December General Meeting, December 3rd.
7:00 PM Carr-Gottstein Bldg., APU Campus

Christmas Potluck

AARC’s Christmas Party will take place at the December 3, 2010 meeting at the Carr/Gottstein Building at the Alaska Pacific University.

The party will be a potluck with a Chinese Gift Exchange (Gift limit $25.00). Please don’t bring any boat anchors as gifts. Bring a favorite recipe or traditional dish. The club will provide coffee, tea, hot chocolate, water and generic soda.

All family members are welcome!!!

For those of you who have not participated in a Chinese Gift Exchange let me share the highlights with you. Numbers are drawn from a bag, hat, box etc. The person with the lowest number goes first. They open their gift and show it to everyone; no fair hiding it as it may be chosen by the next person in line. If the next person chooses to take their gift, the person whose gift was taken must chose a new gift. This promises to get pretty interesting!!!!

We will also have a Hawaiian shirts contest. Hats are optional. We don’t know who will be judging.

Come join us and have a good time.
2010 ARRL Field Day Re-visited:

Our Anchorage Club did really well on Field Day, 2010 — June 26th & 27th.

Below are screenshots from the ARRL results database, showing KL7AA as No. 01 in the Alaska Section and No. 01 in the Nation for High Power.
Information about ARES Activities and Training.
From Mike O’Keefe KL7MD:

Every Thursday evening at 2000 hours ARES personnel hold the ARES net on 147.270 MHz. On that same evening at 2030 hours the State Wide ARES net is also held on 145.150 MHz.

ARES training is normally held on the 3rd Saturday of the month — but this has been suspended recently due to Mike’s requirement to work on that day.

The next ARES training will cover how to operate Winlink and Winmore systems. In order to do that, we have to have a training class on what Winlink and Winmore are. We will probably do that training during the January club meeting on the first Friday of January.

We will then attempt to do Winlink and Winmore training at the CCV on the 3rd Saturday of the month in January.
Ham Shack Refit:

Over the last (at least) 6 months, AARC members have been “redecorating” the various areas in the Ham Shack (on Rowan Street).

A new HF Operations area has been partitioned off and many of the things in storage have been gone through, tested and some given away.

Much of the old literature (e.g., old QST’s) has been given away.

The people that I know who have been most involved are Mike O'Keefe (who tested miles of cable), Keith Clark, TJ Sheffield, Fielder Dowding, and Rich Gillin. If there are others that I am missing, please let me know.

Below are a few pictures of the process and the refurbished areas of the Shack.

Alice Baker KL2GD
ARRL November Sweepstakes 2010

The ARRL’s annual November Sweepstakes is the oldest domestic contest [sic], beginning in 1932. It’s a competition between North American stations – individuals, teams, and clubs. For many US and Canadian hams, it is their first contest operation and remains a regular event on their yearly schedule for a lifetime. The contest is somewhat unique in that each station may only be contacted once and the number of different recognized locations is limited to the 80 ARRL and RAC sections. Working the 80 sections is called a “Clean Sweep” and allows the station to claim one of the coveted Clean Sweep coffee mugs – there are other awards, as well.

(excerpted from www.arrl.org/sweepstakes, Sean Kutzko, KX9X ARRL Contest Branch Manager & Dan Street, K1TO November Sweepstakes Manager )

AARC’s Sweepstakes contest was held at the Ham Shack in the new HF Operations room on November 20th and 21st. Below are a few pictures from the event.

Tj Sheffield has promised to write up the activities and results for the January newsletter.
Minutes of Previous Meetings

AARC General Meeting
Friday November 5th 2010
APU Campus/ Carr Gottstein Building
7pm

The meeting was called to order by President Randy Vallee at 7pm and the usual round of introductions were made.

Secretary Paul Spatzek presented the results of the election of Board of Directors and Officers:

The Officers for 2011 are:

President    Randy Vallee
Vice-President Paul Spatzek
Secretary  Kathleen O'Keefe
Treasurer  Jan Abbott
Activities Manager Richard Kotsch

Members of the Board of Directors are:

3 year   Eric McIntosh
1 year   TJ Sheffield
1 year   Michael O'Keefe
1 year   TJ Tombleson
1 year   Jim Wiley
1 year   Susan Woods
1 year   Pat Wilke
1 year   Allen Brier
1 year   Lara Baker

Roy Sursa had several announcements. The first was a presentation to John Lynn for his valued service to the volunteers and hams at the Alaska State Fair. His second announcement was that he will be the club's new webmaster.

Treasurer Calex Gonzalez presented the budget for the next year. After several questions, John Lynn motioned and John Orella seconded for approval. It passed with no nay votes.
Randy updated us on the progress of the embezzlement matter.

Randy let us know that the Whale movie people donated $750.00 for use of our equipment.

The grant request from MARA came up for $2100.00. Fielder motioned to approve the expenditure, and Lara seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

TJ Tombleson mentioned a new net on the 146.82 repeater, all about Australia.

Mike O'Keefe presented a video presentation to request that the club purchase a truck to help with moving equipment. After considerable discussion, Lara Baker moved to approve up to $15,000.00 for the truck purchase (and associated expenses). This was seconded by Ken Perry. Approval was voted with no nay votes.

TJ presented our Field Day results and we did very well.

Lucky Winners in the door prize drawing were:


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AARC Board Meeting
October 19th 2010
Hope Community Resources Center
7pm

**Voting Members present:**
Paul Spatzek WL7BF Sec., Tom Rutigliano NL7TZ 3 yr, Jerold Tombleson KB8JXX Act. Mgr, John Orella KL7LL VP, Bruce McCormick KL7BM 3yr, Michael O'Keefe KL7MD 1 yr, Kathleen O'Keefe KL7CO 1yr, Randy Vallee KL7Z President, TJ Sheffield KL7TS 1 yr, Sean Jensen KL2CO 1yr, Eric McIntosh KL2FM 3yr, Allen Brier N5XZ 1 yr

**Non Voting Members present:**
Keith Clark KL7MM trustee, Fred Erickson KL7FE membership

**Guests:**
Lara Baker AL2R, Alice Baker KL2GD, newsletter editors, and Jan Abbott KB1QCD treasurer-elect.
Members Excused:
Susan Woods NL7NN, Pat Wilke WL7JA, Calex Gonzalez KL2BT

The meeting was opened at 7 pm by Randy after it was determined that a quorum was present.

Agenda additions were added by Mike (pickup purchase) and Bruce mentioned his upcoming 2-5 month absence depending on how various medical procedures work out.

TJ Tombleson requested IRLP be added at new business.

Guests were greeted.

Secretary's minutes were approved with corrections by Mike and seconded by Tom.

Treasurer was not present.

VE Report -not present.

Trustee: NTR

Membership: NTR

Activities Manager: Planning Christmas Party

Committees:

Bylaws: planning a meeting for the 24th of October, working through the issues.

Finance Committee: presented report and presented budget for next year.

Projects Committee: A discussion of Allen's various projects and the need for new supplemental funding of $250.00. Allen motioned to approve and Mike seconded. Board approval was unanimous. There was a request for funding for Phillystran and line isolators in the amount of $650.00. Allen motioned to approve and Bruce seconded. Board approval was unanimous.

There is a need for funding for Sweepstakes in the amount of $750.00. This includes rental of Kincaid (if needed) and propane/diesel and food. Tom motioned to approve and Mike seconded. Board approval was unanimous.
Old Business:

ARES- training on hold waiting for the pre training from Don Bush on WINLINK, etc.

Title 21- Muni review committee is still “churning”

Webmaster-Randy has a volunteer, but needs to confirm. Randy is searching for an FTP program, “Fillezilla” was mentioned.

New Business:

Pickup purchase: Mike researched the purchase of a pickup, and has a chosen candidate. We decided to go to the membership and told Mike to move the idea along to be presented at the general meeting in November.

IRLP:

TJ requested clarification on use of the node at the clubhouse. Our club node was discussed, and the use thereof.

Kathy voted and Tom seconded the motion for adjournment.

Note from Don Bush:

MARA activities for December include a holiday potluck and Chinese gift exchange on Dec. 31st — at the general meeting time followed by participation in the Knik 200 on Saturday and Sunday (the 1st and 2nd of January. MARA members will have a busy weekend.

Happy New Year!
Christmas Party

Put the date on your calendar. The AARC Christmas party will be held at the Carr/Gottstein Building on December 3rd at 7:00. This is a potluck — we will look forward to a lot of good things to eat.

There will also be a Chinese Auction — gifts to be less than $25.00.

Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and join us for a lot of fun!!!!

Happy Holidays
to all of you!!!
### Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

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**ARES DISTRICT 7 & 5**  
**KL7AA & KL7JFU**

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

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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

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2010 Officers & Board of Directors

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Secretary       Paul Spazek        WL7BF  secretary@kl7aa.net
Treasurer       Calex Gonzalez     KL2BT  treasurer@kl7aa.net
Activities      TJ Tomblinson      KB8JXX kb8jxx@wl7cwe.org

Three Year Board Members
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2nd Year        Bruce McCormick    KL7BM  kl7bm@arrl.net
1st Year        Tom Rutigliano     NL7TZ  nl7tz@arrl.net

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Michael O'Keefe  KL7MD  mok@gci.net
TJ Sheffield    KL7TS  kl7ts@arrl.net
Jim Wiley       KL7CC  jwiley@alaska.net
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Other Contacts

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Membership      Fred Erickson     KL7EE  membership@kl7aa.net

Committees (alphabetically) Chair
By-Laws        Michael O'Keefe    KL7M   mok@gci.net
Finance        Keith Clark        KL7MM  aksunlite@aol.com
Projects       TJ Sheffield       KL7TS  kl7ts@arrl.net
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VHF            Doug Dickinson     KL71XX
Newsletter Editors Alice Baker    KL2GD  editor@kl7aa.net
                      Lara Baker      AL2R   editor@kl7aa.net
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, 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.
ARL 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/cee/ for more information.
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

#### South Central Area ARES NET:

- IRLP Alaska Reflector (9070) Thursdays at 830PM Local
- **Alaska Morning Net:** 145.15(-) PL 123.0Hz; 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
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

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

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.

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@gei.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 web page & Email contact addresses:
Homepage:  http://www.KL7AA.net/
Webmaster:  webmaster at kl7aa.net
Membership: membership at kl7aa.net
Newsletter: editor at kl7aa.net

Who Do I Contact to Join AARC
Fred Erickson KL7FE
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E-mail: membership@kl7aa.net
Phone Number: 345-2181
Annual Dues are $12 (prorated as appropriate)
Additional Member in same household is $6.
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 operation. 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.
Club operators have made QSO's with many modes. 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 and Canada, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, Russia, the Caribbean islands, and islands in the Pacific.
Take advantage of this unique benefit! Arrange a session by contacting the club trustee, Keith Clark, KL7MM, (aksunlite@aol.com) 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 in-

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For more information about the ARRL DXCC Program check out: http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/

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