

# Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

Next Meeting October 1, 2010, 7:00 PM

**October General Meeting, October 1st.  
7:00 PM Carr-Gottstein Bldg., APU Campus**

## Anchorage Amateur Radio Club 2010 Election of Board and Officers

Ballots for the 2010 Election of Officers were mailed on September 13th. They must be returned by mail by October 31st. Ballots will be opened and counted November 5, 2010 at the AARC general membership meeting that evening. Ballots received after October 31st will not be counted. Please return your ballot promptly.

As defined by the By-Laws, the following are up for election.

### **Officer Positions:**

President (2 year term)  
Vice President (2 year term)  
Secretary (2 year term)  
Treasurer (2 year term)  
Activities Manager (1 year term)

### **Board Members**

Three Year Board Member — 1 position open  
One Year Board Members — 8 positions open

## **Web Master Needed!!!!**

Your club needs 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.

Editor's Note: Thanks to TJ Sheffield for last month's pictures of the Anchorage Running Club Big Wild Run.

## "Refuges On The Air" Special Event Station

Members of "Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges" are planning amateur radio "Refuges On The Air" special event station operation at The Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center in Homer, Alaska, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. This event will be celebrating "National Wildlife Refuge Week."

If you would like to participate in this event please Email Larry Plessinger - AL7LW [larry@acsalaska.net](mailto:larry@acsalaska.net)

National Wildlife Refuge & State	Activator	Call Sign	Dates/Times/Remarks
Alaska Maritime NWR - Homer, Alaska	KL1YY	KL1YY	Friday Oct. 15 to Saturday Oct. 17, 1600Z-2400Z
Bosque del Apache NWR - New Mexico	Socorro Amateur Radio Association	N5B	Friday Oct. 15 to Saturday Oct 16.
Kern NWR - California	N6AJ	N6W	Sunday Oct. 10 & Saturday Oct. 16
Parker River NWR - Massachusetts	Pentucket Radio Association	K1W	Saturday Oct. 9 1500-2000Z, SSB 18.125, 14.265, 7.240 & 3.880 MHz. Occasional thru Oct. 17.
Seney NWR - Michigan	Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club	K8W	Friday Oct. 15 to Saturday Oct. 16
Hatchie NWR - Tennessee	Haywood County Amateur Radio Group	TBD	TBD
Caddo Lake NWR - Texas	W5 NWR ARC	W5NWR	Friday Oct. 15 to Sunday Oct. 17. Normal special event frequencies of opportunity on SSB and RTTY. <a href="#">W5NWR Web Site</a>
Occoquan Bay NWR - Virginia	K4 NWR ARC/ARPSC	K4NWR	Saturday Oct. 9, daylight hours.
Trempealeau NWR - Wisconsin	Riverland Amateur Radio Club (WI) & Winona Amateur Radio Club (MN)	K9P	Thursday, Oct. 14 1500-1900 UTC, 14.265, 7.225 SSB; Saturday, Oct. 16 1500 - 2300 UTC, 14.265, 7.225 SSB.

## **2010 Simulated Emergency Test October 2-3**

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications, administered by ARRL Field Organization Leaders including Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, Section Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. Many other Section Leaders like the Section Manager and the Section Traffic Manager may have a hand in planning the exercises and/or reviewing the results. Amateur Radio Emergency Service ® (ARES®), National Traffic System (NTS), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and other public-service oriented groups can be involved. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on the emergency-communications capability within your community while interacting with NTS nets. Although the main SET weekend this year is October 2-3, local and section-wide exercises may be held throughout the fall season.

During September, the ARRL will be among dozens of organizations and agencies taking part in National Preparedness Month. "The Ready Campaign," produced by the Ad Council in partnership with the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is aimed at making citizen preparedness "a priority for every city, every neighborhood and every home" in the US. The ARRL encourages you to consider this year's Simulated Emergency Test and preparations for it as a demonstration of Amateur Radio's readiness and as an active participant in National Preparedness Month. <http://www.ready.gov/>, <http://www.ready.gov/america/npm10/index.html>

### **How to Join the SET**

To participate in this year's emergency test, contact your local ARRL emergency coordinator or net manager to find out the details. ARRL Sections, ARES teams and nets may conduct their exercises anytime during September through December. If you don't know who to call, please touch base with your ARRL Section Manager for assistance. See page 16 of *QST* for contact information or check the ARRL Web page. The URL to start with is <http://www.arrl.org/sections/>.

From there, you'll find links to ARRL section home pages with names and contact information for your Section Leaders including the Section Emergency Coordinator and Section Traffic Manager. Whether you're a new licensee or an experienced radio amateur, the SET is a golden opportunity to learn or practice useful skills in traffic handling, net operation and emergency communications protocols and management.

For information about AARC participation, contact Mike O'Keefe KL7MD, [mok@gci.net](mailto:mok@gci.net).

## Hamfest 2010 Report

Greetings all,

The Ham Fest started off with a day of slow drizzle outdoors and was soon a raging deluge. This kept most people indoors wandering between the few tables we had, a snack table and cart, and purchasing raffle tickets for the door prizes given away during the day.

Two speakers shared information with those interested in attending. KL7XJ and KB8JXX talked about Satellite and VOIP. A testing session was held in the afternoon.

The General Store did a booming business, partially thanks to WL7BF who was given donations from Channel 7. We only took a couple items back to the CCV Club House.

The CCV was also at the Kincaid Park Chalet but not many people braved the short walk from inside the chalet to the motor home.

Not one person braved the elements to take advantage of the bar-b-que so we never set up.

Following are the lucky folks who won the main radio and antenna door prizes:

Yeasu 1 FT-450AT HF Radio	KL6M	Michael Mellum
TM 271(A) 2 meter Radio	N9RNL	Jim Wardman
	KL2HK	William Fleming
	KL2MY	Diane L Dughman
27cm X-50 Antenna	KL2FA	Carol Bush
	KB1QCD	Janis Abbott
DJS 41 & VX2R	KL7LL	John Orella
Alnico DJ-C9	KL1VA	Steven Hayden (Donated by Arctic Com)

Following are a list of all the prizes awarded as well as who the lucky winners were.

	Raffle Tickets - \$1.00	
UHF Digital Handbook	KL2OB	Cindy Welbourne
Instruction Manual	NL7WW	John Murray
Log Book	KL7LL	John Orella
Extra Class Manual	KL2RD	Michael E Perry
Magnetic Signs (Pair)	KL7LL	John Orella
AK Wildflowers	WL7NJ	James Adkison, SR
Alinco DJ-C9	KL1VA	Steven Hayden
AK 50 Anniversary Book	KL1VA	Steven Hayden
Amateur Radio Today	KL1VA	Steven Hayden
ARRL Emergency Communications	NL7TZ	Tom Rutigliano
VOIP Internet Linking Manual	WL7BF	Paul Spatzek
Airwaves over Alaska	KL2TD	David Taylor
Log Book	KL2AA	Hunter Bellamy
Airwaves over Alaska	KL2MY	Diane L Dughman
Hands on Radio	NL7TZ	Tom Rutigliano
HT Digital Handbook	AL0LA	Mary Salamanchuk
Antenna Compendium	AL7FS	James Larsen

# Raffle Tickets - \$5.00

TM 271(A) 2 meter Radio

N9RNL

Jim Wardman

KL2HK

William Fleming

KL2MY

Diane L Dughman

27cm X-50 Antenna

KL2FA

Carol Bush

KB1QCD

Janis Abbott

JS 41 & VX2R

KL7LL

John Orella

Astron RS-20A Power Supply

KL7IE

John Rogers

DJS41

KL7ES

Paul Williams

1 FT-450AT HF Radio

KL7JFT

Don Bush

KL6M

Michael Mellum

## Free Ticket for Attending

USB Adapter

KL7JFT

Don Bush

Kenwood VC HI

KL7BGZ

Neil Thalaker

Telegraph Kit & RadioGram

N9RNL

Jim Wardman

ARRL Handbook

KL7Z

Randy Vallee

UHF DJ 541T

N5XZ

Allen Brier

ARRL Wire Classic

KL2RQ

Kevin Ehm

ARRL Antenna Compendium

KL2IE

Shawn Connelly

Power ware Battery

KL2IE

Shawn Connelly

CD 2007 ARRL

KL2IE

Shawn Connelly

ARES Field Resource Manual

NL7WW

John Murray

USB Adapter

KL7MM

Keith Clark

HT Handbook

KL0TSU

Nathan Skinner

Antenna Compendium

No call sign

Joanna P.

Simple Fun Antennas

KL0IU

Susan Adkison

USB Adapter

No call sign

Fleming

ARRL 2005 CD

KB1QCD

Janis Abbott

Amateur Radio Today

KL7HFQ

Roger Hansen

AK 50 Anniversary Book

No call sign

John Condon

Our total budget for this year's event was \$2,500.00. We spent \$2,100.00 approximately and had a return of \$1,500.00 approximately. The organizers and all the volunteers would like to thank you for taking time out to join us at the 2010 Ham Fest.

I would like to thank Tom and Ann Ritigliano, Paul Spatzek, Jim & Sue Adkinson, Michael O'Keefe, Jim Larsen, TJ Tombelson and Dale Hershberger as well as all the VE volunteers who helped out with this year's Ham Fest. Have ideas for next year? Contact Richard Kotsch through the activities director email after the first of the year. Thanks again.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kathleen O'Keefe





More Hamfest Pictures — thanks to Paul Spatzek for all of them.



## The "Ahh-Haa moment". — The 2010 MS-150

Planning for this year's Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride has taken a year. With new out of state management, the event coordinators wanted to dot every "i" and cross every "t". There was a new comprehensive emergency plan. At 60 days prior to the event, planning meetings and/or emails were weekly. Drafts and multiple revisions of the "crisis plan" were sent to the various group chairs. The one static item in the plan was that the primary form of communication would be HAM Radio.

Fast forward to Sept. 11, 2010, the first day of the two day event. My role was to shadow (provide communications for) the "Tour Director," Sarah Danilson. Sarah is based out of Seattle, WA and as Senior Manager of Special Events, she oversees all of the biking and walking MS fundraiser events held in AK, MT, and WA. The day started at about 6:30am. I told Sarah that I would be her link to others involved in the event and the outside world as required. Sarah and I drove the course all morning. She listened intently to the messages being passed on the radio as we drove from rest stop to rest stop. I noted that every time we entered or exited the car, she would check her cell phone for service. She seemed frustrated at her phone. There is no cell service outside of Hope or Seward. I would ask if she needed to pass a message to someone. Sometimes there was a message and other times not. Sarah enjoyed the "situational awareness" of listening to the radio traffic she was hearing.

On Sunday as we were headed back north on a particularly narrow stretch of road; while discussing the Crisis Plan, it happened! Sarah had an "Ahh-Haa moment" !! Sarah exclaimed, "If there is a medical emergency, the only way to notify 911 and the Crisis Team at the National MS Office was by HAM Radio and the dedicated group of volunteers that supported the network". She was right. HAM Radio is used at most MS Events but only in Alaska is HAM Radio is the ONLY reliable communication link. The light came on for the Tour Director. If the bike mechanic failed to show up on the day of the event, the cyclists would have to change their own tires, but if there were no HAM operators, there would be no event. You can not have an event of this size without a reliable communications link for safety reasons.

What a fantastic communications link !!! (in order of appearance)

TJ Tomblinson- KB8JXX set up the repeaters and kept the "Net" functioning  
Bruce McCormick- KL7BM provide the calming voice of Net Control and networking knowledge  
Pat Wilke-WL7JP provided radio coverage and security at Hope School  
Ray Monfore-N7CFF provide radio coverage at Rest Stops 1 & 8  
Ray Hollenbeck- KL1IL provided radio coverage at Rest Stops 2 & 7 via his "canned Ham" trailer. Ray's Aunt also volunteered  
Tom & Ann Rutigliano-KL7TZ/NL7TZ provided radio coverage at Rest Stops 3 & 6  
Mike & Kathy O'Keefe- KL7MD/KL7KO provide radio coverage at Rest Stops 4 & 5 and helped transport items from one rest stop to another  
Jan Abbott- KB1QCD provide radio coverage in one of the MS Support Vehicles  
Jim Wardman- N9RNL provided radio coverage in one of the MS supply vehicles and double dipped as a support vehicle  
Ralph Cheek- KL7AX provided radio coverage AND his own vehicle to be the Shuttle service along a narrow 8 mile stretch of the Seward Hwy  
Lara & Alice Baker- AL2R & KL2GD provided radio coverage at the Finish line in Seward AND fantastic traffic direction to guide cyclists to the bike storage area

The Tour Director made it very clear on Sunday afternoon: "Please come back next year because we can't do this without your volunteers and HAM Radio." I think they liked our work!!!

Thank you to everyone that helped make this a huge success,  
Allen Abbott- KB1QCE

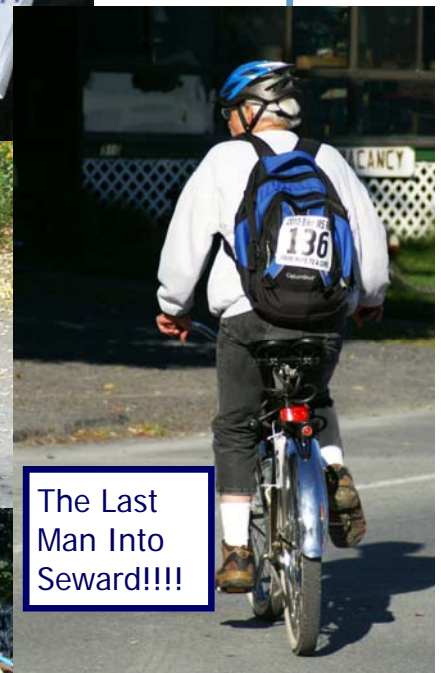


# **Pictures from the 2010 MS-150** (thanks to Kathy O'Keefe & Alice Baker)





## More Pictures from the MS-150 (More to come next month)



The Last  
Man Into  
Seward!!!!



**Wow!!!!**

Here are a couple of snapshots that I think the readership might find interesting. This is how they do ham radio when money is no object! Recently while attending a wedding in Santa Barbara, California, my XYL Ruth Ann and I were invited to participate in a Saturday morning ARES exercise at the municipal Red Cross. The local hams rolled up in a nice assortment of E-Class Mercedes, Jaguar V-12 sedans, and Bentleys with antennas galore. The interior shot of the Red Cross EOC was taken as we looked on during a roll call of several dozen hams who were deployed into the surrounding hills in support of the ongoing exercise.

The second photo is of Ruth Ann enjoying the ambience of a local estate where a teenaged ham lives in the upstairs bedroom with his Icom equipment. This young man is the brother of the bride, and he was home from the American International boarding school in London, England for the wedding. No, he can't have any (visible) outside antennas, but his view out over the Pacific ocean is somewhat better than his neighbor Oprah who lives down the hill. Since Oprah isn't a ham, then this is as it should be...

73,  
Craig, KL4E





## Reminiscences!!!

Hi-

I was sitting around the other day thinking of Alaska and all the ham radio fun I had there when the words just started to flow. Perhaps others have storied of KL7Y they'd like to share.

Here are my ramblings relating to Dan, KL7Y (SK). Thanks, John F. Reisenauer, Jr. KL7JR

KL7Y (SK): You Could Say I Knew Him When

The old call sign KL7Y issued to Dan Robbins is synonymous with Alaska. Just mention the word Alaska or contest and most hams will automatically say KL7Y. I first heard of KL7Y when I was licensed in 1980. As a novice ham and editor of the Canadian International DX Club's "Arctic DX" column, Dan provided me with a lot of arctic info. He was always there with most interesting tidbits to flavor my column. I was starting to learn that's just the kind of guy Dan was.

I first met Dan back in early 1990 in Anchorage when I was NL7TB, and got invited to operate from his contest station. I later learned the invitation was given out to only a few hams! I had the pleasure of doing 3 contests from big gun station KL7Y in Wasilla, Alaska before I moved back to the lower 48 in 1994. In late 1989 I vividly remember a 5 AM phone call from Dan while I was in New Jersey saying Alaska is open to the east coast and that he'd call me on 28.495. Dan knew I only needed KL7 for my 10 meter WAS. We easily made contact and Dan spent about 5 minutes with me smack in the middle of his huge pileup! In 1991 Dan loaned us his brand new 5 KW generator for our VY1QST November SS Contest operations from Beaver Creek, Yukon. Imagine that, he trusted us with his new generator. That's just the kind of guy Dan was.

I specifically remember Dan telling about an operation of his from one of the man camps at Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. He cussed out the electricians for taking so long to get him a power circuit for his gear. While a 20 amp circuit would have been no problem, Dan probably required a 100 amp service to power all his gear! I also remember supplying Dan with "where to operate from" info when he did the 1992 (1993?) November SS CW Contest from Yukon's sleepy town of Beaver Creek. We chuckled about him installing his Hustler 5 BTV in a woodpile behind Ida's Motel and Café. It was 1993 when I was president of the South Central Amateur Radio Club in Anchorage and approached Dan with joining us on Field Day. Dan said "forget about HF in Alaska during the summer, it's just not worth the effort". Although he was right about the poor conditions up here, even with low scores, we took first place for Alaska! Dan did offer the use of his



homebrew amp dubbed "Buster" which we gladly accepted. Dan was always there for anyone needing KL7. No frills, that's the kind of guy Dan was.

Then came that terrible day in 1998 with the news that Dan was killed in a motor cycle accident in Hawaii. I am deeply saddened to this date. I had good news to share with Dan. My new call was KL7JR. Dan knew how badly I wanted the KL7 prefix. I know there isn't a contest that goes by that some ham remembers you. Audios "Dano". You are sorely missed.

John Reisenauer, Jr. KL7JR

I ran across this attached article in the GPAA (Gold Prospector's Association of America) magazine. I've contacted and sent the attachment to a few net coordinators but thought the club may be interested in this event on HF.

George Massie is an Alaska pioneer as well as a ham K6G, now deceased. It is a celebration of his hobby. All info is in the attachment on the event including dates and frequencies to listen to.

Thank you sincerely,

Lee Hackenberger WL7COZ

**In honor of  
George "Buzzard" Massie**  
Sept. 1, 1939 - Dec 26, 1993  
by Chuck Johnson

**D**uring the 2009 Scotts Bar Camp out in Northern California, Mark Green and myself decided we should honor the Buzzard for 1968. We thought that since there are many amateur radio operators in the GPAA and LDMA, we could have a special event world wide, the event will be from Sept. 29, 2010 to Oct. 3, 2010 during the week-end campout. We would like to invite all radio amateurs to call in during these dates. We will operate on the following frequencies:

160 M	1.950
80 M	3.850
40 M	7.270
20 M	14.320
15 M	18.150
12 M	24.950
10 M	28.370

The special event call sign will be "K6G" in memory of George Massie, and rejuvenate all the hams in both GPAA and LDMA. We will log all the contacts and make note which contacts were at other gold camps around the country. There will be a write up in the QST magazine on the event.

There will be QSL cards sent out with a "ASAE." Information will be given out over the air as to the address to use.

Also we encourage everyone in the camp to visit the communication trailer and see the radios set up. And yes, one and all will have a chance to talk on the radios from the little ones on up!


If any hams who are going to the Scotts Bar campout would like to participate, look for Chuck Johnson N6YII or Mark Green KB7OUZ to sign up. Hope to see and hear from you. 73s.

**K6G**  
Special Event Station  
In Honor of  
George "Buzzard" Massie

QSL Info  
KB7OUZ  
PO Box 1796  
Olympia, WA, 98507

9/29/10 thru 10/03/10  
Scotts Bar, CA  
Grid CN72

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## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

AARC Board of Directors  
August 17, 2010  
Hope Community Resources

### Board Members Present:

Paul Spatzek WL7BF Secretary, Tom Rutigliano NL7TZ 3 yr, Pat Wilke WL7JA 1 Yr, Randy Vallee KL7Z Pres., John Orella KL7LL VP, Allen Brier N5XZ 1 Yr, Mike O' Keefe KL7MD 1 Yr, Kathy O' Keefe KL7KO 1 Yr, Susan Woods NL7NN 1Yr, Eric McIntosh KL2FM 3 Yr, TJ Sheffield KL7TS 1 Yr, Jim Wiley KL7CC 1 Yr and VEC, Sean Jensen KL2CO 1 Yr.

### Non Voting Members Present:

Keith Clark KL7MM Trustee, Fred Erickson KL7FE Membership

### Members Excused:

TJ Tomblelson KB8JXX Activities, Calex Gonzalez KL2BT Treasurer

### Visitor:

Alice Baker KL2GD Newsletter Editor

President Randy Vallee called the meeting to order at 7pm after a quorum was reached.

### Secretary's Minutes:

Treasurer's Report :Calex Gonzalez

VE Report: All proceeding normally

Trustee's Report: NTR

Fred Erickson: Thanked everyone for help with the roster update at the general meeting.

Bylaws Committee: Proceeding as planned with rewrites of the bylaws in progress.

Finance Committee: No official report with a meeting planned for mid September

TJ gave a presentation for a a proposed financial tracking system spreadsheet. Further discussion was held with both methods being sent back to the finance committee.

Projects Committee: Power and battery project with the addition of an extra rig-runner panel to support the extra room for radios. Mike O' Keefe moved we spend \$1100.00 for the complete battery and power system, Allen Brier seconded. Votes were unanimous for approval.

ARES: No training scheduled

Title 21: Assembly subcommittee still acting and are being watched.

Hamfest is progressing.

Club Coats: Club will pay for the Embroidery of coat with member's name and call sign. Kathy moved for approval with Tom seconding with unanimous approval.

Willow Library Request: The Willow Library requested a set of Amateur Radio Relay League books the value not to exceed 350.00. John Orella moved and Paul seconded with unanimous approval.

Books at the Shack: Allen Brier made a proposal that the library be pruned by donations at the hamfest. Several other options were mentioned including publicizing these items in the newsletter.

The meeting was taken into executive session at this point.

Adjourned.



**AARC General Meeting  
APU Campus  
Carr-Gottstein Building  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010**

John Orella KL7LL, opened the meeting promptly at 7pm.

A short round of introductions was held.

John then introduced Lara AL2R and Alice KL2GD and thanked them for their good work with the newsletter.

John announced two tower parties that were due for the weekend and asked for volunteers.

John turned the meeting over to John Brown PhD, who gave a great talk about the role of GPS in the recovery search for the remnants of the shuttle crash in Texas.

The meeting was adjourned.

Editor's Note: After the presentation, Secretary Paul Spatzek, with the help of Kathy O'Keefe, took nominations for the slate of Board members for the October election.

## 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](mailto:KL7Z@gci.net), [KL7LW@yahoo.com](mailto: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



### **"Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges"**

**Amateur radio "Refuges On The Air" special event station operation.**

**The Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center in Homer, Alaska  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**This event will be celebrating "National Wildlife Refuge Week."**

### **FREE!!!**

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](mailto:jwiley@alaska.net)) or Allen Brier N5XZ ([n5xz@arrl.net](mailto:n5xz@arrl.net)) for information.



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**9510-1987**  
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**ARES DISTRICT 7 & 5**  
**KL7AA & KL7JFU**

**[www.aresalaska.org](http://www.aresalaska.org)**



## October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 General Meeting 7:00PM	2
3	4	5 <b>VE Testing</b>	6	7  	8	9 <b>VE Testing</b>
10	11	12	13	14  	15	16 EARS General Meeting
17	18 AARC Board Meeting 7 PM	19 Mara Board Meeting 7PM	20	21  	22	23
24	25	26	27	28  	29 Mara Meeting 7 PM	30
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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**

*PARKA: meets 2nd Saturday at Denny'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.

Emergency  
Management  
Institute



FEMA

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

### 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@arri.net

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

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.arri.org/cce/> for more information.



# FOR SALE

If you have equipment that you want to have listed for sale, please notify the editor at [editor@KL7AA.net](mailto: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.

## **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](mailto: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 Sign	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
<b>147.33 +</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>WL7CVF</b>	Cross linked to 443.900	Very Wide Area **
<b>443.900 +</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>WL7CVF</b>	Cross linked to 147.330	Very Wide Area **
<b>147.27 +</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>WL7CVG</b>	Cross linked to 443.300	Very Wide Area *
<b>443.300 +</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>WL7CVG</b>	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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## 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>  
B  thel 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](mailto: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](http://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

**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:donnavl@acsalaska.net)

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

**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.

**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 Don Bush, KL7JFT, [dbush@gci.net](mailto:dbush@gci.net).

<u>WINLINK</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
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.



## KL7AA Mail Reflector

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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