

Anchorage Amateur Radio Club



**General Meeting
October 7, 2011
Carr-Gottstein Bldg., APU Campus
7:00 PM
Your Go-Kit — Revisited
Lara Baker & TJ Sheffield**



Homer Special Event Station 2011 Refuges On the Air National Refuge Week

This is an invitation to any MARA and AARC members who may wish to participate in the Homer Special Event Station for 2011 Refuges On the Air, National Wildlife Refuge Week.

As was the case last year refreshments will be provided, and there are other fun activities taking place at the visitors center.

When you get time please contact me if you plan to be there so I can provide the names and callsigns of any other MARA or AARC members who plan to attend.

Dates:

13 Oct Thursday Set up in aft/eve, briefing on events/what to do in town around 1700-1800h

14 Oct Friday On air. Local school class(es) walked through trailer with FWS Environmental Education specialists. Lunch sponsored by FAR 15 Oct, Saturday FAR sponsored breakfast. On air. breakdown in evening or, 16 Oct Sunday (possible) On air?, breakdown later in day.

<http://www.grz.com/callsign/K7P>

Thanks,
Tom NL7TZ

(Further Information on next page)

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From: [Jeff Williams](#)

Subject: October Refuges on the Air Special Event K7P in Homer

Hello everyone,

Several Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) staff and the Friends of Alaska Refuges (FAR) met this afternoon and finalized some preliminary items. Here is a run down of the current (proposed) planning for the Refuges On the Air Special Event in Homer:

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It would be good if the Moosehorn ARC could discuss the following questions at your monthly meeting 1 Sep and provide us feedback so that we could continue to refine plans:

1. Are there members willing to bring down the Comm trailer and the tower trailer on Thursday 13 October and set up in the front parking lot?
2. Are there members who would be particularly interested in working with our Fish and Wildlife environmental education specialists to develop topics/on amateur radio, propagation, emergency response etc...?
3. How long would club members like the event to last? through Sat eve? Is there interest in continuing Sunday morn/eve?
4. Can the MHARC bring the 20m beam, rigs, and wire antennas for other bands as last year? We would plan to put the trailer and tower in the front lot as last year.
5. Is it possible to bring the other non-trailer tower and beam for 15m?
5. Since most people who call Special Event Stations use SSB, is there interest by participants to use other modes or should we just stick with 15 and 20m SSB? 12/17 or 10m?

Other planning activities I'll help coordinate with FWS or FAR:

- Check out K7P at QRZ.com. Updated soon with some of this information.
- Computer logging of contacts
- QSL card and certificate
- Upload to Logbook of the world
- ARRL handout material
- 4 or 5 Short talking points/blurbs about the refuge for operators to use in contacts
- Lots of other fun events will be happening in Homer during the SES
- Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air will be happening on 15/16 and might provide good contacts or opportunity for local scouts to come through Event

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- We are considering 3 possible main operating spots, if we had enough interest/people/equipment:
Front parking lot: MHARC trailer/tower 20m like last year
back parking lot: Larry w Trailer/tower
Maintenance lot: This FWS lot is down the hill by 2 sisters bakery and has high visibility (beach, bakery etc..) and has AC power

We look forward to working with members of the MHARC again this year in making a fun event this October to celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week

73,
Jeff KL2HD

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AARC 2011 Election of Officers

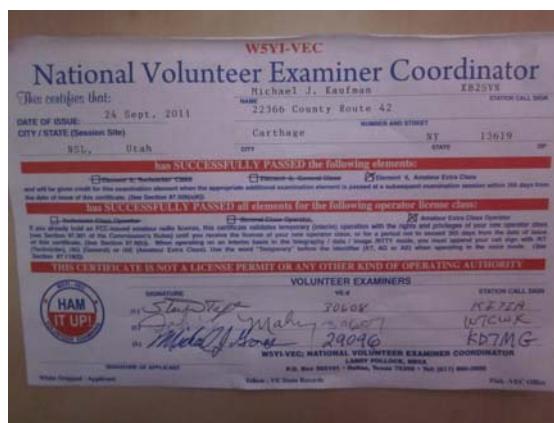
Ballots for the 2011 AARC Election of Officers and Board Members have been mailed.

Please mark and return your ballot promptly.

If you haven't received a ballot, and feel you are eligible to vote, please contact Kathy O'Keefe, kokalaska@gmail.com.

From Mike Kaufman, KB2SVN, a former member of the AARC and resident of Eagle River who is now an Apache helicopter simulator instructor in Salt Lake City. I hung out with him and worked him several times on the 146.62 repeater while we were down there last week for the International Society of Air Safety Investigators (ISASI) annual aviation safety convention. As you can see from the attached photo, he is now a genuine, certified Extra Class amateur radio operator. Way to go, Mike!

Craig, KL4E



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From: Michael Livingston <michaelpocatello@gmail.com>
To: president@kl7aa.net
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2011 4:19 PM
Subject: Silent Key: KL7-RY

Dear Randy,

My father, Robert Livingston, went silent key on Monday, September 26th. Please let all of the ham operators that he really enjoyed his check-ins. He seldom had any traffic, but you were a large part of his life. He loved checking in.

Friends can go to his site below to add comments,

Mike

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSmcid=47260663&GRid=77360182&>

Michael Livingston
www.michaellivingston.net
Montgomery County
Kansas, USA Death: Sep. 23, 2011
Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, USA

World War II veteran Robert L. Livingston, age 84, passed away peacefully on September 26, 2011 in Vancouver, Washington with his sister and brother at his side.

Robert was born on May 26, 1927 in Independence, Kansas. At age 18, he joined the US Army, first working as a machine gunner and later as a radio repairman. Bob arrived in Alaska in 1947.

One day a young Aleut nurse named Annabelle, working at the Cordova Hospital, looked out of the window and saw a handsome soldier walking by. Annabelle said, "That man is going to be my husband!" The US military, frowning on soldiers marrying Native women, shipped Bob to Cold Bay, approximately 800 miles away. Bob went AWOL, and before too long the wedding bells rang. Sergeant Livingston left the Army in 1956. They had three children, Carol, Caleb and Mike, returning to Cold Bay in 1961 where Bob worked for the FAA. Anna worked as master for the post office. Bob enjoyed repairing boat radars for fisherman, always refusing payment. The Livingston family homesteaded on a beautiful site where Trout Creek flows into Cold Bay.



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Bob worked for power plant companies in the Aleutians, Alaska Peninsula, and Panhandle, eventually settling among the scenic mountains and wonderful people of Chignik Bay. In 2003, the State of Alaska's World War II Veterans Program awarded Bob his high school diploma.

In retirement, he enjoyed playing the violin, helping people repair electronics, and reading books. His friend Chickie wrote on his Facebook wall, "We're going to miss your gentle, thoughtful, and helpful friendship, violin music, and wisdom here in Chignik Bay: (RIP Bob: (you are now with your beloved AnnaBelle."

Bob is survived by his son Caleb in Unalaska; his son Michael in Anchorage; his son in law Gary Hadfield of King Salmon, relatives in Alaska, Washington, Idaho, and Colorado. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Annabelle in 1981 and his daughter Carol Ann Hadfield in September 2010.

His family asks that contributions be made to the library at Chignik Bay School, 100 School Road, Chignik Bay, Alaska 99564.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 1st, at the Chignik Bay Chapel with pastor Dave Hill officiating. "I wanted to let you know that we held a nice memorial service today in Chignik Bay for your dad over at the church. The church was standing room only. Many people shared their memories of your dad, many included the times that your dad had helped them with repairs of cars, water heaters, and generally anything that was broken. Many also talked about how if you needed some odd item, your dad was the one to go to. I think my favorite story was the one Minnie told about a potluck where your dad had brought a pot of soup to share, everyone told him how good it was, then he told them how it had taken a month to make, he just kept adding to it and he said, as long as you re-heat it hot enough every time, it is just fine. People said they thought they would go home and be sick, but no one was, they all laughed and said over and over it was really good soup. People mentioned how much they will miss seeing him go by with his red cap on this winter, they said it will be like a piece of Chignik is gone. Dave played the guitar, we sang Lily of the Valley, one of your dad's favorites, Dave said, and shared the pictures and the obituary you sent. Your dad will be dearly missed here in Chignik and we know by you and your family as well. Our thoughts and prayers remain with you, KH."

Created by: [Michael Livingston](#)

www.michaellivingston.net

Two Requests for Help:

From: **Timothy Varnadore** <pumpmedic@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Sep 24, 2011 at 4:28 PM
Subject: QUESTION REGARDING POSSIBLE LOCAL RENTALS
To: secretary@kl7aa.net

Hi Kathleen,

I'm not sure if you have any information, but was hoping perhaps you could point me in the right direction or let me know that I'm on a fruitless quest :)

I have been searching the web, trying to find out if there are any ham shacks available for rent in Anchorage? My husband Tim is a licensed operator (KB4UF). We live in Florida, and are planning a short 1 week trip to Anchorage for our wedding anniversary in March 2012. It is a dream of his to bring his radio and be able to operate from there. I am not having much luck finding anything on the Internet, which tells me it's likely not out there to find...

Would you or any one else in your club know of anyone who has a vacation/DX type rental in the Anchorage area? I know you're not a travel agent, and I don't mean to impose on you at all - just hoping you may know the easy answer to send me in the right direction or stop me in my tracks :)

Thank you for reading my note; and I appreciate any assistance you are able to provide.

Sincerely,

Michele Varnadore

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From: Mark Kanawati [<mailto:mark@spacequest.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 12:31 PM
To: kl7gg@arrrl.net
Subject: S-Band telemetry antenna

Greetings from Fairfax Virginia,
I am Mark Kanawati N4TPY of SpaceQuest in Fairfax Virginia.
I am the designer/builder of many amateur and commercial spacecrafts...
I have a need to install a 3.6 m amateur/commercial S-Band receiving dish antenna in Fairbanks or elsewhere in Alaska to track my satellites and download my telemetry data...
I would very much appreciate some local contacts and insights to help me accomplish the above. (for compensation of course)

Thanks for your help and 73
Mark
703-628-1821

Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Hamfest

The AARC held their 2011 Hamfest on Saturday, September 17th at the Kincaid Park Chalet from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The director of the event was Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX.

We had a good attendance — with many volunteers. Picnic tables were brought in to provide a place for people to sit and visit. VE testing was held in the Bunker in the North/East side of the parking lot.

Over 30 “minor” prizes were given out throughout the day and hot dogs and chili were served and enjoyed. The Thank You event prize was a crock pot won by Mike Baker.

Craig Bledsoe, KL4E, and Clint Bradford, K6LCS, gave an interesting Satellite presentation. In the afternoon. After the presentation the main door prizes were given out.

We only had three tables with items for sale and Tom Rutigliano operated the Country Store. All in all everyone appeared to enjoy visiting with amateurs they hadn't seen for awhile or meeting amateurs they had talked with on the air and finally met in person.

Set-up:

Paul Spatzek, WL7BF
Tom and Ann Rutigliano, NL7TZ
Ken Perry, AL7GA
Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD
Tom Ireland, KL3IJ
Paul Fenwick, KL3GI
Charlotte Rose, KL2TE
Jim Wardlow
Mike Baker, KL0AR
Sharon Kay, KL7IM
Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO

VE Testing:

Examiners:

Eric McIntosh, KL2FM
Ken Perry, AL7GA
Mike Baker, KL0AR
Art Morton, AL0U
Doug Stowers, WL7CDC

Of the three people who tested only one passed the Technician Level Amateur Level of testing.

Assistance during the event:

Jerimiah Grantham, KL2HO
Tom and Ann Rutigliano, NL7TZ
Ken Perry, AL7GA
Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD
Tom Ireland, KL3IJ
Paul Fenwick, KL3GI
Charlotte Rose, KL2TE
Jim Wardlow
Craig Bledsoe, KL4E
Eric Thompson, N6SPP
Richard Tweet, KL2AZ
TJ Sheffield, KL7TS
Rich Gillin, AL4S
Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO
Alice Baker, KL2GD
Sharon Kay, KL7IM
Lara Baker, AL2R

Main Prize Winners:

Allen Koenig, KL2TC — Grand Prize
Mary Salamanchuk, AL0LA, 2nd and 3rd prizes

Hamfest Satellite Presentation:

Report from Craig Bledsoe, KL4E.

On Saturday, September 17th, the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club (AARC) Hamfest featured its first ever remotely-delivered keynote presentation by AMSAT's national outreach representative Clint Bradford, K6LCS. In order to facilitate this full-duplex two-way video Skype conference between Clint's studio in the Riverside, CA Area and the Anchorage Hamfest's gathering at the Chalet in Kincaid Park, a team of hams worked for hours to assemble the technology to make this happen.

Led by Rich Gillin, AL4S, and Eric Thompson, N6SPP, the team installed an AT&T active remote phased-array WiMax antenna on the roof of the Chalet and aimed it towards the AT&T Alascom headquarters on Government Hill many miles away. The resultant broadband signal was then coupled via a long run of Cat 5 cable down to the power supply / hub unit located inside the Hamfest auditorium. This custom WiMax unit, one of six in the nation, was issued to the Alaska State Defense Force (ASDF) by Chris Brown, KL4C, and subsequently made available to the AARC for emergency response activities and public service events such as this Hamfest.

The actual presentation was delivered by a laptop computer feeding an Epson 4200 watt PowerLite projector which delivered a vivid picture of Clint seated in his studio onto the bare wall of the auditorium (no projection screen was available.)

Craig, KL4E, and Eric, N6SPP, alternated as MCs and took questions from the audience via a Nady UHF multichannel wireless microphone setup. Clint observed the crowd of Alaskan hams and guests through a tripod-mounted Logitech webcam.

Clint's presentation consisted of over a hundred PowerPoint slides previously downloaded onto the laptop and queued up on command at the appropriate point of the lecture.

Clint delivered a fascinating look across the spectrum of amateur satellite operations. From the earliest days of the first OSCAR satellites first launched over a half-century ago to the organization of AMSAT and today's comprehensive international efforts to get the latest amateur technologies into outer space, his presentation covered it all. Then Clint got down to basics and showed step-by-step how a beginning ham can use a simple handheld radio and antenna to work the satellites with great success. You can see all of this and more on Clint's website at www.work-sat.com if you would like additional information on this fasci-

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nating aspect of Amateur Radio. Clint then conducted a lively question-and-answer session with the audience followed up by Craig, KL4E, giving a demonstration of the filtered, timed, and amplified MegaArrow project.

In addition to all of the on-line satellite discussions, we also conducted real-life satellite QSOs from the roof of the Chalet both before and after Clint's AMSAT presentation. Using AO-27, SO-50, and AO51 the host operators (N6SPP and KL4E) worked over a dozen amateur satellite stations in three countries. Then a number of guest operators who were attending the Hamfest got on board as well. Several visiting hams made their first satellite QSOs that day from the roof of the Chalet - and they were thrilled!

All-in-all everyone had a great time at the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, and our many visitors said that they thoroughly enjoyed the AMSAT outreach presentation by Clint, K6LCS. Hopefully Clint will be able to join us again - perhaps in person next time - at one or more of our active Alaskan Hamfests.

Pictures from Your Hamfest:

Thanks to Tom Rutigliano, Bruce McCormick, and Jeremiah Grantham for the pictures.

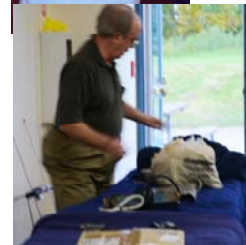


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More Hamfest Pictures:



Your Grand Prize Winners



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MS-150 2011 version.

Once again the Anchorage Ham Radio Club did a fantastic job of supporting the 2011 MS Bike Tour. The route changed this year, so an entirely new network of repeaters was required.

On the first day (Saturday, September 10th) the riders went from Alyeska to Hope and back, over Turnagain pass. On Sunday, the 11th, they rode from Alyeska north toward Anchorage to the Chugach Visitor Center (just east of Potter Marsh) and returned.

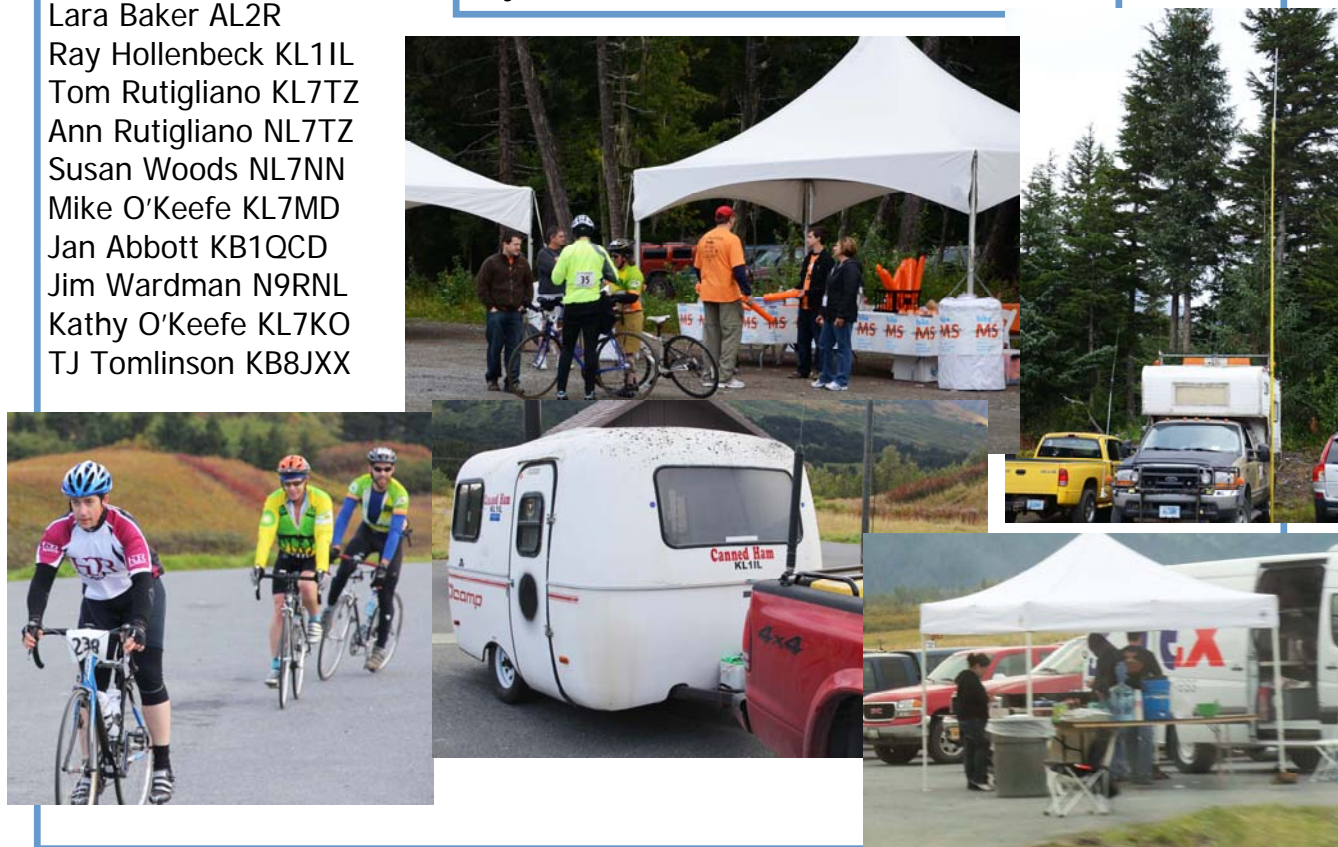
TJ Tomlinson began mapping the area in March (as soon as we had the route). After multiple test runs to Girdwood and points beyond, TJ was fairly sure we had a plan that would work. TJ had more hours into planning than the riders would be on the road. Thanks, TJ for stepping up and taking on this huge task.

The members of the club came thru and filled all of the positions requested by MS.

The folks that helped on the 2 days of the event are:

Bruce McCormick KL7BM
Alice Baker KL2GD
Lara Baker AL2R
Ray Hollenbeck KL1IL
Tom Rutigliano KL7TZ
Ann Rutigliano NL7TZ
Susan Woods NL7NN
Mike O'Keefe KL7MD
Jan Abbott KB1QCD
Jim Wardman N9RNL
Kathy O'Keefe KL7KO
TJ Tomlinson KB8JXX

Pictures compliments of Bruce McCormick,
Ray Hollenbeck, and Alice Baker.



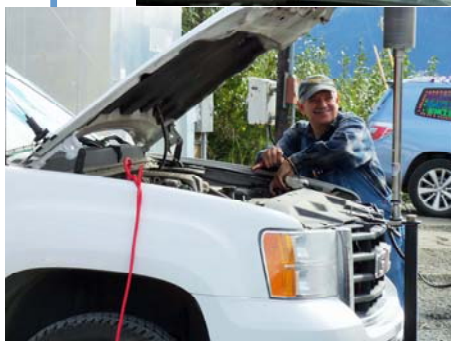
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More MS-150 pictures



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A Few More MS-150 Pictures



It took two Fords to start a Chevy.

DON'T FORGET THE HOLIDAY POTLUCK!!!

When: December 2nd, 7:00PM
Where: Carr-Gottstein Bldg — regular meeting room
What: Bring Your Favorite Food
Chinese Auction Gift Exchange — \$25.00 maximum
Hawaiian Shirt Contest



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

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

Cost of the coats are SMALL thru XL — \$164.00

2X — \$169.00

3X to 5X — \$174.00

Cost of embroidery is \$34.00 for the first name and call sign on the front and the logo on the back.

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

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

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



Minutes of Previous Meetings



ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 16, 2011



Board Members Present – Randy Vallee, KL7Z, Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO, TJ Tombleson, KB8JXX, TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, Lara Baker, AL2R, Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX, Eric McIntosh, KL2FM, Susan Woods, NL7NN, Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ, Sharon Kay KL7IM, Doug Stowers, WL7CDC, Jim Wiley, KL7CC,

Guests Present –Keith Clark, KL7MM, Alice Baker, KL2GD, Charlotte Rose, KL2TE, Jim Larsen, AL7FS

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

Board Members Excused –Ken Perry, AL7EA, Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD

Board Members unexcused:

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Randy Vallee, KL7Z, at 7:05 pm. Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO established there was a quorum.

Additions to the Agenda:

- Sale of Club Property
- ATU Pole
- Pat Wilke Resignation
- MARA Trailer

Reports:

Secretary - Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO. Handouts of minutes were provided to members who have no computers or printers. Corrections were made to the Board Minutes. Pages 1, 2, and 3 had corrections to be made. No corrections were made to the General Member minutes. Lara Baker made the motion to accept both sets of minutes as corrected. Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Treasurer – Ken Perry, AL7GA. A report was given regarding using a different reporting category. The Finance Committee is working on the issues. Keith Clark, KL7MM and Paul Spatzek, WL7BF are to work on the club inventory. It is hoped that the club can get a handle on values for items. Jim Wiley, KL7CC, asked if there are any consequences on how to claim depreciation. We also need to possibly need to review insurance for vehicles and the AARC General Liability Policy. Hand outs were provided for review of accounts and finances. TJ Tombleson, KB8JXX, made the motion to accept the documentation as presented. Lara Baker, AL2R, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VEC Program – Jim Wiley, KL7CC. A Packet for the Waiver Request is being passed around the board and can also be viewed on the Gettysburg website.

Several topics were reviewed at Gettysburg. Anchorage related issues are the remote testing program. We should be able to continue with the testing. Jim needs to prepare text to insert in the rules that will result in a rules change. So far there are no major objections.

Permanent Element Credit: this is due to the effort of two Alaskan Hams who were interested in renewing and wondered why they can't just get back into the hobby with fewer hurdles to become re-licensed. There is some opposition, but it was nine (9) in favor and three (3) opposed to the written recommendation. The comment period has ended regarding this documentation.

FCC – Scott Stone said to send a Petition Waiver Request; the Reply Comment Period was open for twelve (12) days. No objections to the original petition. Jim will call Jim or Scott with the FCC sometime tomorrow to follow through and find out how things stand.

One comment in the file was not included due to the nature of the "rant". Gettysburg was primarily a Housekeeping meeting and new officers were elected for the upcoming year. Jim Wiley, KL7CC is still on the Question Pool. The meeting next year may be someplace besides Gettysburg. Jim will be submitting receipts to Ken Perry.

Trustee – Keith Clark, KL7MM. The station has seen a lot of use lately and continues to have operators in on a regular basis. So far, no Pink Slips have been issued.

Membership – Fred Erickson, KL7FE. Fred was not present but Kathleen O'Keefe; KL7KO will be requesting the new voting mailing list to be emailed in preparation for mailing out ballots.

Projects Committee – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS. This is a combination Finance Commit-

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tee Projects Committee Slide Show Presentation. Items covered; Fixed and Variable Costs. The slides were described in detail as to what each color line represents. Also, this forecast is in layers. Field Day came in under budgeted. Jim Wiley's trip has been completed and the report has not been completed yet as to costs, Ham Fest is still an unknown and November Sweeps has not happened yet.

So far, Projects that have already been approved are currently at or under budget. There is a Grant shown for November but no amount. There is other income. This graph is based on last year's income. The committee is referring to this as forward funding.

Randy brought up a concern regarding an email he received regarding a Laptop Monitor that was purchased. His concern is any additional comments are brought up so everyone is aware of the clubs spending habits. Mention of a Maintenance Project Manager was brought up and Mike O'Keefe, who is currently deployed, means that at the present time there is no one to fill that position. Jim Wiley, KL7CC and Keith Clark, KL7MM also made comments. An Agenda Item for next month should be to Establish and Appoint an Individual. Lara Baker, AL2R made some additional comments. This has been referred back to the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee – Keith Clark, KL7MM. This was covered under the Project Committee.

By-Laws – Kathleen O'Keefe. Randy Vallee, KL7Z, asked for this to be continued to next month. Lara and Alice Baker will work on the comparison documents for these items and email them to the board prior to next month's board meeting.

Old Business

Title 21 – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS. Dan Coffey presented changes to the Mayor. There were some pretty major changes. There are plans to accept changes and the meeting is set for October 4, 2011.

HamFest – Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX. Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX introduced Charlotte Rose, KL2TE. Food is being brought to the Ham Fest. So far Indian Valley Meats is donating a portion of the cost for 112 hot dogs. A chip company and Wonder Bread are donating items. Coca-cola needs more information before they can donate anything. Ken Perry made a comment they are in need of crock pots. There will be a meal deal for dogs, chips and drinks. There will be a donation jar. So far costs have been: Rent \$910.00, Radio prizes, \$930.00 Richard Kotsch made a request for an additional \$500.00 to be added to the budget to ensure they don't run out of funds.

Lara Baker, AL2R, made the motion to allow an additional \$500.00 for funding. Paul

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Spatzek, WL7BF seconded the motion. There were two (2) No votes and eleven (11) yea votes. Motion carried. This motion will be brought to the membership at the next meeting.

Elections – Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO. The current ballot was handed out to the board as is currently stands. This list will be voted on at the upcoming General Meeting at APU Campus during the regular Friday monthly meeting.

Grants – Paul Spatzek, WL7BF. Randy Valley, KL7Z is to email Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, the Grant request for \$12,000 from a Southeast Club. This club is planning no club participation. Jim Wiley, KL7CC stated we can fund 100% if we wish to. More discussion followed.

Update on MARA Trailer – Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ. A trailer has been obtained. Bob, KL1VQ got three (3) construction companies together and an 8 ½ x 20' trailer found a new home with MARA. Alice Baker, KL2GD asked for an article for the newsletter. Additional updates to follow as contraction moves forward.

New Business

By-laws – Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO. Already covered and tabled until next month.

Rules of Procedure – Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO. Already covered and tabled until next month.

Sale of Club Property – Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO. Tabled until next month.

Holiday Party – Alice Baker, KL2GD. Alice Baker, KL2GD opened discussion. The board unanimously determined the Holiday Party is to be held at the regular Friday December meeting at the APU campus in the Carr Gottstein Building. A Hawaiian Shirt contest is to be held. The usual gift exchange and trade will happen with a suggested cost not to exceed \$25.00 for a gift.

ATU Pole – Jim Wiley, KL7CC. In last spring or early summer in Palmer, AK ATU offered to give away a power pole. All that had to be done was move a 120" pole from their property to any location of their choice. The person accepting this item is to be moved at their expense. We will offer this item to members first and then open it up to all amateur radio operators.

Pat Wilke resignation – Jim Larsen, AL7FS offered to accept appointment to complete term of office. Pat Wilke verbally resigned due to a conflict in volunteer scheduling. Jim Larsen, KL7FS offered to complete the term. Lara Baker, AL2R made the motion to accept Jim Larsen, KL7FS into the position to complete this one year term

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for board of directors. Richard Kotsch, WL7BF seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

ARES – Jim Larsen, KL7FS. Anyone active should Thanks don Bush who carries as huge load as a HUB and key component. The Anchorage Club should be advised of an Airport Exercise sometime in 2012. Discussion followed. Charlotte Rose said that Leon Morgan has ALMR radios available for MARA to use in the event of an emergency.

Program for October Meeting – Richard Kotsch, WL7CPX. Next month's presentation will be Lara Baker, AL2R on Go Kits.

Approvals for KL7AA for the upcoming month – None currently.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm
Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen R O'Keefe
KL7KO

An Executive Session was held. No notes were taken or kept.



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Meeting Minutes
Carr Gottstein Building
2 September 2011



Meeting opened at 7:02pm by Vice President Paul Spatzek. There are forty members present at the meeting.

There was a brief introduction of members and visitors.

Jim Larsen was accepted by the membership present and as recommended by the board of directors to complete Pat Wilke's term of office.

John Murray made the motion the membership present accepts the board of director's recommendation to add an additional \$500.00 to the budget for the 2011 Ham Fest. Motion was seconded by Paul Spatzek. Of the members present, one voted against the motion, none abstained and the remainder voted for the motion. Motion

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passed. The new Ham Fest budget is \$3,000.00

The Christmas Party was announced. To be held the regular first Friday meeting. It is to be pot luck with a Hawaiian Shirt Contest and a "Chinese Auction" gift exchange. Gifts should not exceed \$25.00

Alice Baker advised ARRL is now bouncing emails with attachments, so if you have an alternate email, please advise her so she can continue emailing the newsletters to members.

An announcement was made by Charlotte Rose regarding Ham Fest. There will be food, they need crock pots and maybe some baked goods to sell at the Ham Fest.

Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO introduced the members of the nominating committee. Nominations for next year's officers and directors were held. Nominations are:

Tom Ireland KL3IJ for Activities Director. Motion was made by Mike Baker, NL7J and seconded by Paul Spatzek, WL7BF. Tom Ireland had stated verbally he would accept the nomination if made. There were no nominations from the floor for Activities Director.

Lara Baker, AL2R for Three Year Board Member. Motion was made by Michael O'Keefe and seconded by Alice Baker, KL2GD. Lara Baker accepted the nomination for the position verbally. There were no nominations from the floor for the Three Year Board Member position.

For the one year board positions each individual was nominated and seconded individually. There are ten names who have already accepted verbally that if nominated they would accept the nomination and be willing to have their names placed on the ballot. The following list, with nominations and seconds are:

TJ Sheffield, KL7TS. Motion was made by Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD and seconded by Mike Baker, NL7J.

Roy Sursa, KL2GV. Motion was made by Lara Baker, AL2R and seconded by Paul Spatzek, WL7BF.

TJ Tombleson, KB8JXX Motion was made by Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD and seconded by Mike Baker, NL7J.

Jim Wiley, KL7CC. Motion was made by Eric Thomson, N6SPP and seconded by Mike Baker NL7J.

Susan Wood, NL7NN. Motion was made by Lara Baker, AL2R and seconded by Jim,

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Strickland, KL7II.

Doug Stowers, WL7CDC. Motion was made by Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD and seconded by Paul Spatzek, WLFBF.

Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD. Motion was made by Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO and seconded by Paul Spatzek, WLFBF.

Rich Gillin, AL4S. Motion was made by Mike Baker NL7J, and seconded by Eric Thompson, N6SPP.

Jim Larsen, AL7FS. Motion was made by Eric Thompson, N6SPP and seconded by Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO.

Eric Thompson, N6SPP. Motion was made by Rich Gillin AL43S and seconded by Paul Spatzek, WL7BF.

There were no nominations from the floor for one year board positions.

The presenter for the evening is Lara Baker, AL2R on Go Kits. He handed out copies of his presentation for the slide show.

Door Prizes, from free tickets, were awarded to:

NL7WW	WD6NMJ	KL1IL
KL2DN	KL7BD	KL2TE
AL4S	KL7BJ	NL7J
KL7ISN	KL2EC	TIM CROWLEY
KL2UW	KL3GI	KL2FM
KB3KD	KL2CR	WL7BF
KL7CPX	KL7MD	ALR2

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Kathleen R O'Keefe
Secretary
KL7KO

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

Officers

President	Randy Vallee	KL7Z	president@kl7aa.net
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Secretary	Kathleen O'Keefe	KL7KO	secretary@kl7aa.net
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Three Year Board of Direc- tors

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One year Board of Directors

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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: October 11th, 5:30PM at Hamshack.
Contact Keith Clark, KL7MM, trustee@KL7aa.net for info.

Projects Committee: October 12th, 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").
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.

Projection Screen Wanted:

I am looking for a large portable roll-up projection screen on a tripod for doing AM-SAT and related presentations. I found out at the recent Hamfests this summer that things would have really been clearer if I'd had a better presentation target than just a bedsheet (MARA) or a blank wall (AARC) to shine on with my projector. In the end the results turned out okay in both cases, but I'm always trying to do a better job for the viewers.

Craig Bledsoe, KL4E, 907-694-4730

Craig_Bledsoe@ak-prepared.com

Upcoming Events



Holiday Party Potluck

December 2nd, Carr-Gottstein Building, 7:00 PM

Chinese Auction Gift Exchange — \$25.00 minimum.
Hawaiian Shirt Contest

Bring your favorite food and prepare to have fun.

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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ARES DISTRICT 7 & 5
KL7AA & KL7JFU
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 VE Testing	5	6	7 General Meeting 7:00PM	8 VE Testing
9	10	11 Finance Com.5:30 EARS Genl. Mtg	12 Projects Comm. 7:00PM	13	14	15
16	17	18 AARC Board Meeting 7 PM	19 Mara Board Meeting 7 PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Mara Meeting 7 PM
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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 (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+.

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 - Doug Myers, KL1DJ or Ron Keech, KL7YK for information. EARS: 552-2664 (recording); Talk in on 146.67-. Email: club@KL7air.us or kl7yk@arri.net

4th 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 or 907-376-8698.

The last Saturday 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.

Every Monday at 11:00 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

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.

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AARC web page & Email contact addresses:

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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 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)

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
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 *
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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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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.

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**ARES South Central Alaska District
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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 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" 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 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.

Thanks for your help in this.