

# Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

Next Meeting February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, 7:00 PM



## FEBRUARY PROGRAM:

TJ Sheffield, KL7TS will discuss NVIS, Near Ver-  
tical Incidence Skywave Antennas. The NVIS an-  
tenna is ideal for local and emergency communica-  
tions on HF. Portability and their unique perform-  
ance envelope make them worth looking at for any  
amateur serious about reliable HF communica-  
tions. 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.

## The Year of Volunteering has Begun

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

KL1IL Ray Hollenbeck, KL7JFT Don Bush, KL2FA Carol Bush, KL2GA Kelsey Kelly, N9RNL Jim Wardman, KL2CO Sean Jensen, KL2HF Ken Hudson, KL1xl Betty Carrington and KL1XM John Carrington.

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 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.



## 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](http://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

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"Harold!!! What are you doing wasting money on more  
USELESS radio equipment!!!"

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### **News Letter Submissions, Information or corrections:**

Submissions must be received 2 weeks before meeting Email: [editor@kl7aa.net](mailto:editor@kl7aa.net)

Mail: PO BOX 101987, Anchorage, AK 99510-1987

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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** All articles from members and interested persons are very welcome. If you wish to submit any articles, jokes, cartoons, please have it typed or neatly handwritten. It can be submitted by mail, computer disk or E-mail to the newsletter editor at the address listed above. Submissions must be in the hands of the editor **no later than the 10 days prior** to the meeting or it may not be included.

# AARC BADGES

## ***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 costs 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, KI7MD at 907-351-4038 or via email at: [mok@gci.net](mailto: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 KI7MD for picking up this project.



# AMATEUR RADIO

# KL7AA Club Business

## ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 4, 2008

Carr Gottstein Building – APU Campus  
Anchorage, AK

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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@clearwire.net](mailto:chipman@clearwire.net)



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# KL7AA Club Business

## **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 Severson KL2FN.

### **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 the 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

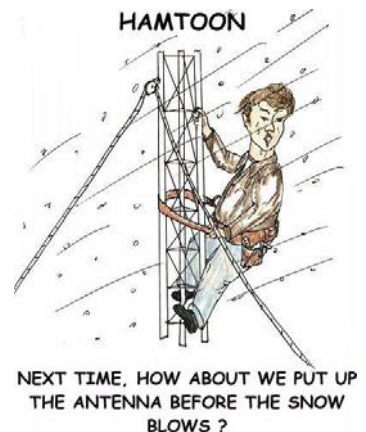
None. A discussion was held on the proper operation and recording of activity while operating the equipment in the AARC ham shack and QSL cards for contacts made from the station. Keith indicated that when operating the club station, the club call of KL7AA be used. WriteLog is on the AARC computer and 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

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# ARES - Section 7, District 7 (Anchorage, ALASKA)



## 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.

## PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### 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**

#### **Junior Iditarod February 23-24, 2008**

Contact KL7DY Richard Plack 745-5222

[kl7dy@arri.net](mailto:kl7dy@arri.net)

#### **36th Annual IDITAROD START: March 1, 2007**

Contact: AL1W, Gordon Hartlieb [al1w@arri.net](mailto:al1w@arri.net)



Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD; [mok@gci.net](mailto: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](mailto:fuzz@mtaonline.net)



# Volunteers!



## 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](http://DEC7.at.kl7aa.net)







Sun

Mon

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

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		2008 HAMFEST Planning			AARC Meeting 7PM	PARKA Meeting 11 AM	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	16
			MARA Board Meeting 7PM		QRP meeting 7PM	ARES Training 0930 EARS: 3PM	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
2008 HAMFEST Planning		AARC Board Meeting 7PM			World Championship Sled Dog Race		
24	25	26	27	28	29		
			Alaska World Balloon Challenge		MARA meeting 7PM		

## Schedule of Events:

2/22 - 2/24 Fur Rondy Sled Dog Race.

Contact: John Lynn, KL7CY@gci.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 Johnlynn@gci.net

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## ARES NETS:

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



## Data You Can Use:



### 2007 Board of Directors

**President:** Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO [president at kl7aa.net](mailto:president@kl7aa.net)

**Vice Pres:** Jim Larsen, AL7FS [vicepresident at kl7aa.net](mailto:vicepresident@kl7aa.net)

**Secretary:** Richard Tweet, KL2AZ [secretary at kl7aa.net](mailto:secretary@kl7aa.net)

**Treasurer:** Heather Hasper, KL7SP [treasurer at kl7aa.net](mailto:treasurer@kl7aa.net)

#### **Activities Chairman:**

Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX [activities at kl7aa.net](mailto:activities@kl7aa.net)

**Trustee:** Keith Clark, KL7MM [trustee at kl7aa.net](mailto:trustee@kl7aa.net)

#### **Membership Chairman:**

Fred Erickson, KL7FE [membership at kl7aa.net](mailto:membership@kl7aa.net)

#### **News Letter Editor:**

Heather Hasper, KL7SP [editor at kl7aa.net](mailto:editor@kl7aa.net)

### Three Year Board Members

Frank Pratt, KL7RX kl7rx at arrl.net (3rd year)

Paul Spatzek, WL7BF Paul.Spatzek at acsalaska.net (2nd Year)

Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD mok at gci.net (1st Year)

### One Year Board Members

Diane Olson, KL1MY, oldwoman\_69 at hotmail.com

TJ Sheffield - KL7TS, kl7ts at arrl.net

Craig Severson - KL2FN, chipman at clearwire.net

John Orella: KL7LL, kl7ll at arrl.net

Susan Woods: NL7NN, NL7NN4606 at yahoo.com

Richard Block: KL7RLB, kl7rlb at clearwire.net

Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ, tomr at alaska.net

Mike Romanello, KL7BK, kl7bk at mtaonline.net

### AARC web page & Email contact addresses:

**Homepage:** <http://www.KL7AA.net/>

**Webmaster:** [webmaster at kl7aa.net](mailto:webmaster@kl7aa.net)

**Membership:** [membership at kl7aa.net](mailto:membership@kl7aa.net)

**Newsletter:** [editor at kl7aa.net](mailto:editor@kl7aa.net)

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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

444.70/449.70, 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

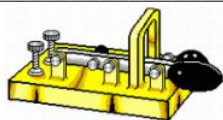
146.52 MHz Calling and Emergency frequency

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



### 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

## Nets in Alaska:

The following nets are active in South-Central Alaska:

### 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/>

Yukon Amateur Radio Association:

<http://www.klondike.com/yara/index.html>

### Links for Propagation

<http://www.harp.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/>

Propagation Report Recording 566-1819

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

Report dead links or bad info to [editor@kl7aa.net](mailto:editor@kl7aa.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.

### Who Do I Contact to Join AARC

Fred Erickson KL7FE

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Annual Dues are \$12 (prorated as appropriate)

Additional Member in same household is \$6.

Full Time Student is no charge.

Ask about Life Memberships



## MONTHLY EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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+.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:KL7AIR@arrl.net) or [KL7YK@arrl.net](mailto:KL7YK@arrl.net)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month: AARC Board meeting at 7:00 PM** at Hope Cottage 540 W. International. All hams are invited and encouraged to attend.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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@alaska.net](mailto:JimLarsen2002@alaska.net) or 345-3190.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month: ARES General meeting 9:30AM**

**to 12:00 PM.** Call Michael O'Keefe, ANC DEC: [dec@kl7aa.net](mailto:dec@kl7aa.net) HM: 243-4675 for additional information. Also check for ARES Info at: <http://www.qsl.net/aresalaska/>

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of 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@arrl.net](mailto:NL7SK@arrl.net).

# 2008

## 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.

UPDATE

#### ♦ 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 530PM 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.

Heather Hasper, at KL7SP@arrrl.net, 907-275-7474  
Mike Romanello, KL7BK, KL7BK@mtaonline.net  
Richard Tweet, at KL2AZ@arrrl.net, 907-244-4335

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## ♦ 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.



**2nd Drawing  
Kenwood TS480V**



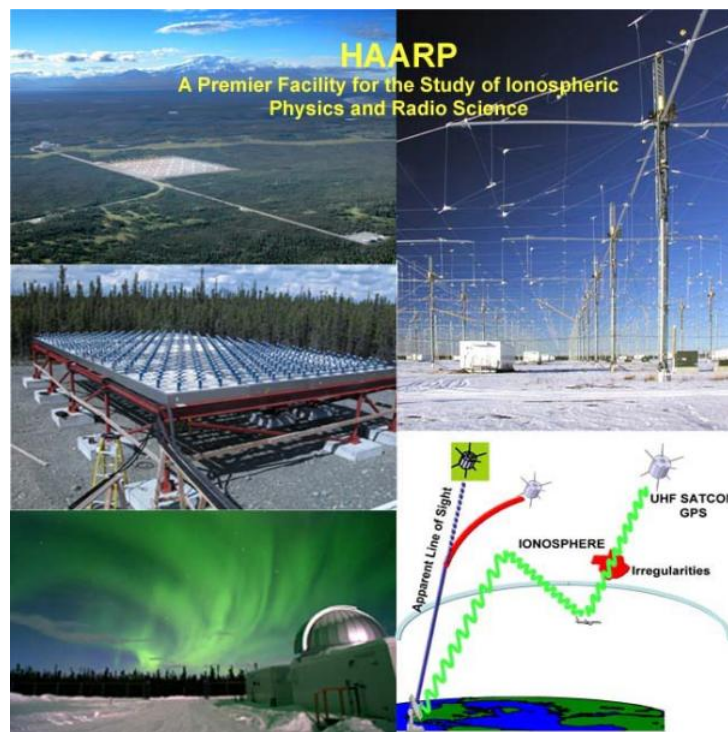
**1st Drawing  
Yesu 897**



**3rd Drawing  
Icom 756 ProIII**

### **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.





## THE MODULATION TIMES

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