

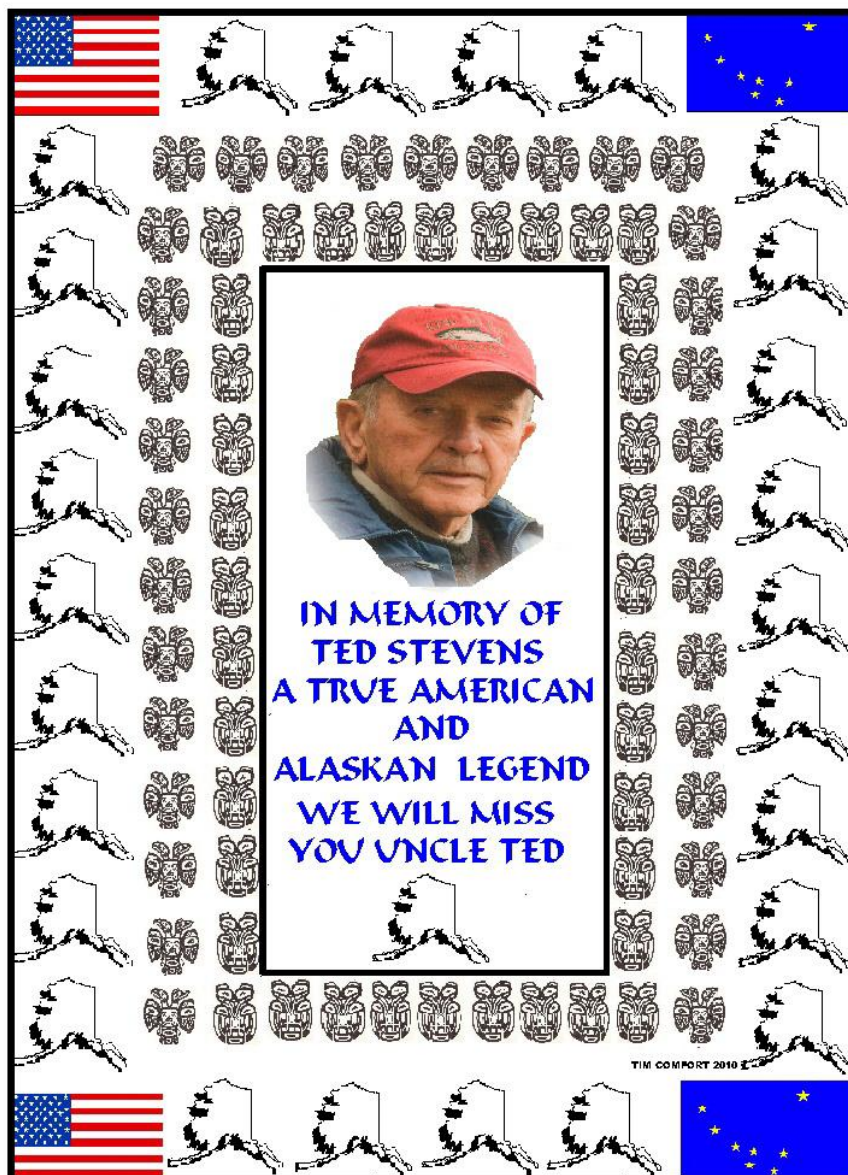
Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

Next Meeting September 3, 2010, 7:00 PM

September General Meeting, September 3rd.

All about the Space Shuttle

**Stephen C. Brown, Ph.D., District Agriculture Agent,
Mat-Su/Copper River Districts, Cooperative Extension Service,
University of Alaska.**



Uncle Ted Remembered

No matter what party you voted he was always there for the people of Alaska.

He always kept faith in the State even though some cast stones.

Tim Comfort

Ham Radio Signal Helps Save Merle Elson's Life

CBS NEWS

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In the middle of nowhere, Russian Robinson Club member Merle Elson, 65, felt a weird pain in his chest.

The New Mexico resident was with fellow members Yuri Sushkin, Yuri Zaruba and Alexander Kuznetsov on a weeklong expedition at the end of July on Chirikof Island, 180 miles southwest of Kodiak city.

They had to radio for a floatplane to get Elson. He was having a heart attack.

It took an hour and a half for a plane to arrive after sending out a message using ham, or amateur hobby, radio. The message had to be sent to Europe before making its way to America.

"Basically it was a link from Alaska, to Siberia, then Moscow, from Moscow to the United States and then basically we got somebody from California and Alaska," Sushkin said.

An EMT came by plane, and Elson is back in New Mexico.

"We never had an emergency like this, and we never had so fast of a response," Sushkin said. "It was hams who called and corresponded right away.

"The most important thing is amateur radio actually works, and saved a life. Ham radio is kind of in the background always ... but amateur radio worked 100 percent."

While the emergency may be a first for the group, traveling to remote islands is not.

Members of the Russian Robinson Club are amateur radio enthusiasts interested in expeditions to the Arctic, Antarctic or difficult to reach islands to establish island stations or activate an amateur radio.

Once established, other ham operators contact them and earn points through the Islands on the Air program.

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"The goal was to be the first, and probably the only one for X amount of years because it is so difficult, far and not friendly, to go to the islands," Sushkin said.

Joe Stevens, a member of Kodiak Amateur Radio Emergency Services, said it's a program that covers a lot of rare places.

"They create various programs to award certificates for contacting the most of something — states, countries or islands," Stevens said.

He said some expeditions go to even more remote and inhospitable places, but it is a hobby that hams are willing to spend money for.

"They get money from people who want to contact those places, use their own money and use money or equipment from manufacturers like Nikon," Stevens said.

The object is mainly to enable amateurs to contact other amateurs around the world and foster a unique friendship. For the Robinson Club, it also gives them an adventure.

"We go on expeditions to places where nobody has been before," Sushkin said. "It's very exciting."

The club is about 16 years old, and has about 1,000 members worldwide from about 50 countries.

"Not all of them go on expeditions," Sushkin said. "Most of them sit in a warm, nice place on the radio."

The group has done an Alaska program for the last three years, once per year.

"It's difficult logisticwise and expensive," Sushkin said.

In 2008, the group went to Chuginadak Island. While there, the volcano that makes up the western half of the island erupted.

The group still landed there, and made a documentary about it.

Last year the group went to Ogliuga Island-, 100 miles west of Adak, by boat.

This year they used a floatplane to get to Chirikof Island.

While on the island, the group ran into another difficulty aside from a heart attack.

About 100 years ago, Russians brought cows to the island and they were never managed successfully. These cows gave the group an unwelcome experience.

"At about 100 feet they started running at us," Sushkin said. "I was wearing a red jacket and Yuri (Zaruba) was yelling at me, 'Take it off, take it off, take it off.' I had a shotgun on me but my hand was sore, I couldn't lower it. It was like, we're pretty much dead, but for some reason they turned right around us and went back down."

The animals on the island were not afraid of them.

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"The foxes just come into camp and say, 'Hey, what you guys doing here?'" Sushkin said.

The group would like to turn their adventure into a documentary similar to the 2008 video they made about Chuginadak Island.

They'd like to include history of Chirikof, as well as a look at Kodiak's past and present.

"We give some away and sell some to finance our future expeditions, but it really doesn't work that way," Sushkin said.

Zaruba, president of the Robinson Club, said despite the medical scare, wild cow showdown and weather and logistics hardships, the expedition was a success.

"It's a very important expedition for amateur radio because Kodiak Island only has a few ham radio users," he said.

He was also happy to be back on dry land.

"Our expeditions work in very difficult conditions," he said. "Cold, fog, moisture. And now we come back to civilization, and we can drink beer."

Coming to Kodiak gave the group the chance to meet with local government and other figures such as Sergey Morozov of Global Seafoods in Kodiak and Woody Knebel of Ocean Beauty of Alitak who helped make the expedition a success.

"Without those guys it never would have happened," Sushkin said.

Zaruba said ham radio is fun because there are so many diverse people into it.

"People from different backgrounds, they have the same hobby which is amateur radio," he said. "Some are engineers, some of them mayors."

Kuznetsov is mayor of Uvarovo City in Russia.

The three of them plan to keep sharing the hobby of amateur radio. Zaruba has been a ham since 1982, and Kuznetsov and Sushkin since the early 1990s.

"There's just a couple of islands left in Alaska," Sushkin said. "They'll be difficult to get to."

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Anchorage Running Club Big Wild Life Runs

Sponsored by Humpy's

For the first time this year — on Sunday, August 15th — the Club supported the Anchorage Running Club's Big Wild Life Run — also known as the Humpy's Marathon. Actually, there were several races involved — a 5k sponsored by Snow City; a half marathon sponsored by Skinny Raven, and Humpy's sponsored the Marathon walk, the Marathon Relays, and the full Marathon.

The full Marathon is a qualifying run for the Boston Marathon.

The course was run on downtown streets, the Chester Creek Bike Path and the Coastal Trail. Thirteen Ham operators assisted in communications for the races. Partly because the weather was good (sunny and not too hot) there were few problems or breakdowns during the race.

The sponsors were quite appreciative of our efforts, and hope we will participate again next year. The Anchorage Running Club coordinates all of the Big Wild Life Runs, and information and maps can be found at the following web link:

<http://www.anchoragerunningclub.org/bwlr/index.html>. The Anchorage Running Club is a member of the Road Runner's Club of America.



More Pictures from the Big Wild Life Marathon



Some Pictures from the Hamfest.

Full Report next month — and more pictures.



MS 150 - Bike Ride to Seward

Ham operators are needed to support a 2 day bicycle ride from Hope to Seward and back to Hope on Sat/Sun Sept. 11-12.

Who: Ham operators that want to have a great time. 13 positions each day

What: Be the communications backbone in support of Multiple Sclerosis Bike ride.

Hams are the primary communication method due to lack of cell coverage.

Where: Between Hope and Seward- Some positions at rest stops while others are mobile in support vehicles. Free dinner in Seward Saturday night.

Why: It's what Hams do. It's great practice and lots of fun. You get a cool t-shirt.

When: Saturday Sept 11 and Sunday Sept 12. One day or preferably both

How: Contact Allen- KB1QCE at 907 947-0827 or allenabbott90@msn.com

It's that time again. Time to be the ONLY communication link in support of a fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis. Their annual bike ride from Hope to Seward and back. Our club has supported this event for many years. Volunteers will be asked to pass messages from other MS volunteers and to be the vital link to 911 in the event of an emergency. Some positions are 3-4 hours and others are all day. Some positions allow you to hang out in the comfort of your own vehicle at a rest stop while others have you in a "support vehicle" using a mobile & mag mount antenna.

You will never meet a friendlier bunch of folks, cyclist and volunteer staff. The food is great and it's a very worthy cause.

Web Master Needed!!!!

Your club has a need for a Webmaster to manage the AARC presence on the Web. The work includes all aspects of Web management: uploading files, keeping the Web site up-to-date with ongoing events, moving old files (articles) to archives, and general Web design.

If you have the skills and are willing to take on this chore, please contact Randy at president @ KL7AA.net.\

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

AARC Board Meeting Hope Community Resources Tuesday July 20th, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Randy Vallee KL7Z, at 7pm after determining that a quorum was present.

Present were; The aforementioned President Randy, Paul Spatzek WL7BF Secretary, Tom Rutigliano NL7TZ 3 yr bd, Michael O'Keefe KL7MD 1yr bd, Kathleen O'Keefe KL7KO 1yr bd, Keith Clark KL7MM Trustee, TJ Sheffield 1 yr bd, Pat Wilke WL7JA 1yr bd, TJ Tombleson KB8JXX Activities Manager, Sean Jensen KL2CO 1yr bd, John Orella KL7LL Vice-President, Bruce McCormick KL7BM 3 yr bd.

Visiting were:

Our new newsletter editors: Lara and Alice Baker AL2R and KL2GD respectively.

Reports

Secretary Minutes: approved by Kathleen O'Keefe and seconded by John Orella

Treasurers Report: approved by Paul Spatzek and seconded by Mike O'Keefe

VE report: in travel to Gettysburg

Trustee: NNTR

Membership: Fred absent

Activities: Winlink and GPS Tracking for the future

Committees

Bylaws: NNTR

Finance: NNTR

Projects: Mike O'Keefe moved \$500.00 to complete the office and station re-design.

Pat Wilke seconded and the vote was to approve.

ARES IRLP station needs work. Mike will get with several IRLP/Linux gurus and work the problem.

Old Business

Title 2:- small changes in chapter 14, but nothing to affect hams

Hamfest: on schedule for the end of August

New Business

Big Wild Life Run: August 15th Sunday, Keith has taken over and is coordinating.

Credit cards: Tentative approval for KOK to use her credit card and be reimbursed, if the club debit card is not activated in time.

Willow Library: tentative request for a set of the ARRL series of books. An official request letter is forthcoming .

Adjournment

Sean motioned and Mike O'Keefe seconded to adjourn the meeting, with all votes in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul Spatzek WL7BF AARC Club Secretary

**AARC General Membership Meeting
August 6th 2010
APU Campus, Carr Gottstein Building**

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by President Randy Vallee.

The usual rounds of introductions were held.

The newsletter editors Lara AL2R and Alice KL2GD introduced themselves yet again. They asked for feedback on performance and articles and ideas for same.

LeeAnn Vallee KL7LW made the announcement that she is ready to start taking coat orders.

For Sale items in the newsletter will have a shelf life: no longer will they run indefinitely.

Kathy O'Keefe gave out the ground rules for the Hamfest Country Store. Any items left behind by their owners that cause the club to pay to get rid of them will be billed back to the owners. NO CRTS at ANY TIME will be accepted.

The MS 150 that runs from Hope to Seward on Sept. 11th and 12th was announced in the planning stages.

Randy then made the announcement that our former Treasurer, Heather Hasper allegedly embezzled over \$25,000.00 in cash and items from the AARC. This occurred over a period of several years. The finance committee made the discovery after the Foraker Group recommended we establish a Finance Committee. The evidence was presented to the State prosecutor's office, a warrant was issued, and an arrest was made. Miss Hasper was released on bail and returned to her overseas posting with the approval of the court. An extended question and answer session was held and questions were answered to the limits recommended by our attorney.

The upcoming election was announced and members are encouraged to start thinking about candidates for office.

Mike O'Keefe came to the membership to ask that they fund the new charger/backup battery system and it was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Get your Club Coat — order now for Christmas Delivery!!!

These neat looking club coats come with a removable polar fleece liner, hood, lots of pockets, and waterproofing. These coats are a real buy — since they can be used for both summer and winter activities.

Cost of the coats are SMALL thru XL — \$120.00

2X — \$125.00

3X to 5X — \$130.00

Cost of embroidery is \$34.00 for the first name and call sign on the front and the logo on the back. The Board has agreed that AARC will cover that fee.

It takes at least 3 weeks after the order is placed to get the coats. Lee Ann (KL7LW) will be taking orders at the September and October meetings. She will need payment up front.

You can reach her at KL7Z@gci.net, KL7LW@yahoo.com, her cell — 350-3480, or by stopping by Alaska Regional Hospital ER when she is working (contact her for her schedule.)

She will need size, first name, and call sign for the order.



Upcoming Events



Multiple Sclerosis 150 Bike Ride. — Saturday Sept. 11th, and Sunday Sept. 12th.

Where: Between Hope and Seward —
some positions at rest stops while others are mobile in support vehicles.

Free Dinner in Seward Saturday Night.

Contact Allen at 907-947-0827 or allenabbott90@msn.com.

Notice:

The Club has a collection of old QSTs and technical manuals and other publications — some dating back to 1935. These are available to anyone who is interested in having them — free to Club members — at a nominal price to non-members.

Please contact Jim Wiley KL7CC (jwiley@alaska.net) or Allen Brier N5XZ (n5xz@arrl.net) for information.

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ARES DISTRICT 7 & 5
KL7AA & KL7JFU

www.aresalaska.org



September 2010

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5	6	7 VE Testing	8	9 	10	11 MS 150 VE Testing
12 MS 150	13	14	15	16 	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

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

PARKA: meets at Peggy's restaurant, 11AM
Contact: Lil Marvin NL7DL, 277-6741
EARS: R1 North, Third Saturday of each month.
Contact: Ron Keech: KL7YK@arrl.net

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.

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FEMA

<http://training.fema.gov/>

The **ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Program**, was approved by the ARRL Board in January 2000. Volunteers from all over the country assisted in pulling together information for the course. Because the topic of emergency communications is so diversified and so much information is available, the material is broken into three levels: **Introductory**, **Intermediate** and **Advanced Emergency Communications (Levels I, II and III)**.

Each on-line course has been developed in segments -- learning units with objectives, informative text, student activities, and quizzes. Courses are interactive and include direct communications with a Mentor/Instructor and other students.

Check out: <http://www.arrl.org/cce/> for more information.

The MODULATION TIMES will no longer be sent out by US MAIL! In an effort to control club cost and to continue to modernize our resources, the board of AARC has decided that as of 5/31/2010 all future newsletters will be in ELECTRONIC format only. If you have special needs or concerns please send your comments to editor@kl7aa.net to bring to the attention of the board of AARC. Current and newsletters from years past can be found on the club website at www.KL7AA.net

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

ANNOUNCEMENT:

AL7N is the Alaska Section Traffic Manager. Ed is looking for Code operators for passing formal NTS traffic throughout Alaska on the AK CW Net.

For more information Please contact:
AL7N@arrl.net

ARES South Central Alaska District
Contact Information Don Bush, KL7JFT@arrl.net



FOR SALE

If you have equipment that you want to have listed for sale, please notify the editor at editor@KL7AA.net before the 20th of the month. Thanks for your help.

Items advertised will have a date of first appearance added — and they will be deleted after two months unless we are otherwise notified.

For Sale:

8/2010

TS-2000. Like New. Non-smoker. Non-mobile. Never been moved. Manual and box. Come by and operate. \$1150. Please contact John Bury/KL7QZ at 349-8754(Anchorage) or jbury@gci.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 Peggy's Restaurant at the corner of Concrete Avenue and 5th Avenue across from Merrill Field. Great Fun.

Friday Lunch: Kenai Peninsula: Members of the Moosehorn ARC get together at one of the local Soldotna-Kenai area restaurants that change every week. Call on 146.88-repeater for location.

AARC BADGES

The badge comes with your Name and Call sign engraved, the club logo on an arched 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 are \$20.00 per member for each badge and \$2.00 per customized name plate.

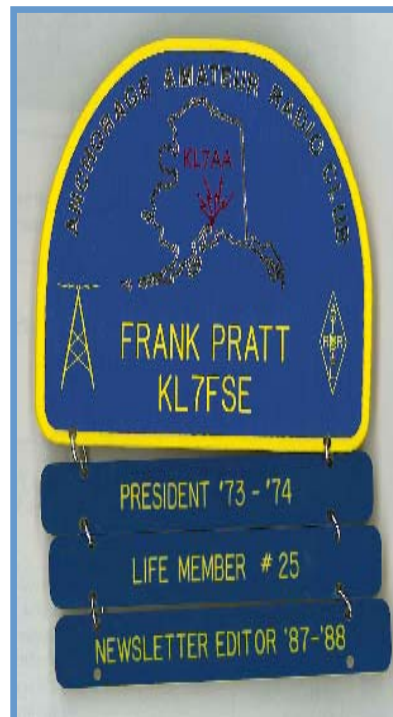
Badges have the option of a pin or magnet attachment.

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, call sign and if you wish

to have any additional name plates added.

Orders take approximately 10 days for printing and are made locally in Anchorage.






Data You Can Use:

Freq	Tone	Call	Features	Area
147.18 (-)	88.5	ADES		Ft. Richardson
146.88 -	no tone	AL7LE	Phone patch	Kenai Soldotna
146.82-	103.5	KB8JXX	IRLP	Anchorage
146.76 -	123.0	KL3K	IRLP	Seward
146.94 -	103.5	KL7AA	Phone patch	Anchorage to Wasilla
224.94 -	no tone	KL7AA	Phone Patch	Anchorage
444.70 +	103.5	KL7AA	Phone Patch	Anchorage
146.67 -	103.5	KL7AIR	MARS Station	Anchorage & Highway North
147.30 +	141.3	KL7ION		Very Wide Area
146.85 -	no tone	KL7JFU	Phone patch	Mat Valley
146.91 -	no tone	KL7JL		Homer
147.15 +	107.2	NL7J	Phone patch	Eagle River & Chugiak
147.33 +	103.5	WL7CVF	Cross linked to 443.900	Very Wide Area **
443.900 +	103.5	WL7CVF	Cross linked to 147.330	Very Wide Area **
147.27 +	103.5	WL7CVG	Cross linked to 443.300	Very Wide Area *
443.300 +	103.5	WL7CVG	Cross linked to 147.27	Very Wide Area*

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. **IRLP is not authorized on KL7AA repeaters except for special events as approved by the board and trustee.**

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

Nets in Alaska: The following nets are active in Alaska:

VHF

ARES Net: 147.27/87 103.5Hz - Thursdays at 8:00 PM local

No Name Net: 146.85/.25 repeater Sundays 8:00 PM

Big City Simplex Net: 146.520, 446.0, 52.320 FM, 29.6 FM, 28.400 USB With Packet 145.01 and 147.96, Tuesdays 8:00 PM local

Alaska VHF Up Net: 144.200 USB Saturdays 9:00 AM local

Statewide LINK Net: 145.15(-) PL 123.0Hz; Sundays 8PM local

ALASKA ARES Statewide ARES NET:

IRLP Alaska Reflector (9070) Thursdays at 830PM Local

Alaska Morning Net: 145.15(-) PL123.0Hz; Daily at 9:00 AM

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)** 3540 kHz 7042 kHz 14050 kHz Non-directed, CW calling and traffic watch For relaying NTS or other written traffic AL7N monitors continuously. Receivers always on WL2K RMS connection available (AL7N@winlink.org)

⇒ **Alaska Pacific Net:**

14.292 MHz 8:30 AM M-F

⇒ **ERC HF et:** 3.880 MHz – Sunday 8:30PM

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>
PARKA <http://www.parka-kl7ion.com>
ARES <http://www.aresalaska.org>
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>
Béthel Amateur Radio Klub: <http://www.al7yk.org/>
Yukon Amateur Radio Association:
<http://www.yara.ca/>

Links for Propagation

<http://www.haarp.alaska.edu/>

QRP and Homebrew Links <http://www.AL7FS.us>

Solar Terrestrial Activity

<http://www.spaceweather.com>

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

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

"Alaska ARES and the Alaska Native Medical Center have in joint effort stood up a HF Remote Messaging System (HF RMS) in Anchorage. This system provides HF Radio Email Service to the area. In an emergency this system will provide digital email capabilities if we lose the Internet. It is designed to accept connections from Amateur Operators who are using either PacLink or Airmail software and a Pactor 1-3 capable Terminal Mode Controller (TNC). If the Internet is lost to the area the RMS will forward messages to another RMS over HF Radio. Being HF Radio based, the coverage area is quite large. While it is intended for intra-Alaska use we have stations from as far away as Arizona using the HF RMS to pass email traffic to the internet on occasions.

ARES also hosts a VHF RMS which provides Radio to Email service on VHF Radio in the Anchorage area. The WL7CVG RMS's frequency listings, etc. can be found on www.Winlink.Org . "

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

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.

1st Thursday each month: **Moosehorn Amateur Radio Club General meeting** - 7:00 PM location changes monthly so call on 146.88-repeater for info. Contact George Van Lone, KL7AN: donnavl@acsalaska.net

2nd Saturday each month: **PARKA Meeting** at 11:00 AM. Polar Amateur Radio Klub of Alaska. All amateurs welcome. Denny's on Denali Street in Anchorage. 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 Tuesday each month: **AARC Board meeting** at 7:00 PM at Hope Cottage 540 W. International. All hams are invited and encouraged to attend.

4th 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 Don Bush, KL7JFT, dbush@gci.net.

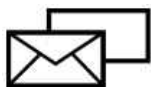
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Anchorage ARES RMS	WL7CVG-10	144.9
Palmer (MATSU) RMS	KL7JFT-10	145.19
FAIRBANKS RMS	KL7EDK-10	147.96
South Central Digipeater	WL7CVG-4	144.9

KL7AA HAMSHACK

The KL7AA station is available for training in HF operations. Learn from an experienced HF operator about propagation, voice and Morse code modes as well as best practices and legal operations. The station is fully integrated with a PC and soundcard to operate in many digital modes. There are weekly contests to participate in even if just helping Hams all over the world gain points and multipliers to win awards.

Your club station is quite capable and has great ears. Club operators have made many QSO's with all modes on all continents. Recent activities have seen SSTV QSO with New Zealand, hearing a Fallujah Iraq operator on PSK, a 15 meter contact to Peru during the CQ WW Phone contest. Common contacts are made with the lower 48 states and Caribbean, Canada, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, Russia and islands in the Pacific.

Take advantage of this unique benefit! Arrange a session by contacting the club trustee, Keith Clark, KL7MM to meet at the KL7AA station on Rowan Street.



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If you like to **stay in touch on KL7AA news** and other posts of local interest.

Step #1: First point your browser to:
<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/kl7aa>

Step #2: On the web page you will see a section titled "Subscribing to KL7AA". Enter your e-mail address in the "Your email address" entry box.

Step #3: Pick a password for your account and enter it in the box marked "Pick a password" and then enter the same password in the box marked "Reenter password to confirm". This password will be used to change your settings on the list such as digest mode, etc.

Step #4: If you would like the e-mails in daily digest form click yes on the line marked "Would you like to receive list mail batched in a daily digest?"

Step #5: Click on the "Subscribe" button below the information that you just entered.



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