to register or for more information.

Fred Erickson (KL7FE) announced he was available to accept dues from members at the meeting.

Kathleen O’Keefe reported on the AARC Silent Key Plaque. Please contact Susan Woods (NL7NN) to provide information for the plaque.

Kathleen O’Keefe reported on the AARC’s $500.00 grant to the Elmendorf Amateur Radio Society for a computer upgrade.

Kathleen O’Keefe noted the upcoming Knik 200 dog sled race, volunteers and to contact Ray Hollenbeck KL1IL to volunteer for this and other events.

Door Prize Drawing
KL7AX, KL2FM, KL1DJ and WL7BF
The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm. Respectfully submitted as recorded on January 4, 2008 by:
Richard Tweet, Secretary

Are you a member of ARRL?
ARRL is the American Radio Relay League. This is the national organization that advocates on behalf of amateur radio operators to the FCC and the communications industry. KL7AA is an ARRL affiliated club with more than 50 years. Consider becoming a member of ARRL today. www.arrl.org

Club Coats
With a removable liner, lots of pockets, and waterproof, the coat gives the radio club great publicity with a full back, club logo and a Name and Call-Sign Personalization on the left chest. For those of you interested in purchasing a coat, the costs are $50 per club member. This is a great price for a coat than can be used during summer amateur activities or as a winter coat during Sled Dog races or November Sweepstakes. Must have a current club membership.
If you are interested in ordering a coat, a sign up sheet will be available at the club meeting or feel free to contact Craig Severson, KL2FN; chipman at clearwire.net
ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2008
540 WEST INTERNATIONAL ROAD
Anchorage, AK

(UNAPPROVED at Printing)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Kathleen O’Keefe
A quorum was established: (2 Officers, 7 Board members needed)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
President Kathleen O’Keefe KL7KO, Secretary Richard Tweet KL2AZ, Activities Director Richard Kotsch WL7CPX, Paul Spatzek WL7BF, Michael O’Keefe KL7MD, Diane Olson KL1MY, Frank Pratt KL7RX, T.J. Sheffield KL7TS, Susan Woods NL7NN, Tom Rutigliano NL7TZ, Mike Romanello KL7BK, Craig Svoron KL2FE.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT
Keith Clark KL7MM, Fred Erickson KL7FE.

EXCUSED
Vice President Jim Larsen AL7FS, Treasurer Heather Hasper KL7SP, John Orella KL7LL.

UNEXCUSED
Richard Block KL7RLB

REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS
Richard Tweet requested a discussion on additional heat in the CCV garage training room.

GUESTS
Cornelius Eastman KL0FK, Eric McIntosh KL2FM.

Corny Eastman reported on the Electronic class he is teaching at the CCV garage. 4 of the original 5 students who signed up have attended and the class is going well. Additional text materials and Lab kits have been ordered for the class and he was able to obtain a whiteboard from CompUSA. Corny has not been able to demonstrate the IFR test set as a manual was not available and he has ordered one. Michael O’Keefe indicated he has ordered and received the proper manual for the unit.

SECRETARY REPORT
Previous Board meeting minutes for the December Board Meeting and January General Membership meeting minutes were presented. Motion made Diane Olson KL1MY, seconded Michael O’Keefe KL7MD to accept the Board and Membership meeting minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously. Richard

reported on two pieces of AARC correspondence regarding the filing of the State notification of Directors changes and a letter from the President requiring reimbursement from a member.

TREASURER’S REPORT
The Treasurers report was distributed for review. As Heather Hasper was unavailable, discussion and questions were not held on the report. Michael O’Keefe reported on the Boniface Bingo statement portion of the report. Motion made Diane Olson KL1MY, seconded Michael O’Keefe KL7MD to accept the Treasurers report as written and submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

VE REPORT
There is no VE report this month as Jim Wiley is unavailable.

TRUSTEE REPORT
Keith Clark reported on Logbook of the World activity.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Fred Erickson reported that 265 members have renewed their membership and are current. 40 members have yet to send in their renewal.

ARES Upcoming Training
Michael O’Keefe reported that the January training will be on Packet with John Lynn KL7CY as the instructor. Michael noted there are 6 Packet stations at the CCV garage with 1 stationary unit at the Ham shack, 1 in the CCV and 4 portable units. The class will run from 0930 to 1200.

OLD BUSINESS
Replace/find trainee for Treasurer per current Treasurer’s request
Kathleen O’Keefe asked if anyone had had any success in finding an interested individual for the Treasurers position. Kathleen reminded that she is asking for a volunteer to fill the position.

Credit Card
Kathleen O’Keefe asked the Secretary if he knew where the credit application had been made. Richard Tweet reported that the Treasurer had indicated that there has been no application made at this time.

CCV Access
Michael O’Keefe reported on the club security system and 2 recent alarm trips by the building owner. Michael explained the costs associated for a false alarm and indicated an upcoming meeting would be held with the building owner to discuss the issue.
KL7AA Club Business

Capital Projects
TJ Sheffield presented a PowerPoint presentation which displayed the different levels of project management, the need for goals and a long range plan such as ARES has. TJ detailed the Project Pyramid management concept including Project Management Justification (PMJ), Project Management Plan (PMP), Project Management Activation (PMA) and Project Management Control (PMC). TJ provided a list of 19 projects which don’t have a detailed scope, don’t have an associated Project Manager, and have an unknown project intent and unknown status of Project Review. TJ requested assistance with more detail on these outstanding projects plus four others and will keep the President informed on the status.

Silent Key Plaque
Susan Woods reported that another roster has been located requiring research. The Silent Key list is currently at 50 names. Susan requested that anyone with information on Silent Keys contact her with information.

Real Estate
Keith Clark reported that properties are still being looked at. Commercial properties seem to have reached their peak and are becoming less available. Kathleen O’Keefe asked that Keith include Mark Kelliher in the process.

Remote APRS monitor CCV facility.
Michael O’Keefe reported that a manual for the Service Monitor has been purchased for this purpose and is currently at the CCV garage.

Club Coats, ARRL Book and Patch Orders, Door Prize Purchases, Digital Communications Equipment for the CCV.
Kathleen O’Keefe noted the need for someone to champion these duties. Craig Severson indicated he would be willing to champion the club coats project. Richard Kotsch inquired as to the budgeted amount for door prizes and indicated that he would champion this.

Teleconference Bridge
Richard Tweet reported that in discussions with Heather Hasper, ACS requires the AARC to obtain a Centrex phone to accomplish this task. Richard reported that a phone has been donated and requested he be able to continue working with Heather to complete this task. Kathleen O’Keefe agreed to allow Richard to continue the project and bring it to completion.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional heat at CCV training room
Richard Tweet asked if the addition of an 8’ strip heater on a thermostat/timer could be installed in the training room as it is uncomfortable for people attending training. Richard offered to do the installation. Michael O’Keefe will contact the building owner for permission to do the installation.

Programs for Membership Meetings
Richard Kotsch reported that T.J. Sheffield will be the February speaker. The topic will be the care and operation of NVIS antennas. David Stevens will be the March speaker on the topic of the ARRL. John Lynn will be asked to be the speaker at the April membership meeting.

Approvals, KL7AA in the next month
None. A discussion was held on the proper operation and recording of activity while operating the equipment in the AARC ham shack and QSL cards for contacts made from the station. Keith indicated that when operating the club station, the club call of KL7AA be used. WriteLog is on the AARC computer and is to be utilized for call logging. Keith will transfer the information to Logbook of the World. Operators of the club station need to verify the correct operator information is logged as well as the proper UTZ time. Discussion was held on multiple pc usage, licensing for WriteLog, updates/upgrades and user agreements. Keith will contact Heather Hasper for information.

Motion made Diane Olson KL1MY, seconded Craig Severson KL2FN that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted as recorded on 01/15/08 by Richard Tweet, Secretary
Public Service

It is that time of year again when we start planning for Sled Dog Races. Listed below are events that local radio clubs and event coordinators are looking for communication volunteers to support these upcoming public service events. Your participation is appreciated.

Fur Rondy Sled Dog Race February 22, 23 & 24
Contact: VOLUNTEER Needed to Coordinate

Contact KL7DY Richard Plack 745-5222 kl7dy@arrl.net

36th Annual IDITAROD START: March 1, 2007
Contact: AL1W, Gordon Hartlieb al1w@arrl.net
Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD; mok@gci.net
We are actively looking for volunteers for the Iditarod Start in Anchorage. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact the coordinators.

Iditarod Restart: March 2, 2007
Contact KL1IL Ray A. Hollenbeck 373-6771 fuzz@mtaonline.net

Mission statement:
Dedicated to amateur radio as it pertains to disaster services. The history of amateur radio operators' involvement in sending life-saving information in and out of disaster areas [and] providing help during and after earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes. "HAM’s have been there to assist local, state, and federal agencies and relief organizations such as the American Red Cross and Salvation Army." When All Else Fails, Amateur Radio.

ARES TRAINING
FEBRUARY 16, 2008

We will be having a Simulated Emergency Test Exercise similar to our exercise in October. This test will include deploying the CCV Motorhome from the KL7AA Hamshack location as well as deploying the portable ARES packet stations that volunteers have recently completed training during our last ARES meeting. We will also be deploying the APRS portable kits and looking for participants from all radio clubs in south central Alaska.
If you are going to participate please contact Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD at 907-351-4038.

ARES District 7 Contact Information
Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD
DEC7 at kl7aa.net
February 2008

EARS: R1 North, Contact: Ron Keesch, KL7YK@arrl.net
QRP club meetings held at the Denny's at Bragaw and DeBarr.

Schedule of Events:

2/22 - 2/24 Fur Rondy Sled Dog Race
Contact: John Lynn, KL7CY@sci.net

2/24 - 2/26 Jr. Iditarod
Contact: Ray Hollenbeck, KL1IL: fuzz@mtaonline.net

2/27 - 3/1 Alaska World Balloon Challenge
Contact: Heather Hasper: KL7SP@arrl.net: 275-7474

To add to the Calendar please contact: John Lynn at John-lynn@sci.net

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ARES NETS:
1st Thursday: HT / Portable
2nd Thursday: Mobile Madness
3rd Thursday: RED CROSS
4th Thursday: Emergency Power

ARES NET: Thursday Nights 8:00 PM  147.27+  PL: 103.5 or 443.30+ PL 103.5
Data You Can Use:

2007 Board of Directors
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Secretary: Richard Tweet, KL2AZ secretary at kl7aa.net
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Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX activities at kl7aa.net

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News Letter Submissions, Information or corrections:
Submissions must be received 2 weeks before meeting
Email: editor at kl7aa.net

Any AARC sponsored repeater, with or without an auto-patch, will always be open to all licensed amateur radio operators in the area who are authorized to operate on those frequencies.

Anchorage & Mat Valley Area Repeaters-a/o Feb 28, 2007

KL7AA: Flattop Mountain 2,200 ft
146.94/34 MHz, 80 watts, auto-patch, 141.3 Hz PL
224.94/223.34, 25 watts, no patch, no PL
440.70/449.70, 25 watts, auto-patch, 103.5 PL

WL7CVG: Mount Susitna 4,396 ft
VHF: WL7CVG/R1 147.270/147.870 PL 103.5, no auto-patch
UHF: WL7CVG/R3 443.300/448.300 PL 103.5, no auto-patch

WL7CVF: Grubstake: Hatcher Pass 4,536 ft
VHF: WL7CVF/R1 147.330 / 147.930 PL 103.5 Hz (no patch)
UHF: WL7CVF/R3 443.900 / 448.900 PL 103.5 Hz (no patch)

KL7ION at Mt. Gordon Lyon: PARKA 3,940 ft
147.30 / 147.90, MHz - 80 watts, no patch, 141.3 Hz PL

KL7AIR Elmendorf AFB
EARS: 146.67/146.07, 107.2 Hz PL

WL7CWE: Cliffside Amateur Radio Association
KL7CC, Anchorage Hillside, SCRC & QCWA
146.97/.37 MHz, 30 watts, auto-patch, 103.5 Hz PL

KL7M Anchorage Hillside
147.21 / 147.81 MHz, on IRLP, 97.4 Hz PL

KL5E Chugiak: 147.15/147.75, 123.0 Hz PL, auto-patch

KL7JFU, KGB road, MARA: 146.85/146.25, auto-patch, no PL

Palmer IRLP: 146.64/.04, simplex patch, no PL
Mile 58.3 Parks Highway IRLP: 147.09/.69 MHz, 97.4 Hz PL

KL3K, Girdwood - IRLP
146.76 / 146.16 MHz, 25 watts, no patch, 97.4 Hz PL

KL7AX: South Anchorage IRLP - 146.79/ 146.19 MHz, 100 Hz PL

WL7CWE Anchorage IRLP
2 Meter: 146.82/146.22MHz PL 103.5
6 Meter: 51.65 output / 51.15 input, PL 103.5Hz
70 cm: 444.85/449.850 MHz PL: 103.5 Hz (Node 3400)

South Central Area Simplex Frequencies
146.52 MHz Calling and Emergency frequency
147.57 MHz National DX Calling / Coordinating frequency
146.49 MHz Anchorage area simplex chat
146.43 MHz Mat-Su Valley simplex chat
147.42 MHz Peninsula simplex chat

Nets in Alaska:
The following nets are active in South-Central Alaska:

**HF**

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
ACWN (Alaska CW Net): 3534, 7042 Daily @ 0700 – 1000, Net Purpose: Formal NTS traffic via CW.
Alaska Pacific Net: 14.292 MHz 8:00 AM M-F
ERC HF Net: 3.880 MHz – Sunday 8:30PM local

**VHF**

ARES Net: 147.27/87 103.5Hz - Thursdays at 8:00 PM local
PARKA Net: 147.30/90, 141.3 HZ Thursdays at 7:00 PM local
No Name Net: 146.85/.25 repeater Sundays 8:00 PM and 1900 - 2400 Alaska Time - AL7N or KL5T monitoring.
Alaska VHF Up Net: 144.200 USB Saturdays 9:00 AM local
Big City Simplex Net: 146.520, 446.0, & 52.525 FM
Grandson of SSB Net: 144.20 USB Mondays 8:00 PM local
Statewide LINK ARES Net: 147.27/87 103.5Hz Sunday 8:00 PM local
Internet Links, the favorites from our readers:

- **AARC** [http://www.KL7AA.net/]
- **SCRC** [http://www.KL7G.org]
- **EARS** [http://www.kl7air.us]
- **MARA** [http://www.kl7jfu.com]
- **Moose Horn ARC** [http://www.moosehornarc.com]
- **ARES** [http://www.qsl.net/aresalaska]
- **Practice Exams** : [http://www.AA9PW.com]
- **Fairbanks AARC** [http://www.kl7kc.com/]
- **ALASKA MARS** : [http://www.akmars.org]
- **Alaska VHF-Up Group** : [http://www.kl7uw.com/avg.htm]
- **Bethel Amateur Radio Klub** : [http://www.al7yk.org/]
- **Links for Propagation**
  - [http://www.haarp.alaska.edu/]
  - [http://www.amqrp.org/misc/links.html]
- **QRP and Homebrew Links**
  - [http://www.AL7FS.us]
- **Solar Terrestrial Activity**
  - [http://209.130.27.95/solar/]
- **ARRL** [http://www.arrl.org/]

**Report dead links or bad info to** editor@kl7aa.net

### MONTHLY EVENTS

- **1st Friday each month:** AARC general meeting - 7:00 PM in the Carr-Gottstein Building, on the APU Campus. Talk in will be on 147.27+ repeater.
- **1st Tuesday each month (except for holidays):**
  - **VE License Exam** 6:30 PM, at the Hope Cottage offices, 540 W International. Bring photo ID, copy of license (if any) and any certificates of completion. Contact: Jim Wiley, KL7CC 338-0662.

**SCRC general meeting has been suspended until further notice. No meetings are scheduled at this time.**

- **2nd Saturday each month:** PARKA Meeting at 11:00 AM. Polar Amateur Radio Klub is the only YL club in Alaska. All amateurs welcome. Peggy’s, across from Merrill Field. Talk in on 147.30+.
- **2nd Saturday each month (except for holidays):**
  - **VE License Exams** at 2:00 PM, at Hope Cottage 540 W. International. Be sure to bring photo ID, copy of license (if any) and any certificates of completion. Contact: Jim Wiley, KL7CC 338-0662.
- **3rd Saturday of each Quarter month:** EARS general meeting at 3:00 PM. EARS meetings are held formally each Quarter during the first month: Jan, April, July, and October. Meetings are held informally each month at R1 North. Contact info - PO Box 6079, Elmendorf AFB 99506 or email Ron Keech, KL7YK for information. EARS: 552-2664 (recording); Talk in on 146.67-. Email: KL7AIR@arrl.net or KL7YK@arrl.net

- **3rd Friday each month:** Alaska QRP Club meeting 7:00 PM: Hams with QRP (low power under 5 watts) and Homebrewing interests meet for a social meeting monthly. Meet at Denny’s on DeBarr & Bragaw in the back room. Bring projects to share with the group. Hungry QRPers start showing up about 6PM. Info contact Jim Larsen, AL7FS, JimLarsen2002 at alaska.net or 345-3190.

- **3rd Saturday each month:** ARES General meeting 9:30AM to 12:00 PM. Call Michael O’Keefe, ANC DEC: dec@kl7aa.net HM: 243-4675 for additional information. Also check for ARES Info at: [http://www.qsl.net/aresalaska/](http://www.qsl.net/aresalaska/)

- **4th Saturday each month:** Valley VE Testing at 7PM. sessions will be held at the Wasilla Red Cross at 7 pm on the fourth Saturday of each month unless it is a major holiday weekend. Wasilla Red Cross is in the Westside Mall, next to Speedy Glass…it’s just a click up from AIH hardware.

**The last Friday each month:** MARA meeting at 7PM Fire Station 61, located two blocks up Lucille Drive, from the Parks hwy. Talk-in help for the meeting can be acquired on either the 146.640 or 146.850 repeaters. Further details can be found by contacting Tim Comfort, NL7SK, NL7SK at arrl.net.

### Regular HAM Gatherings:

**Tuesday Lunch, 11:30 AM:** Denny’s on Denali behind Sears. Several old timers show for this and have lots of stories to share about amateur radio in Alaska.

**Saturdays Breakfast, 7:30 AM:** Here is a good way to get started on the weekend. Come and meet with some of the locals and have a great breakfast at American Diner, at the Northeast corner of Arctic and International. Great Fun.

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**Who Do I Contact to Join AARC**

Fred Erickson KL7FE
12531 Alpine Dr
Anchorage, AK 99516-3121
E-mail: membership (at) kl7aa.net
Phone number: 345-2181
Annual Dues are $12 (prorated as appropriate)
Additional Member in same household is $6.
Full Time Student is no charge.
Ask about Life Memberships
ALASKA ARRL Convention

HAMFEST 2008 Update

We are getting inquiries about our event daily.

♦ VIP UPDATE
We have confirmed that ARRL President Joel Harrison as well as two other Board Members of ARRL will be attending our event. Also VP Operations for AMSAT Drew Glasbrenner KO4MA.

♦ CRUISE
There is a cruise that arrives in Whittier on July 28th prior to the start of our Convention. This is a great opportunity to combine a dream vacation to Alaska with a business venture. Check out the website for more cruise details and travel discount options!

♦ RAFFLE TICKETS!
RAFFLE Tickets are printed! We will start selling tickets at the JANUARY Matanuska Amateur Radio Association meeting. Tickets are $50.00 each for a chance at three separate drawings. The first drawing is a Yeasu 897 mobile radio, the second drawing is a Kenwood TS480V and the final GRAND PRIZE drawing is an ICOM 756 PRO III.
♦ Prizes will be drawn on 8/3/2008 at 4:00PM AST.
♦ DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!
♦ Tickets can be purchased by cash or check.
♦ If you live out of the area and wish to participate send a check for $50 per ticket purchase to the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club, PO BOX 101987, Anchorage, AK 99510-1987 and a ticket will be mailed to you.

♦ PLANNING MEETINGS
We are having bi-monthly planning meetings for those wishing to attend. The planning meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM in Anchorage at the Denny’s restaurant on Denali between Benson and Northern Lights Blvd. Then on the 3rd Sunday in Wasilla, at the Windbreak Café just off the Parks Highway at 12 Noon. We have a great team of volunteers energized and helping out. We are always hoping for more volunteers and have plenty of opportunities for everyone.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?
♦ Are you going to any national amateur radio events in the next 6 months? If so your help in distributing information and promoting our event would be greatly appreciated. DAYTON, SEAPAC? If so let us know!

Email is the best way but a phone call or letter also is appreciated. You can email any member of our planning team.

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NATIONAL VENDORS coming to ALASKA!

West Mountain Radio

KENWOOD
Listen to the Future
TOURS & Fishing Charter

Many of our visitors will be coming to Alaska for the first time. We have arranged some tour options for our guests and attendees. In order to plan the logistics and services, participants must **PRE-REGISTER** for the activities.

**HALIBUT CHARTER Tour option:**

The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring a 'competitive' Halibut Charter on July 30th. 3 - '6 pack' boats will be leaving together for a day of Halibut fishing with 18 spots open on a first come, first served basis.

Most spots are expected to be filled by Radio Industry Professionals and guests. Any ham operator wanting to participate can sign up and register on the website. If our turn out is greater than 18, we have other 'boats' available. Costs per participant is: $250. This includes travel to and from Homer as well as the boat rental costs.

Our halibut fishing trips begin at 7 AM when we leave the Homer harbor. Depending on the tide, we'll run one to one and a half hours where we'll alternately anchor and drift a variety of spots. Some anglers prefer to target the average sized halibut (20-40#) and enjoy the action this provides, while others have a "barn door" in mind. These large fish can literally bring grown adults to their knees. It can take a full day to recover from the battle. The limit is two halibut per person and you must hook your own fish. The reward is many fine meals of boneless white halibut fillets. After photographing your catch, you can sit back and enjoy the ride back to Homer while the crew fillets your catch. We’ll arrive back in Homer about 5PM.

**GLENNALLEN HAARP Tour:**

On Monday August 4, a motor coach will pick you up at the hotel and depart out the Glenn Highway where you will be able to travel and see the beautiful Talkeetna Mountains. While driving through the Copper Valley Center of Glennallen Alaska you will be able to view some of the largest mountains in North America including Mt. Drum, Mt. Sanford and Mt. Blackburn. Once at the HAARP facility in Gulkana a full tour guide of the facility will be completed. After the tour, a stop at the Wrangell St. Elias National Park Visitor Center and then a journey back to Anchorage down the Glenn Highway viewing some of the most majestic mountains in North America. Transportation will then be provided back to the hotel in Anchorage.

**EME TOUR:**

A tour of KL6M’s EME (Earth-Moon-Earth or Moon bounce) communications station will be available on Friday 8/1/2008 in the afternoon prior to the BBQ on the park strip. Transportation will be provided and leave from the Anchorage Sheraton. Pre-registration is required.

We will be also taking a tour of KL7FH’s ham station with another EME communications station in Anchorage.
STRETCH, STANDING ON A STUMP FOR SAFETY, REALIZED IT HAD FINALLY HAPPENED. HE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED THE "CHECK POINT FROM HELL", WHEN EVERYONE HELD THEIR SPECIAL EVENT ON THE SAME DAY!