

# Anchorage Amateur Radio Club



**General Meeting**  
**September 2, 2011**  
**7:00 PM Carr-Gottstein Bldg., APU Campus**

**Lara Baker & TJ Sheffield**  
**Your "Go Kit" and you!!**



## **2011 Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Hamfest**

**When: September 17, 2011**

**Where: Kincaid Park Chalet**

**Doors open for vendors at 9:00 AM**

**Doors open for sales at 10:00 AM**

**Food: 11:00 AM to 2:00PM**

**VE Testing: 12:00N to 2:00 PM**

**Main Prizes — **Three Radios** — \$5.00 per ticket**

**Woufan — no details**

**Icom IC-718 — pure HF base rig — designed for new ham**

**Icom IC-V8000 — 2 meter mobile with weather alert scan**

**Smaller Prizes and Books — \$1.00 per ticket**

**To volunteer**, Contact Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX, 907-653-7203 — or see him at the General Meeting on the 2nd.

**Your club  
needs your  
help!!!**

**HELP US MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL HAMFEST!!!**

## THE AARC ANTENNA

My apologies! I have been told that I mis-identified two new amateurs in the last newsletter. I believe that they should have been labeled as follows:



Mark Richey, new amateur



John Pratt, new technician

### Gettysburg 2011 (trip report from Jim Wiley)

The annual meeting of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) was held on the 29th of July, at Gettysburg, PA. There were representatives from 13 of the 14 VECs in attendance, including yours truly from the Anchorage VEC. Also attending were Bill Cross, W3TN from the FCC's Washington, D.C. office, and Laura Smith, from the FCC's enforcement division. Donna Scott from the FCC's Gettysburg license processing office was there too, this being her last meeting of this type before retiring. Donna has spent her entire professional career of 35 years working with the FCC at one office or another.

Following some housekeeping activities that needed attention from the NCVEC "management", we then settled in for a talk from Bill Cross. Bill is the "main man" as far as amateur radio is concerned at the FCC. He has other duties too, but amateur radio is among his main assignments. Bill brought us up to date on pending actions. The FCC is preparing another "omnibus" type action, although it is not necessarily being called that. This rule making effort will collect several separate actions onto one proceeding. Some of the items that will be included are the ARRL proposal for authorizing several digital modes, and the Anchorage petition for rulemaking that would give permanent credit for exam elements passed. More about this later. Cross also said that while the FCC receives a constant stream of questions about various aspects of the volunteer examiner program, he has received very few complaints. He commended both the VECs and the volunteer examiners for their efforts in maintaining a virtually trouble-free system.

Laura Smith of the Enforcement Division then spoke about some things her group is working on. Most interesting of these was the resolution of the "K1MAN problem", as she called it. This long running case involves the FCC's attempts to shut down a particularly egregious example of a rules scofflaw. Smith also mentioned that the FCC receives a lot of complaints that relate to new technology, harmful interference, and radio-related disputes of a personal nature. Her technique for dealing with the latter is to let time solve the issue, as in her experience most of these disputes are not legitimate grievances but "little boys seeing who can pee the farthest".

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I was asked to speak on two issues, first the Anchorage VEC petition for rulemaking, RM-11629, and the follow-on waiver request, WT-11-130. These have to do with the idea that all radio amateurs should receive permanent credit for all exam elements passed. The goal is to allow amateurs whose licenses have expired to again become licensed without the need to take the tests again. Permanent credit is allowed in the commercial license system, and we are simply trying to get the same consideration for amateur radio operators. There was an extensive question and answer session on this issue, and in the end the majority of the attendees seemed to agree with our position. The petition for rulemaking and the waiver request are making their way through the comment and reply comment process at this time. We may see some action toward the end of September, or perhaps October, according to Bill.

I was also asked to speak about the continuing effort to put a remote testing system in place for those would-be hams that for any of a number of reasons cannot get to a standard testing session. I described our experiences in this area, discussing what had worked and what had not. Bill Cross has asked me to work on some language that could be inserted into the FCC rules to clarify the remote testing process and to make it available to all VECs. Bill was kind enough to stay long after his scheduled departure time to assist me with the question and answer session that followed. I had been scheduled to speak for 30 minutes – but by the time all was done, I had been at the podium for two and a half hours! Again, the overall reception from the assembled group was favorable.

Finally, we chose new officers and committee members for the upcoming term. I was again chosen to be a member of the Question Pool Committee (QPC). I have been on this committee for 7 years so far. The QPC is presently working on finishing up the new Extra Class question pool, that will be released toward the end of this year, and will become effective for exams on July 1, 2012. After that, we begin again on the Technician pool, which is of course the "entry level" exam.

The Technician pool is, oddly enough, our most challenging from the QPC's point of view. Because the Technician license must serve the needs of the raw beginner, meaning among other things a greater emphasis on rules and regulations, and at the same time take into consideration that the license allows high power operation on our most technically challenging bands (VHF and up), which means making complex technical issues understandable to beginners. Once that is done, enough questions to comprehensively determine that someone is qualified for a license must be crammed into a 35-question exam. Needless to say, the task of preparing the appropriate question pool has its moments.

As always, the QPC welcomes input from any person, licensed or not, that has suggestions for the improvement of the pools. If you have an idea for a new or modified question, you can send it to me directly ([kl7cc@arri.net](mailto:kl7cc@arri.net)), or if you wish, via the NCVEC web site ([qpc@ncvec.org](http://qpc@ncvec.org)).

- Jim Wiley, KL7CC  
Chairman, Anchorage VEC

## THE AARC ANTENNA

### NOTICE:

From: Alaska Section Traffic Manager

To: All Alaska Net Managers

Subject: Net and Traffic Reporting

As STM I send compilations of Alaska Net Traffic activity to ARRL HQ each month.

If you would like your net listed in my report, please forward a monthly report promptly to AL7N in Fairbanks, preferably by RADIO in the form of a formal written RADIOGRAM (relay into Fairbanks if necessary, someone can deliver it to me) and not by e-mail.

I can be reached via VHF FM on either 146.52 (preferred) or via the KL7KC repeater 146.28/.88, or via CW on frequencies 3540 or 7042...receivers are always on.

The deadline I have to work with for ARRL is the sixth day of every month.

Your report should include the Net Name, name of Net Manager, and the total sessions for the month, total checkins for the month, and total pieces of formal written traffic your net moves each month. Traffic counts of "zero" will result in no report being forwarded for your net.

We need to be moving more formal written traffic via our fine well-populated statewide nets. Why not originate a piece or two of formal written traffic to someone you know either in Alaska or somewhere far away each month? Maybe assist your local Fire Chief in drafting a message to a Fire Chief in another community and then send it via one of the statewide nets as a way of demonstrating that we can do this? "Hands on" practice in originating, accurately relaying and actually delivering formal written traffic will improve this basic operating skill that all amateur radio operators should have for the possible time "when all else fails".

73,  
Ed Trump AL7N  
Fairbanks  
STM Alaska



## THE AARC ANTENNA

### The New MARA Trailer!!

Made possible by contributions from  
Cruz Construction, Inc.  
Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc.  
Weldin Construction, Inc.

But without Bob and Tena Lewellen  
(KL1VQ and KL2NK) who were the 2  
people who approached them, this  
would never have happened.



### MS Bike Ride — More Help Needed!!!!

Saturday/Sunday 9/10-11

Based out of Alyeska Resort both days. On Saturday the riders will go south for roundtrip loops with expert riders going as far as Hope and back. On Sunday the riders will go about 20 miles north and return to Alyeska. There will be rest stops along the way.

Our job will be to serve as the communication link between rest stops, SAG vehicles and MS Officials.

**We need 10-12 HAM operators each day.**

If you are interested, need more info or want to sign up, please contact:

Allen Abbott KB1QCE 947-0827 or [Allenabbott90@msn.com](mailto:Allenabbott90@msn.com)



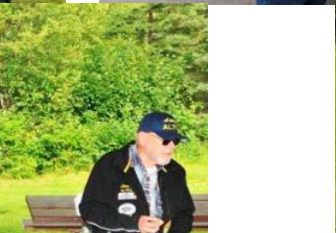


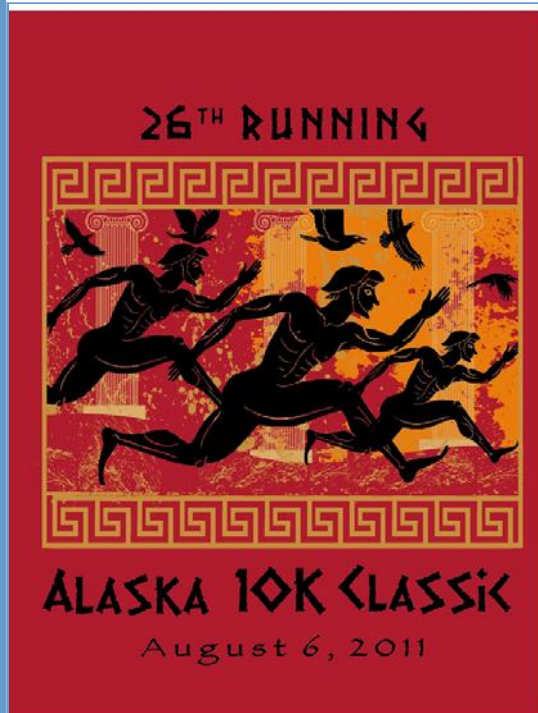
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**The MARA picnic** was held on Saturday, August 13th, at Wasilla Park. The weather and food were both good!!!! How many people can you identify? Report and pictures filed by Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ.



Buddy, KL7OT, net control operator on the Sniper's Net. A little bird told me she is 99 years old.





### 10K CLASSIC foot race.

The 10k classic foot race to benefit the Special Olympics, was held on Saturday, August 6th. Six AARC members participated in providing communications for the event: Ray Hollenbeck KL1IL, Tom Ireland KL3IJ, Keith Clark KL7MM, Lara Baker AL2R, and Tim Crowley KL2VK.

TJ Sheffield KL7TS, organized the AARC participation for the event.

A benefit for Special Olympics hosted by the Peak Performers Track Club.



**Special Olympics**  
*Alaska*  
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# Big Wild Life Run 2011

On Sunday August 21, the Anchorage Running Club sponsored The Big Wild Life Runs. This event encompasses 5 different events. A full marathon, a full marathon relay, a half marathon, a 5K run and a fun run for kids.

AARC supported communications for the event with 16 volunteers. This was the second year we have participated. We were stretched out at various checkpoints from downtown out the Chester Creek trail to Goose Lake, and out the Coastal trail almost to Kincaid Park.

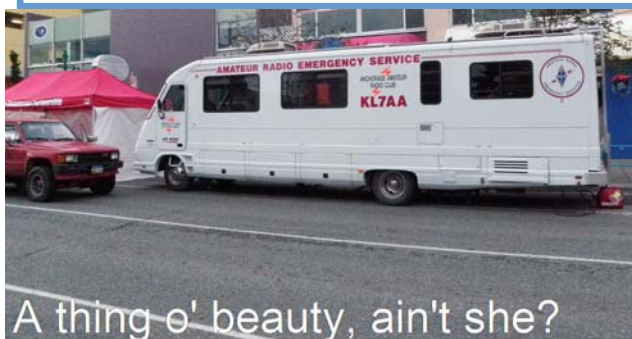
Those AARC members participating were Tom Ireland, KL3IJ, Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO, Tim Crowley, KL2VK, Allen Abbott, KB1QCE, Jan Abbott, KB1QCD, TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, Paul Spatzek, WL8BF, Rich Gillin, AL4s, Alice Baker, KL2GD, Ray Hollenbeck, KL1IL, Dave Bauer, KL0DA, Jeremiah Grantham, KL2HO, Bruce McCormick, KL7BM, Lara Baker, AL2R, George Wilkinson, KL1JJ, and of course, Keith Clark, KL7MM.

The weather cooperated this year for a warm and sunny day, so check out some of the photos to get a feel for the fun that was had by participants and volunteers alike.

See you next year!

Keith Clark, KL7MM Communications Coordinator.

Pictures contributed by George Wilkinson, KL1JJ, Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO, Ray Hollenbeck, KL1IL, Alice Baker, KL2GD, and Tom Ireland, KL3IJ.





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### More Big Wild Life Pictures!!!



KL1JJ at the wheel. Would you trust this man with your CCV?

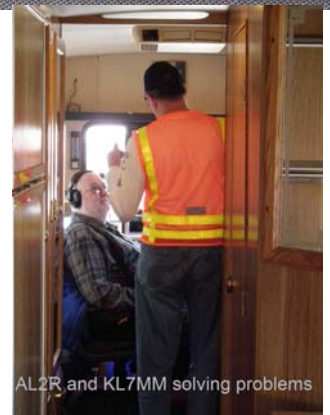


Lara Baker, AL2R, in the Catbird seat.



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And Still More Big Wild Life Pictures!!!



AL2R and KL7MM solving problems





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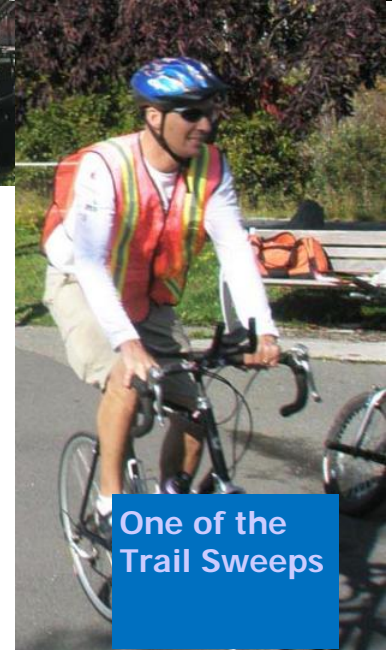
**And Still More Big Wild Life Pictures!!!**



KL3IJ



Jeremiah ,  
KL2HO



One of the  
Trail Sweeps





## Minutes of Previous Meetings



### ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

#### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2011



**Board Members Present** – Randy Vallee, KL7Z, TJ Tombleson, KB8JXX, TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, Lara Baker, AL2R, Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX, Eric McIntosh, KL2FM, Susan Woods, NL7NN, Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ, Sharon Kay KL7IM

**Guests Present** –Keith Clark, KL7MM, Alice Baker, KL2GD, Rich Gillin, AL4S; Doug Stowers, WL7CDC

**Board Members Present via teleconference** – Jim Wiley, KL7CC, Bruce McCormick, KL7BM,

**Board Members Excused** – Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD, Pat Wilke, WL7JA, Ken Perry, AL7EA, Paul Spatzek, WL7BF,

**Board Members unexcused:**

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Randy Vallee, KL7Z, at 7:00 pm. Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO established there was a quorum.

**Additions to the Agenda:**

- IGATE Proposal
- Newsletter
- Facilities
- Bruce McCormick
- Doug Stowers, WL7CDC
- Dog Jog

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO – Minutes for June Board meeting and July General Member meeting were presented. Corrections to Board Meeting Minutes: Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ had been excused, Membership, change male to mail; Title 21 stilt has been changed to still, Repair to Motor Home, Wilsenson has been changed to Wilkenson, Program for June Meeting 3:00pm was changed to 3:00 pm. No changes were made for the General Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve was made by TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, seconded by Tom Rutigliano, NL7TS. Motion carried.

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**Treasurer** – Ken Perry, AL7GA, Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO reported a check has been received and no additional information is available. TJ Tombleson made the motion to approve the information received; it was seconded by Tom Rutigliano, NL7TS. Motion carried.

**VEC Program** – Jim Wiley, KL7CC, Transitions of new exams went smoothly. Jim is traveling to Gettysburg next week. A report will be given on returning at the next Board Meeting.

**Trustee** – Keith Clark, KL7MM, During Field Day 3599 contacts were made which established a new club record. New hams were mentored by Rich Gillin, AL4S. All stations were kept busy.

**Membership** – Fred Erickson, KL7FE, Fred was not present. No report was given.

**Projects Committee** – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, and Jim Larsen stopped by and said the club should be more active on WinLink. Pactor 3 modem was suggested and the club would have to purchase the equipment. Also a DSP Logic Board. Pactor 4 is now out and was discussed. Discussion followed. No funding is requested at this time.

Satellite Phase 2 was discussed. Lara Baker, AL2R made a motion to accept TJ Sheffield's proposal to fund the Satellite Phase 2 projects not to exceed \$2,500.00. Project Number would be 2011-008. Bruce McCormick seconded the motion. Motion passed with two board members opposed.

**Finance Committee** – Keith Clark, KL7MM, There was not a quorum so issues were discussed but no actions were taken.

**By-Laws** – Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD, Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO, will act in place of Michael O'Keefe during his absence to move forward with this committee. Documentation will be available for review at the next board meeting.

### Old Business

**Title 21** – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, The Major hired Dan Coffey to review documentation. Within the 40 pages concerning Title 21 so far everything is still favorable to Amateur Radio...

**HamFest** – Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX - Paul will order prizes. Location has been secured. No further action has been taken.

**Update on MARA Trailer** – Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ, an offer has been received from a trailer manufacturer to possibly sell a unit for \$2,700.00. Further action pending.

## THE AARC ANTENNA

### **New Business**

**Elections** – Members of the Grant committee as appointed by the President and in accordance with the By-laws are: Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KL; Eric McIntosh, KL2FM; Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ; and Susan Woods, NL7NN.

**Grants** – There is a pending grant from Juneau regarding the Chili Ridge Project. Grants are to be added each month to the agenda. Check your By-laws. The Grant Committee consists of the Vice-President, Treasurer and President.

**IGATE** – Tom Rutigliano, NL7TS - Ron Keech, KL7YK; requested this item be discussed. A handout was provided. This is recommending a DiGi at Hope. This information was passed onto the Projects Committee. Consideration for doubling items will be discussed in committee.

**Newsletter** – Alice Baker, KL2GD – A name change to the newsletter name. Recommendations are either the AARC Antenna or just the Antenna. Discussion followed. Recommendation from the board was the AARC Antenna.

**Facilities** – Keith Clark, KL7MM – Several people asked about using the FCC Facility. There is also talk between Keith Clark and Richard Tweet regarding use of the old Kulis location. Keith will hopefully have additional information next month.

**Bruce McCormick** – Bruce is resigning due to health reasons and the plan of moving out of state. His verbal resignation was reluctantly accepted. Doug Stowers, WL7CDC has said he would be willing to complete Bruce's term of office.

**Program for June Meeting** – Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX, speaker for August will be Kaarle Strailey on Climactic Change.

**Approvals for KL7AA** for the upcoming month –none pending. However, Dog Jog is this coming Saturday and individual call signs will be used.

Doug Stowers – Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO – Kathleen requested the Board of Directors approve accepting Doug Stowers to replace Bruce McCormick through the end of 2011 as a board member to complete Bruce's three year term of office. The board approved unanimously. Doug Stower's name will be placed before the General Membership for approval to complete this term of office.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kathleen R O'Keefe



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### Your AARC Board at work!!

The discussion is obviously a serious one.

Those who have avoided Kathy O'Keefe's camera are Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, TJ Tombleson, KB8JXX, and Kathy herself, KL7KO.





## ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



August 5, 2011

Secretary Kathleen O'Keefe started the meeting while Vice-President Paul Spatzek assisted with setting up the computer for the slide show presentation.

Twenty-seven members and three guests were present for the meeting.

Introductions of members present at meeting. Officers announced themselves during the introduction.

Introduction of members interested in running for the upcoming election

Introduction of Elections Committee

Eric McIntosh  
Tom Rutigliano  
Susan Woods  
Paul Spatzek  
Kathleen O'Keefe

Doug Stowers, WL7CDC was introduced. He is taking Bruce McCormick's position to complete the open term left by Bruce having to resign. All members present accepted the boards' decision.

Information on Ham Fest: Need volunteers. Richard Kotsch to take food handlers test. Three main prizes have been ordered, a hand held, a mobile and an HF.

Speaker was introduced, slide show was presented.

TJ Sheffield did an "ARES Minute" in which he discussed public service events and the best way to provide communications.

### Door Prizes

Andrew Rose  
Roy Sursa  
Mark Allan  
Fred Erickson

Susan Woods  
KC5QNK  
George Wilkinson  
Charlotte Rose

Paul Spatzek  
Toby Ann Sursa  
Paul Fenwick

Meeting was adjourned.

## THE AARC ANTENNA

### People to Help You!! 2011 Officers & Board of Directors

#### Officers

President	Randy Vallee	KL7Z	president@kl7aa.net
Vice President	Paul Spatzek	WL7BF	vicepresident@kl7aa.net
Secretary	Kathleen O'Keefe	KL7KO	secretary@kl7aa.net
Treasurer	Ken Perry	AL7GA	treasurer@kl7aa.net
Activities	Richard Kotsch	WL7CPX	907-658-7203

#### Three Year Board of Direc- tors

3rd Year	Doug Stowers	WL7CDC	doug37@gci.net
2nd Year	Tom Rutigliano	NL7TZ	nl7tz@arrl.net
1st Year	Eriic McIntosh	KL2FM	kl2fm@arrl.net

#### One year Board of Directors

Lara Baker	AL2R	lara_baker@ieee.org
Sharon Kay	KL7IM	akmiss@gmail.com
Jim Larsen	AL7FS	jim7@jimlarsen.us
Michael O'Keefe	KL7MD	mok@gci.net
TJ Sheffield	KL7TS	kl7ts@arrl.net
TJ Tomblinson	KB8JXX	kb8jxx@wl7cwe.org
Jim Wiley	KL7CC	jwiley@alaska.net
Susan Woods	NL7NN	radiosuzq@yahoo.com

#### Other Contacts

Trustee	Keith Clark	KL7MM	trustee@kl7aa.net
Membership	Fred Erickson	KL7FE	membership@kl7aa.net
Newsletter Editor	Alice Baker	KL2GD	editor@kl7aa.net
Web Master	Roy Sursa	KL2GV	webmaster@kl7aa.net





## Regular Committee Meetings:

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

**Finance Committee:** September 13th, 5:30PM at Hamshack.  
Contact Keith Clark, KL7MM, trustee@KL7aa.net for info.

**Projects Committee:** September 7th, 7:00PM at HamShack  
Contact TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, kl7ts@arri.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").  
Contact Doug Dickinson, KL7IKX, kl7ikx@yahoo.com.

## 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 appearance on the newsletter unless we are otherwise notified.

AT&T has a pole — stored in the Palmer area. It is 120' long, approximately 8' in diameter, and probably worth \$12,000. The buyer would be responsible for all moving costs. Contact Jim Wiley KL7CC for details — jwiley@alaska.net.

Bruce McCormick, KL7BM, is leaving Alaska for some period of time and has a few antenna's, and some power tools for sale.

Call for details — 907-333-0340.

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)

Thanks

## Upcoming Events



### MS Bike Ride

#### Saturday & Sunday, September 10th and 11th

Based out of Alyeska Resort both day. On Saturday the riders will go south for round-trip loops with expert riders going as far as Hope and back. On Sunday the riders will go about 20 miles north and return to Alyeska. There will be rest stops along the way.

Historically, it takes about 12-15 HAM operators each day.

To volunteer, contact Allen Abbott, KB1QCE, 947-0827, [Allenabbott90@msn.com](mailto:Allenabbott90@msn.com)

### Who Do I Contact to Join AARC?

Fred Erickson KL7FE

12531 Alpine Dr  
Anchorage, AK 99516-3121  
E-mail: [membership@kl7aa.net](mailto: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

## THE AARC ANTENNA

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9510-1987  
[www.KL7AA.net](http://www.KL7AA.net)



ARES DISTRICT 7 & 5  
KL7AA & KL7JFU  
[www.aresalaska.org](http://www.aresalaska.org)



# September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 General Meeting 7:00PM	3
4	5	6 VE Testing	7 Projects Comm. 7:00PM	8	9	10 MS-150 VE Testing
11 MS-150	12	13 Finance Com. 5:30 EARS Genl. Mtg	14 Mara Board Meeting 7 PM	15	16	17
18	19	20 AARC Board Meeting 7 PM	21	22	23 Mara Meeting 7 PM	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

### ARES NETS:

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

ARES Net: Thursday Nights 8:00 PM  
147.27+ PL:103.5  
or 443.30+ PL 103.5

## 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: [donnav@acsalaska.net](mailto:donnav@acsalaska.net)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month: PARKA (Polar Amateur Radio Klub of Alaska) Meeting at 11:00**

**AM.** Polar Amateur Radio Klub of Alaska. All amateurs welcome. Denny's on Denali Street in Anchorage. Some business is discussed. Originally established as an all woman organization, membership now includes spouses or significant others. 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> 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 - Doug Myers, KL1DJ or Ron Keech, KL7YK for information. EARS: 552-2664 (recording); Talk in on 146.67-. Email: [club@KL7air.us](mailto:club@KL7air.us) or [kl7yk@arri.net](mailto:kl7yk@arri.net)

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month: Valley VE Testing at 7:00 PM.** Sessions will be held at Fire Station 61, at 7 pm on the fourth Saturday of each month unless it is a major holiday weekend. Contact Ken Slauson, KL7VE, [Ken.Slauson@gmail.com](mailto:Ken.Slauson@gmail.com) or 907-376-8698.

**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](mailto:dbush@gci.net). Starting in October, MARA club meetings will be on the last Saturday of the month.

**Every Tuesday at 11:30 AM:** Meeting of interested Amateur Radio Operators — and lunch at Denny's on Denali. Many code and HF operators attend this function. Come talk radio with these fine folks. For information, contact Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO, [kokalaska@gmail.com](mailto:kokalaska@gmail.com)

**Every Saturday at 7:00 AM:** Meeting of a group of Amateur Radio Operators at Denny's on Denali for breakfast. Topics? Radio, photography, and upcoming events For information, contact Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO, [kokalaska@gmail.com](mailto:kokalaska@gmail.com).



## THE AARC ANTENNA

### AARC web page & Email contact addresses:

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

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

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

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

### 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.harp.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.

### 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](http://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](http://WWW.WINLINK.ORG) for frequencies)
- South Central Digipeater WL7CVG- 4 144.9 (Knik)

### 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
- **South Central Simplex Net:** 146.52 FM, 144.2 USB, 446.0 FM, 432.2 USB, 223.5 FM, 927.5 FM, 1294.5 FM, 52.525 FM, 50,125 USB, 29.6 FDM, 28.4 USB, 145.01 packet (Eagle node) and 147.96 packet (Valley node).  
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 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 Net:** 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	KL5E	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 *

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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Life Member?

[www.arrl.org/benefits](http://www.arrl.org/benefits)

### Are you a member of ARRL?

ARRL is the American Radio Relay League. This is the national organization that advocates on behalf of amateur radio operators to the FCC and the communications industry. Consider be-

For more information about the ARRL DX Century Club Program check out: <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>



## 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.

Step #6: Follow the directions.

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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.

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

Emergency  
Management  
Institute



FEMA

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

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

#### **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**

**"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) . "

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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](mailto: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 AARC ANTENNA 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](mailto:membership@KL7AA.net)" with a current e-mail address and current mailing address and phone numbers (home, work, and cell — as you choose).

If you have special needs or concerns please send your comments to [editor@kl7aa.net](mailto: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](http://www.KL7AA.net).

Thanks for your help in this.