

Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

May 6, 2011

7:00 PM Carr-Gottstein Bldg., APU Campus

John Mears, AL7LA, Submarine Communications
Chairman of UAA Electronics Dept., retired.

Help:

From: **Don Bush** <dbush@gci.net>

Date: Mon, Apr 11, 2011 at 5:07 PM

Subject: ARES Net Roster

We are looking for a Net control or one of the back up net controls to pick up the Net for Mike KL7MD while he is deployed to the sand box from Jun to Oct. This will be the 2nd Thursday of the Month. Please contact Don/KL7JFT at kl7jft@arrl.net.

MARA Hamfest 7 May, details on KL7JFU web site.

Also all members, remember to stay on the active roster, you need to check in at least once a month. If you drop off you will be put back on when you have the opportunity to check back in.

Don, KL7JFT

Breaking News:

 (from Jim Wiley — KL7CC — jwiley@alaska.net)

The current issue of the ARRL letter shows the Anchorage VEC petition as filed (via other links. The Anchorage petition has received a file number. It is RM-11629. The comment period for other hams to comment yea or nay will be open for 30 days. You can download the article from the ARRL letter, and also download the links.

The direct link for comment filing is: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/proceeding/view?name=RM-11629>

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The following article about the Anchorage petition is reprinted from the ARRL.org Website.

To read the complete petition, go to

www.arrl.org/news/anchorage-vec-asks-fcc-to-grant-lifetime-credit-for-expired-licenses

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Anchorage VEC Asks FCC to Grant Lifetime Credit for Expired Licenses

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In a *Petition for Rulemaking* filed with the FCC on April 15 (see above for link), the Anchorage VEC -- one of 14 Volunteer Examiner Coordinators in the US -- asked the Commission to give permanent credit to radio amateurs for examination elements they have successfully passed. This would, in effect, create a license exam credit that would be valid throughout an amateurs' lifetime, never expiring.

Currently, Amateur Radio licenses are good for 10 years. Hams may renew their license not more than 90 days before it is set to expire. If a ham fails to renew their license before it expires, but less than two years after it expires (called a grace period), they can reapply for their license and call sign and do not to retake any examination for the license. Under the current rules, hams may not apply to renew the license after the two year grace period. Instead, they must start all over and take new examinations to receive an Amateur Radio license.

In its *Petition*, Anchorage does not think that this is fair. "It does not matter that the person had at one time passed one or more examination elements," it stated. "This fact is ignored. Does the passage of time somehow invalidate a person's knowledge? We think not. We believe that any applicant who can demonstrate that they have

passed certain elements at some previous date or who have held a license grant for a particular class of license, again on or before various applicable dates, should not have to be re-examined on those elements before a new license can be granted. It seems unfair to allow some applicants to claim element credit for items previously passed and not others."

The Anchorage VEC also believes that if a person can show proof of having held a license grant for a specific class of license, they "[have] in fact demonstrated that they have earned credit for having passed the elements required for that class of license." Anchorage's plan calls for the 14 VECs to handle these applications.

Noting that the questions on the various exam elements have changed over the years to reflect changes in both technology and FCC rules, Anchorage maintained that a license granted in 1960 and a license granted today are both valid licenses "even though they were examined on material that anyone can see is significantly different.

Again, we believe that an applicant for a re-issued license should receive credit for each and every element passed, without regard to when it was given. Requiring an applicant for a re-issued license to re-take an element just because it has changed in detail over the years is unfair, based on the fact that a license which has been continuously renewed and is still active implies that the long-term license holder does in effect receive credit for material passed long ago, and a person desiring to reactivate an expired license apparently does not."

Anchorage, however, stated that even though an expired license is granted without examination after the two year grace period, the call sign need not follow the license. Noting that the call sign might not be available for a number of reasons, Anchorage proposed that applicants applying for their license after the two year grace period be granted "a new sequential call sign appropriate for the area where they currently reside. Once the new license grant has been issued, the applicant could then apply for a different call sign if they so desired, including a previously held call sign if it is available, by making use of the vanity call sign program."

According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, the *Petition* filed by the Anchorage VEC does not address amateurs who had their licenses suspended or revoked. She said that if this *Petition* was looked upon favorably by the FCC, a provision should be made that no examination credit should be given if the operator license was ever suspended or revoked, or if the operator license was surrendered to avoid enforcement proceedings.

In January 1994, the ARRL filed a *Petition* (RM-8418), asking that a former licensee be allowed to obtain a new amateur operator license without passing the requisite

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qualifying examinations again. The objective was to encourage former amateur operators to become involved again in the opportunities provided by the amateur service. But in a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) in 1995, the FCC offered its own proposal, namely that the holder of an expired license could apply to a VE team for examination credit for the examination elements previously passed. The ARRL filed comments against this, arguing that the *Communications Act of 1934, as amended* did not allow the delegation of what amounted to the renewal of a license. In its [Report and Order](#) issued April 1, 1997 the Commission did not address that argument, but cited general opposition in deciding not to adopt its own proposal.

"We believe that our procedures provide ample notification and opportunity for license renewal," the FCC put forth in the 1997 *R&O*. "The license expiration date is shown on our licensee data base, so that it can be obtained through the Internet even if the license document is lost. Providers in the private sector often use this information to remind licensees that expiration is about to occur. For those persons who inadvertently fail to renew, a two-year grace period is allowed. At the conclusion of the grace period, the record of the former licensee is purged from the data base and the call sign becomes available for reassignment in the vanity call sign system. Further, we have made the license renewal process as simple as possible by expanding our electronic filing procedures to include license renewal. With respect to the lifetime operator license suggestion, the operator would still have to renew the station license every 10 years. We would, therefore, have to develop and maintain a separate data base specifically for the purpose of maintaining indefinitely records of amateur operators who allow their station license to expire. It would not be in the public interest to expend resources for such increased record retention."

From Craig Bledsoe — KL4E — Craig_Bledsoe@akprepared.com

Attached are the two pages of a response from Don Young's office to the "concerned constituent" letter that I wrote him a few weeks ago. This expressed my displeasure at the FCC for proposing to hand over a portion of the 70 cm amateur radio band to companies that manufactured military and law enforcement EOD robots for command and control of these devices (think "Hurt Locker" etc.)

In case you're interested, here is a link from the ARRL website that refers to the actual topic that I was writing about:
<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-scores-partial-victory-in-reconrobotics-proceeding>

73, Craig, KL4E

(The response is shown on the next pages)

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April 19, 2011

Mr. Craig Bledsoe
18811 Jamie Dr
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Dear Mr. Bledsoe,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding H.R. 607, the Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011. I appreciate having the benefit of your thoughts.

How the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Congress should address the use of the 700 MHz D Block has been of some debate. The Digital Television Transition (DTV) legislation authored by the House Energy and Committee in 2005 required the FCC to auction spectrum in the 700 MHz band, including the D Block, for commercial use. The FCC commenced an auction in 2008 of the spectrum made available by the transition. Most of the spectrum was successfully auctioned. In the process of creating technical and service rules for the spectrum licenses, however, the FCC chose a variety of geographic license and band sizes, and imposed a number of conditions. For example, the FCC mandated that any auction winner of the D Block enter into a public-private partnership with the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) to produce a network for both public safety and commercial use. No bidder was sufficiently interested in obtaining the spectrum with that condition. Since then, the D Block has sat fallow at the FCC awaiting Commission action to bring it to market. The Congressional Budget Office has said that spectrum is worth approximately \$3 billion.

Recently, there have been a variety of options put forth by legislators, public safety, and industry for how to handle the D Block. Entities like the Public Safety Spectrum Trust and the Major Cities Chiefs Association are proposing, along with Verizon and AT&T, that Congress pass a law to give the D Block directly to the public safety community for free. The public safety community would then use the spectrum for construction of the nationwide public safety network in combination with the original 24 MHz the DTV legislation cleared for First Responders. It could do so alone or it could partner with commercial entities. Public safety officials could also lease the spectrum to commercial providers for use when it might otherwise go unused, but reclaim priority access in times of emergency.

On February 10, 2011, Representative Peter King (R-NY) introduced H.R. 607 to help ensure the development of a national interoperable public safety wireless broadband network on the D Block. Specifically, this legislation would award 20 MHz of spectrum to a single licensee for the purpose of public safety broadband. Additionally, H.R. 670 will fund the construction of this public safety network through an auction of globally homogenized Advanced Wireless Services (AWS) spectrum. I am a proud cosponsor of this legislation.

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H.R. 670 has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, where it awaits action. While I am not a member of this committee, please know that I will support this legislation should it reach the House floor for a vote.

Once again, thank you for expressing your views on this issue. If you haven't already, I would encourage you to sign up for my e-newsletter at http://donyoung.house.gov/IMA/issue_subscribe.htm and my YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=RepDonYoung>. Doing so will allow me to provide you with updates on this and other important issues. If I can be of any assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



DON YOUNG
Congressman for All Alaska

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More FCC News — reprinted from <http://psc.apcointl.org/2011/04/07/fcc-launches-new-website/>

FCC Launches New Website

Reimagined FCC.GOV delivers on agency promise of bringing Web 2.0 to government; Beta site opens door for public feedback as FCC transitions to new design

Independent News Source on April 07, 2011
in [FCC](#), [Government Affairs](#), [Industry](#), [News](#)

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission today launched a complete overhaul of the agency's web site – FCC.gov. Now architected with a more intuitive user experience and the addition of Web 2.0 technologies, the new site improves and simplifies the FCC.gov experience for consumers, government, public safety agencies and the business community. This is the first major update to the site in ten years.

The launch of the new site, available today at <http://beta.fcc.gov> and linked off the existing home page, marks a significant step forward in FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski's initiatives to continuously improve and modernize the way the public interacts with the Commis-

sion and the federal government.

Since Chairman Genachowski took office, the FCC has utilized Web 2.0 technologies – such as official agency blogs; multimedia and social media outlets; and opening the agency's processes via online participation platforms — in reforming the agency. This process has generated hundreds of thousands of comments and interactions from across the country. The FCC's new media team will continue updating the beta FCC.gov site throughout 2011 with the help of public input through the public engagement and participation features in the new FCC.gov, as well as the agency's social media outlets.

"This FCC is empowering consumers and businesses to get the most out of technology," said FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski. "The launch of the new FCC.gov keeps us at the forefront of innovation, and delivers on our promise to move at the speed of high-tech change."

The Commission's new web site was shaped by public feedback and sharpened through an ongoing conversation with users over the past several months and represents the Commission's first overhaul of its main web site in more than a decade.

FCC Managing Director Steven VanRoekel oversaw the technical development and innovation strategies for the new FCC.gov. His vision for the new site drove the deployment of the site's cloud-hosted architecture, open source development, and embrace of leading design techniques drawn from leading consumer sites.

"Online innovators have built destinations that deliver outstanding experiences, high-quality products and great customer service," said VanRoekel. "That's what consumers and businesses expect online, and it's what makes the web great. Traditionally, dot-govs have struggled to keep up with rapidly changing technology.

The ***Reimagined*** FCC.gov is proof that with the right tools and creative thinking, dot-govs can look, feel, and run like dot-coms."

The new FCC.gov is built using web services – a series of standards employed across many of the Web's most popular sites – which empowers citizen developers to build off the new FCC.gov in innovative ways. By building the new site using an open source, cloud-hosted, and scalable architecture, the FCC has leveraged modern tools as a long-term cost-saving strategy, lowering the barriers to future development and innovation among other public and private sector web sites.

Follow the FCC's Managing Director Steven VanRoekel on Twitter at @stevenvfcc for updates about further improvement to FCC.gov.

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MARA Hamfest



Saturday, May 7th 1000—1700 (setup 0900)

Tables \$10.00 reserve by e-mail to kl7jfu@gmail.com

Door Prizes and Refreshments VE Testing is being coordinated.

We have a shortage of chairs — so if you have a favorite chair, bring it along.

\$3.00 per person

Talk-in on 146.85

Location: All City Auto Body & Frame Shop, 5801 E. Blue Lupine Drive, off Parks Hwy, Exit at Harley Davidson Shop.

Anyone interested in providing a program, contact John/AL7LA or email kl7jfu@gmail.com.

Late Breaking News: We have just received by FedEx a large display container of data disks and handouts from NuWaves Ltd. - one of the premier satellite and UHF equipment manufacturers - for giveaway at the MARA Hamfest.

AMSAT will have a major display booth and demonstration station set up and staffed by Dale, KL7XJ (regional AMSAT representative), and assisted by Dan, KL7DR, and Craig, KL4E.

The mass-mailer with all the Alaskan satellite passes will be out to our many subscribers within a day (Dan is crunching the data as we speak.)

Looking forward to see you out at the Hamfest this weekend!

Preliminary announcement for the **Kenai Peninsula Hamfest** - 16 July 2011
<http://www.moosehornarc.com/Hamfest2011.htm>

73, Ed - KL7UW, WD2XSH/45 www.kl7uw.com

MOOSEHORN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB is honored to announce

The 6th Annual Kenai Peninsula HAMFEST, Saturday, July 16th, 2011, 10 AM to 4 PM.

At Kenai Peninsula Borough Emergency Response Center, Wilson Lane, Soldotna.

DIRECTIONS: Coming from Anchorage on the Sterling Highway you enter into Soldotna down a hill and pass by Fred Meyers on the left and AK USA Credit Union on the right. Stay on the Sterling Hwy straight thru the first couple traffic lights. In

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a few blocks you will pass by McDonald's on your right. Turn right at the light just past McDonald's onto Binkley Street and continue one block and turn left onto Wilson Lane. The Emergency Response center will be on your right after you turn onto Wilson Lane. The ERC is across Wilson from the Soldotna Fire Dept. Look for Hamfest signs!

If coming from the south drive into Soldotna until you see McDonald's and turn left at the light before McDonald's. Drive one block and turn left onto Wilson Lane.

Talk-In on the 146.88/28 repeater*

*Admission & One Door Prize Ticket \$4.00 CASH ONLY! (buy extra door prize tickets for \$1.00) Grand prizes: (tickets: \$5.00) Prizes to be announced - soon! Grand Prize Winners will be selected about 3:30 pm (Do not have to be present).

What's happening? HamFest Swap Meet. Bring your stuff to sell. Selling fee (includes admission) is \$10. Table setup 9 to 10 AM. Cash only for admission and table fee. PROGRAM:

- * Demo satellite demo in parking lot
- * 11:00 TBD
- * 12:00 TBD
- * 1:00 - 2:30 pm---- VE Amateur Radio License Testing.

Contact: Hamfest Chair - Ed Cole KL7UW KL7UW@ARRL.Net
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2011 AARC Hamfest [Note the New Date](#)

Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX is the coordinator for the AARC Hamfest to be held **September 17th, 2011**. He is asking for volunteers.

The AARC Hamfest is scheduled for September 17, 2011.

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Bob Lupo - W7ICI

AARC Life Member #73

I am W7ICI, the EC for the Eagle River area.

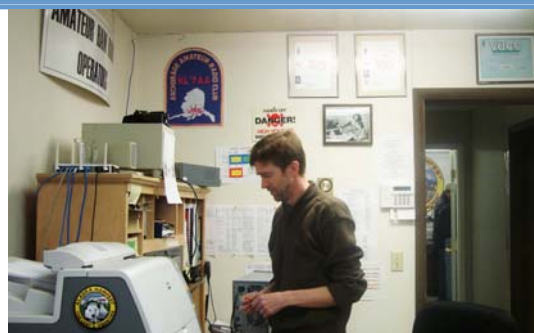
I would like any hams in my local area, interested in emergency communications participation, to contact me. My home number is 694-5876, or e-mail me at [<robert_lupo@juno.com>](mailto:robert_lupo@juno.com).

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.

Did you ever wonder what goes on at the Wednesday night work sessions at the Ham Shack?



From a recent special projects meeting.

Pictures courtesy of Kathy O'Keefe.

MS Walk around Lake Hood April 16, 2011

Allan Abbott, QB1QCE contacted Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO with a call for help with an annual MS walk and with only four days notice they were able to find three other volunteers for this event.

Members of the Anchorage Amateur Radio community had an opportunity of helping out for this annual four mile walk around Lake Hood and Lake Spenard. This is a nationwide walk that is held in Anchorage and other major cities around the United States. Alaska is in Region 10 and there were several walks around the state. This is but one of the fund raisers sponsored by MS. The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club also supports the annual MS Bike Ride near Anchorage every year.

We started out the morning meeting at Peggy's Restaurant across from Merrill Field, off 5th Avenue at 6:30 am. From there, positions were assigned and we all met in the DOT parking lot at 10:00 AM.

The walk started at the DOT building located off International Airport Road, continuing down the frontage road to Spenard Road and taking the walking route around the lake. Walkers had a clear but brisk day for their walk. They were bunched up at times. We did have two drop-outs, both had had hip surgery recently and were just unable to go further. A bus from Forsythe picked up one walker at checkpoint one and the other walker mid-way around the lake.

A total of five amateur operators worked with event. Paul Spatzek, WL7BF stayed at the Start/Finish area with the National MS Organizer. Allan Abbott, QB1QCE rode his bike around the route, several times, Bruce McCormick, KL7BM, was at Rest Stop 1, Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO was mid way between Rest Stop 1 and 2, Jim Wardman, N9RNL was at Rest Stop 2.



Paul Spatzek, WL7BF and Allan Abbott, QB1QCE in the parking lot at the DOT Building

Article and photo respectfully submitted by Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO

EOC Training

The Anchorage EOC sponsored an Amateur Radio Class for the Technician level of licensing.

The first Saturday, 50 people showed up for the day long class. The second Saturday 30 people showed up and 28 of them passed.

Books were supplied by the EOC thanks to a grant for communications awarded to the agency.

Instructors were Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD and Bruce McCormick, KL7BM. Assistants were Sharon Kay, KL7IM and Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO. A special thanks to to the VE Testers who moved the testing location from the Hope Community Resource building located off International Airport Road and held the testing session an hour later at the Anchorage EOC facility. There were nine VE's at the testing session.

Three individuals showed up from Kodiak and Homer Alaska to test, they passed the elements they took, two for General and one for Amateur Extra. All class attendee's who passed did so for the Technician element.

Respectfully submitted by
Michael O'Keefe KL7MD



Photos courtesy of Kathy O'Keefe

Upcoming Events

Walk for Hope May 7, 2011

The Walk for Hope is now over 40 years old and continues to attract participants from all around the community. It started in 1970 with a 32 mile route. Today it offers three route choices: there is a "Walk Lite" around the perimeter of the Park Strip, the regular "Walk" that starts at the Park Strip, goes to Westchester Lagoon, then up the Coastal Trail to Elderberry Park returning to the Park Strip and the "Roll" which adds a round trip to Postmark Drive from Westchester Lagoon to the walking route for the more ambitious participants typically on bicycles. The three check points in the event are Westchester, Elderberry and Postmark. These are staffed by local business that provides food, first aid and pickup points for participants that "sag". The Walk for Hope started out with communications support from the Citizens Band React group and transitioned to Amateur Radio about ten years ago. In addition to placing HAMS at checkpoints, there are also HAM sweeps and a shadow for Megan Pfeiffer, the organizer from Hope. The sweeps bring up the rear and watch for people having problems and relay requests for help or dispatch of the "Sag Wagon". The shadow stays with the organizer and relays requests, problem situations and status from the checkpoints and sweepers. A separate Net Control station, often someone at a home station, is a nice plus. This station is always on frequency with access to a phone, keeping a log and able to call in additional resources if needed. I have added a technical support slot to support HAMS that may have a problem like a dead battery, broken antenna or what ever Murphy manages to come up with. This position typically has very little to do, but can also save the day by backfilling a position if someone gets sick or has to leave. Every position on this or any other event can benefit by having a second operator. This is a good point for new operators to start. It gives exposure without risk and is a good learning opportunity.

This is a fun event without the urgency of competition, and everyone who finishes is a winner. It provides that Amateur Radio community with an opportunity to operate under field conditions while being close to home. The typical HAM will have a hand held radio and a spare battery. Operations will be on the 147.27 repeater at Mount Susitna. The bicycle HAMS often use a headset / boom mic to allow operating while peddling. A cross band mobile with a very low power handheld is sometimes used at checkpoints. This extends the battery life on the handheld. This is an opportunity for the operators to grab their "Go Bucket" to go work the event and discover what they have forgotten. A good Go Bucket is ready to grab at a moments notice and should have the basic supplies to operate including radio, antenna, batteries, pencil, paper, maps and first aid kit. The extended go bucket will not be needed for this event since it only goes for about five hours. A rain coat, folding chair, bug dope and thermos of coffee would be nice to have too. The rule of thumb for an actual emergency is to be self sufficient for 72 hours. This is a good starting event especially for new

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HAMs. Contact **John Lynn at 337-1091 or KL7CY (at) arrl.net** if you would like to help. We currently need one bicycle sweeper due to an injury, possibly a net control and can place a second person in any position. The Walk starts at 9AM and is over by about 2PM on Saturday May 7.

GOLD NUGGET TRIATHLON

Alaska is not unique in the variety of summer running, walking or jogging events that take place throughout the state during the spring and summer months. At least one other event happens in the fall. However, there are those few events that the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club supports on a yearly basis. One of these events is the Woman's Gold Nugget Triathlon, now simply called the Gold Nugget Triathlon.

This event began in 2003 and the Amateur Radio Community has been there every year to operate communications for them. Past runs have been held at Bartlett High School and Birchwood Elementary School.

Last year as well as this year the bicycle and run portion of the race have dramatically changed. No longer do participants swim, bike up to the Fort Richardson Golf Course, drop their bikes and run back to the beginning, at Bartlett High School. Now, the race starts and ends at the same location, Bartlett High School. The swim portion is at the pool, the bike course is primarily on Elmendorf Air Force Base, where they start and end the bikes at the high school. Then, the run is out and back on the bicycle lane out towards Fort Richardson and back, without crossing the highway.

We usually have a volunteer with one of the race coordinators, one for the pool, one for parking, one for the bike transition area, one for the mid-way point of the run and a control operator. That is the bare minimum number of volunteers used. Naturally, we try to have someone to be available to take over mid-point of the event, mostly because it is such a long day. We begin our day at 7:00 am and usually don't get the motor home back to the garage until after 7:00 pm.

This year it is recommended amateur radio operators bring their hand held radios and additional fully charged batteries, a hand mike for the radio, possibly an ear bud for the mike, water and food to keep them going. Check points will be at various spots along both routes and due to the difficulty of getting folks onto the base we may not be able to relieve volunteers during the day. We also have several new operators this year that will be paired with more experienced communicators.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathleen O'Keefe

Minutes of Previous Meetings

ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2011



Board Members Present – Randy Vallee – KL7Z, President, Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD, one year board member; Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, vice-president; Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO, secretary; Jan Abbott, KB1QCD, treasurer; TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, one year board member; Lara Baker, AL2R, one year board member Eric McIntosh, KL2FM, three year board member; Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ, three year board member; Susan Woods, NL7NN, one year board member; TJ Tombleson, KB8JXX, one year board member; Sharon Kay, KL7IM, one year board member. Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX;

Guests Present – Alice Baker, KL2GD, Keith Clark, KL7MM, Trustee and Fred Erickson, KL7FE, membership.

Board Members Present via teleconference – Jim Wiley, KL7CC, one year board member and Bruce McCormick, KL7BM, three year board member

Board Members Excused – None

Board Members unexcused: - Pat Wilke, WL7JA, one year member;

The Board Meeting was called to order by President, Randy Vallee, KL7Z at 7:00 pm. A quorum was established and guests and visitors were introduced. Randy also made the announcement an Executive Session would be held at the end of the regular meeting.

Jim Wiley, KL7CC didn’t get an agenda.

Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD, requested Gaming Report be added to the Agenda. Jim Wiley, KL7CC, requested the Grubstake Repeater be added, but it already had been.

Reports:

Secretary: Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO - Minutes from the March General meeting

and February Board meeting passed with no corrections, unanimously. Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD made motion to accept meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by. Lara Baker, AL2R.

Treasurer: Jan Abbott, KB1QCD – Profit and Loss sheet and balance sheet for February. Nothing else is new for the finances. A check was received for \$9150.00 first quarter of 2011. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, did you pay three months worth of rent. Jan Abbott, QB1QCD confirmed that was done. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS further pointed out that attention must be paid to reports. New business, a need to replace the treasurer. Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD made motion to accept report as presented. Lara Baker, AL2R seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VEC Program – Jim Wiley, KL7CC – New General Test new question pool has been completed. There will be a bill from Great Originals for the printing of the new exam. These come into being the 1st of July. Klowok gained us two new amateur operators. The program worked but the exploration is still being reviewed as to doing testing online. A new VEC ruling is being considered with Bill Cross's assistance. Also working on approval for amateurs to be able to relicense without re-testing beyond the current two year cut-off. I do have some receipts to turn in. Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD questioned if the license time is to be extended. No, this is a rule change for operators to be able to renew a license without re-taking an exam. Lara Baker, AL2R made a motion and Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD seconded the motion to accept the report as presented. Randy Vallee, KL7Z, doesn't believe a report needs a motion but accepted it at this time. Michael removed his second and Lara rescinded his motion.

Trustee – Keith Clark, KL7MM – Nothing new to report. The only thing to report is keys for the club house. This will be covered later.

Membership – Fred Erickson, KL7FE – Not present, no report

Projects Committee – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – Gaming income was exceeded last year. Finance Committee is working on a forecast budget. Events have been added and then forecast a grant in November. Our gaming account is on an accrual basis, expenditures are on a cash basis. Grants projected are \$5,000 for APU and Hope Community Resources. The idea is to keep the money for the year it is being expended. There may be more money for 2010. As long as we stay between the lines we should be okay. There are other funds available to spend. With the forecast in mind we are going to pitch a couple projects. The club has four Lenova computers, plus those used by the secretary and treasurer. Once computers are out of the walled garden. There is a need to protect computers used outside the club house. A proposal is being presented to provide protection for up to seven (7) computers. Tom Ratliano, NL7TZ asked if this will be a yearly cost. Bruce McCormick, KL7BM

asked what we have and what the cost is. TJ Sheffield stated we use the free version of AVG. The proposal is to purchase the commercial version of AVG. The free versions have timed out. Pitch project for new protections software, 2011-005, not to exceed 150.00. Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD asked who the project manager is. Keith Clark, KL7MM is the project director. Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD at that point made a motion to provide \$170.00 to Keith Clark, KL7MM, \$170.00 to purchase the AVG software to protect the computers. Lara Baker, AL2R, seconded the motion. Discussion followed the motion and the second. Friendly amendment made by Paul Spatzek, WL7BF to bring the amount to \$250.00. Motion carried unanimously. The next project is to get the Satellite station again. We are using a mixture of club equipment and borrowed equipment. This is Phase 1, get the station fixed up and portable. Phase 2 is to get the Satellite station active at the club house but we are not asking for this tonight. This proposal is for the portable station. We need cross-arm kits, a polarity switch, rotor control, software and cable. Discussion followed. TJ Tombelson, KB8JXX. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS stated there are only two phases. Lara Baker, AL2R moved the board approve up to \$1,000 for the satellite upgrade project. Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD seconded the motion. The project manager is Rich Gillin, AL4S.. TJ Tombelson, KB8JXX opposed the motion. Satellite station project 2011-006, Phase 1, \$1,000.00.

Finance Committee – Keith Clark, KL7MM – Slide show presented by TJ Sheffield, 7TS KL. A proposed chart of accounts was shown to the board. Dick Block, KL7RB has assisted a great deal in setting up this chart of accounts. In-depth materials were presented. We could charge more for potential income, but this needs viewed closely. There will be classes and sub-classes set up to simplify the Chart of Accounts. The ECCP Program was also discussed, and some items are tagged in the Chart of Accounts showing equipment in this account. There is no action to be taken on this but see the chairman of the Finance Committee with questions or suggestions. We have also discussed a procurement guideline from the By-laws committee. Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD made the motion to accept the report as written. Lara Baker, AL2R seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

By-Laws – Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD -. A report was provided by Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD. There were several areas covered. The next meeting 28 March 2011, 9:00 am at Denny's Denali. Discussions will cover duties of President, lawyer recommendation, Board, General membership. Jim Wiley, KL7CC requested a minimum 24-hour heads up notification of the meeting. After the meeting we will send it to the president, the board of directors, the attorney and back to the board. Once approved it goes to the general membership for a vote. I hope this is all done before I leave, but if not will have a back-up in place. Lara Baker moved to accept the report as written. Tom Ratilgiano seconded this. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Title 21 – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – Nothing new

Door Construction – Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD – Project completed but now the locks need changed in the building. Keith Clark, KL7MM is working on this project. A master will open all doors but secondary keys will only give someone access to the front door. Keith Clark, KL7MM stated we may need to purchase a couple locks so hope to be able to complete this under Mike’s project. Bruce McCormick, KL7BM requested Keith Clark, KL7MM call him. Out of the \$500.00 set aside only \$92.00 was spent, giving Keith plenty of money. Jim Wiley, KL7CC is concerned this may not be part of the same project. This is part of the same project. Bruce gave his contact information as: 333-0340 or the cell, 441-6642.

HamFest – Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO - Hamfest is set for September 10 and according to the By-laws the Activities Manger/Director is responsible for setting this up. So, this serves as notice to this individual they are responsible for this activity. Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX will respond to work on the project.

Computer Interface – Rich Gillin, AL4S – Presentation was made by TJ Sheffield, KL7TS. Cat 5 cable is being run and the project is underway. Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD assisted with the report. TJ Tombelson, KB8JXX asked for more details.

CCV Furniture – Paul Spatzek, WL7BF – Chairs put together. Project completed at a cost of \$99.00. Way under approved amount the original budget of \$300.00. Also put in new phones and they appear to be working fine.

Update on MARA Trailer – Tom Ratigliano, NL7TZ – Still trying to decide what to do and looking at grants and other donations. Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD advised a grant organization contact him and they will be giving a grant but it is unknown how large the grant will be. It may be from MEA. Further discussion followed with additional information given.

Grubstake Repeater – Jim Wiley, KL7CC – A verbal report was given. An explanation was given as to how the pieces and parts would be used. Power supplies are \$1,100.00 times two and battery plants cost \$2,200.00 to \$2,500.00 each. The scope of the original idea is now at \$2,500.00 to get the updated equipment properly operating and able to be moved back to the mountain. Randy Vallee, KL7Z suggested to amend last month’s motion. Lara Baker, AL2R made the motion to amend last months motion to bring the project total to \$2,500.00 Tom Ratiliano, NL7TZ seconded the motion. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS pointed out this is now a capital project and needs to be placed in an order for funding. Further discussion was

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made. This project will be discussed further at the Projects Committee level to work out the details.

345-0719 is the number for the club house so Jim Wiley can phone in. Randy Vallee, KL7Z asked Tom and Lara to rescind their friendly amendment and second. It was determined with more discussion to leave the motion on the floor. The project number for this project will be 2011-007. This will be called the Grubstake Power Upgrade. Motion carried unanimously.

Lara Baker announced he is bringing more batteries to the CCV clubhouse.

Mike O'Keefe, KL7MD, announced a Technician Class to be held at the EOC the first two Saturdays of April with a special testing session the second Saturday. There are currently 47 people enrolled in the class. The first class runs from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and the second Saturday from 8:00 am to noon with special testing following. Bruce McCormick, KL7BM has already volunteered to help. Anchorage Emergency Neighborhood Watch is the program hosting the class. 13th Avenue and E Street at the EOC is where classes will be held.

New Business

Program for April meeting – Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX – April presentation will be Satellites. Upcoming speakers discussed.

Approvals for KL7AA for the upcoming month – None pending.

Gaming Report – Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD

Yaesu 1000 – Paul Spatzek, WL7BK stated he has a buyer interested in purchasing this equipment but needs a price and approval to sell the item.

New Treasurer – Ken Perry, AL7GA has accepted nomination to complete this term. The Board of Directors approved this appointment and final approval will be sought at the April General membership meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Executive Session – no record kept of this session. All recording equipment is turned off and notebooks are put away. Discussion was on pending lawsuit and State of Alaska actions against a current club member and past officer.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen R O'Keefe
KL7KO

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ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



General Meeting Minutes
Carr Gottstein Building
1 April 2011

Secretary Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO, called the meeting to order at 7pm. Introductions of members and visitors were completed.

Announcements: Rich Gillin will wait until after the Satellite presentation to speak. Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD, the area DC, announced a need for at least four EC's while he is away to Afghanistan.

There were 30 people present for the General meeting.

Special Election: Due to Jan Abbott, KB1QCD, going back to school there is a need for an individual to complete her term. The Board of directors has voted to have the members approve Ken Perry, AL7GA to complete this term of office. All members present voted unanimously for this action.

A satellite presentation was made by Dan O'Barr, KL7DR, Craig Bledsoe, KL4E and Dale Hersberger, KL7XJ. A slide show presentation was made as well as outside demonstrations. After the demonstration, Rick Gillin, AL4S invited members to the clubhouse to try out the new club satellite station, which will be ready soon.

Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX announced next month's presentation will made by John Murry, topic as of yet unknown.

Door prizes were won by: KL2FM, N9RNL, KL7MD, KL7DR, KL3AA, KB1QCE, KL2GD, KL7KO, N7CFF, KL7NJ, KL2NG, KL2RQ, K5QNK, KL0AR, KL7MM AND KL4E

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Kathleen R O'Keefe

Upcoming Events



Anchorage Walk & Roll for Hope

Saturday, May 7 8:30a to 1:00p — at West Delaney Park Strip, Anchorage, AK

John Lynn, KL7CY, is coordinating this event and he needs volunteers.
Contact him at johnlynn@gci.net.

The Gold Nugget Triathlon

Sunday, May 15th consists of a 500 yard swim, a 13 mile bike ride, and a 5k run. First racers will start at 9am.

Bike: The bike course will be on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson this year.

Swim: At Bartlett Pool, 500 yards in the shallow or deep pool.

Run Course: Leave the transition area and run out the short driveway to the main drive out of Bartlett. Run out the Glenn Highway to turnaround point and return.

Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO, is coordinating this event and she will also need volunteers.
Contact her at kokalaska@gmail.com.

Upcoming June Events

Anchorage Mayor's Marathon, June 18th. Coordinator, John Lynn, KL7CY.

Field Day, Jun 25th & 26th. Setup June 24th. Coordinator, TJ Sheffield, KL7TS.

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KL7AA & KL7JFU
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May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 VE Testing	4 Projects Comm. 7:00PM	5	6 General Meeting 7:00PM	7 Mara Hamfest
8	9	10 Finance Comm. EARS Genl. Mtg	11	12	13	14 Walk for Hope VE Testing
15 Gold Nugget Triathlon	16	17 AARC Board Meeting 7 PM	18 Mara Board Meeting 7 PM	19	20	21
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*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*

People to Help You!!

2011 Officers & Board of Directors

Officers

President	Randy Vallee	KL7Z	president@kl7aa.net
Vice President	Paul Spazek	WL7BF	vicepresident@kl7aa.net
Secretary	Kathleen O'Keefe	KL7KO	secretary@KL7AA.net
Treasurer	Ken Perry	AL7GA	treasurer@kl7aa.net
Activities	Richard Kotsch	WL7CPX	

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3rd Year	Bruce McCormick	KL7BM	kl7bm@arrl.net
2nd Year	Tom Rutigliano	NL7TZ	nl7tz@arrl.net
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Other Contacts

Trustee

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VHF	Doug Dickinson	KL7IKX	kl7ikx@yahoo.com

Newsletter Editor

Alice Baker	KL2GD	editor@kl7aa.net
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Web Master

Roy Sursa	KL2GV	webmaster@kl7aa.net
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Regular Committee Meetings:

By-Laws Committee: Contact Mike O'Keefe, KL7MD, mok@gci.net for info.

Finance Committee: May 10th, 5:30PM at Richard Block's office.
Contact Keith Clark, KL7MM, trustee@KL7aa.net for info.

Projects Committee: May 4th, 7:00PM at HamShack
Contact TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, kl7ts@arrl.net for info.

VEC Testing: Testing on 1st Tuesday and 2nd Saturday each month.
Contact Jim Wiley, KL&CC, jwiley@alaska.net for info.

VHF: As needed (usually with a repeater in trouble and needing "aid").

Who Do I Contact to Join AARC?

Fred Erickson KL7FE
12531 Alpine Dr
Anchorage, AK 99516-3121
E-mail: membership@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

Have you considered a Life Membership?

Life \$250.00

Senior >65	\$200.00
>70	\$150.00
>75	\$100.00
>80	\$50.00
>85	\$1.00

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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: donnav@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 Tuesday each month: AARC Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at Hope Cottage 540 W. International. All hams are invited and encouraged to attend.

2nd Tuesday of each month: EARS general meeting at 5:00 PM. EARS meetings are held at the EARS shack location. Contact info - Mike Long NL3D (Club@KL7AIR.US or President@KL7AIR.US) for information. EARS: 552-2664 (recording); Talk in on 146.67-. Email: KL7AIR@arri.net or KL7YK@arri.net

4th Saturday of each month: Valley VE Testing at 7:00 PM. 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 7:00 PM 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.

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.

From Bob Lupo W7ICI

I collect old bugs, keys, and keyers.

If you would like to sell or trade one, contact me, W7ICI, at: 694-5876, or e-mail me at [<robert_lupo@juno.com>](mailto:robert_lupo@juno.com)

For Sale: **Yaesu FT 2000D**, SN: 7C1100XX. 180-6M200 watt model with separate Yaesu power supply. Has Yaesu 500 and 350 hz CW filters, and includes SP-2000 Speaker. Available for inspection in Wasilla. Have original boxes, cables, and all manuals Will deliver anywhere on the Alaska road system. \$2,500.00 for all. Reason for selling: Bought a FT 5000.

Call: Ron, 907-242-0755 for more info. 73, Ron, AL2V.

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From: Jim Larsen - AL7FS [<jimlarsen2002@alaska.net>](mailto:jimlarsen2002@alaska.net)

For Sale: Collins System and SGC Radio

I am posting this for Joe Hildreth, KL7DWE. If you are interested please email him direct at: jkhildre@pobox.alaska.net

1. **Collins gear** - consists of a 75S-3B, 32-S1, 30L1, 312B console, Collins speaker, 515-F2 power supply with solid state rectifiers. This gear was working when he stopped using it about 5 years ago. His main reason was the heat it created in his shack compared to the ICOM gear. \$1800 or will consider offers.
Google: images collins s-line; for photos of what this system looks like.

2. **SGC 2020 system** in a Pelican box with an AC power supply, a small tuner, random flex wire and everything for on the go. \$500 for the entire package or reasonable offers.
Google: Images SGC 2020; for photos of what this rig looks like.

Again, email Joe at jkhildre@pobox.alaska.net with offers or questions.

73, Jim

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

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

HF RMS's

- Anchorage VHF ARES RMS WL7CVG- 10 144.9 (Elmendorf Moraine)
- Anchorage HF ARES RMS WL7CVG (multi-band scanning see WWW.WINLINK.ORG for frequencies)
- Palmer (MATSU) VHF RMS KL7JFT- 10 145.19
- Fairbanks VHF RMS KL7EDK- 10 147.96
- Fairbanks HF RMS KL7EDK (multi-band scanning see WWW.WINLINK.ORG for frequencies)
- South Central Digipeater WL7CVG- 4 144.9 (Knik)

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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 of other written traffic. AL7N monitors continuously. Receivers always on WL2K. (RMS connection available (AL7N@winlick.org))
- **Alaska Pacific Net:** 14.292 MHz 8:30 AM M-F
- **ERC HF et:** 3.880 MHz—Sunday 8:30PM

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 .

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Data You Can Use:

Frequency	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	WL7CWE	IRLP	Anchorage
146.76 -	123.0	KL3K	IRLP	Seward
146.94 -	103.5	KL7AA	Phone patch	Anchorage to Wasilla
224.94 -	no tone	KL7AA		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		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 *

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

WINLINK	Callsign	Frequency
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

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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.



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?"

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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.

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"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 . "

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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.

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.

Notice: 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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Since the MODULATION TIMES is no longer being sent out by US MAIL, we need some help from all the AARC members. We have gotten a large percentage of the e-mailed newsletters returned as undeliverable. Also we have no e-mail addresses for many of you.

Would you please e-mail "membership@KL7AA.net" with a current e-mail address and current mailing address and phones numbers (home, work, and cell — as you choose).

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.

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