

Anchorage Amateur Radio Club



**General Meeting
May 4th, 2012
7:00 PM Carr-Gottstein Bldg.**



**Roy Sursa
Why Volunteer?**

WAY TO GO ANDREW !!

On Saturday, 31 March 2012 during the Women in Science event with the Girl Scouts, and MARA, with the assistance of AL9A, Gary Senesac, KL3KC, Andrew Rose made his first HF contact.

On Sunday, 15 April 2012 KL7MD, Mike O'Keefe awarded him a certificate to commemorate the event.

QSO: with VA7TF, Tony Fonseca @ 1330Hrs UTC Frequency: 14.259MHz SSB

We are very proud of this young man!

On Saturday, 24 March 2012 Andrew also took part in his first Emergency Drill, Talkeetna, Alaska, with the American Red Cross-Alaska Chapter and The Upper Susitna Emergency Net, The Mat-Su Valley and CERT.

Andrew is the youngest certified CERT member in the state of Alaska. He also runs the Alaska Morning Net one day each week as Net Control Operator. He is diligently studying and working toward his General Class License at this time.



Andrew, KL3KC — 1st HF contact award



KL3KC & KL2MD

Submitted by Charlotte
Rose, KL2TE

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Come One!!! Come All!!!!

MARA Hamfest.

When: May 5th, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM — contact Jim/N9RNL to reserve a table.

Where: Pioneer Sign Shop, just outside Wasilla.
3785 W. Machen Rd. Wasilla, AK 99654

Look for the KL7JFU signs.

Directions:

1. Continue on AK-3/George Parks Hwy/W Parks Hwy from Wasilla Carrs — 3.5mi.
2. Turn right onto N Stanley Rd — Look for the KL7JFU sign — 167 ft.
3. Turn left on Machen Rd heading west. — 0.1 mi
4. Arrive at Pioneer Signs. Look for MARA banner.

Put into your GPS — 61 deg. 35.08'N 149 deg 32.8'W

Come and join us!!!

And reserve the date for the Moosehorn Hamfest:

Here is the website link: <http://www.moosehornarc.com/Hamfest2012.pdf>

Date: July 14

Location: Borough Office of Emergency Services (same as last year) in Soldotna

Time: 10am - 4pm

For other details see the link (it will be updated as we fill in more info).

Ed Cole
MHARC VP
Hamfest Chair

73, Ed - KL7UW, WD2XSH/45

43rd Annual Walk for Hope in Anchorage May 5

John Lynn, KL7CY has reported that this event is now fully staffed. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered.

Gold Nugget Triathlon, May 20th, from Bartlett High.

Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO, reports that this event currently is staffed — but she is always happy to add participants to her roster.

Contact her at kokalaska@gmail if you want to volunteer.

Mayor's Marathon — West High School Saturday, June 23rd — (John Lynn), KL7CY

I would like to hand over the duties of organizing the Mayor's Marathon. I would be happy to coach someone and share my ideas and work sheets to get them off to a good start. Please look around and see if you can find someone to give it a try and aim them my way. I would also like to hand off the Walk for Hope.

Please contact John if you want to help with this event.

John Lynn, KL7CY
7013 Trafford Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
Telephone 907-337-1091
Facsimile 907-338-4791
Email johnlynn@gci.net
or KL7CY@arrl.net

Field Day, June 22—24th.

Reserve the weekend.

Contact TJ Sheffield, KL7TJ, or Keith Clark, KL7MM for information.

Report from "editorial" re Long Range Planning Committee.

I promised to report on comments received on the editorial suggesting the formation of a Long Range Planning Committee.

Exactly 4 people have commented. Three of them were verbal comments — one neutral, and two positive (although one of those was my husband.) These are hard to reproduce.

I also received a long well-thought-out written comment. Unfortunately, this person has not responded to requests to identify himself by call sign — and I will not publish comments that are effectively anonymous. (I will publish comments without public attribution, but I have to know who the author is.)

New MARA trailer.

Lettering the same on all four sides. Thanks to Tom Rutigliano for picture.



Warning re Antenna Restrictions — from Charlotte Rose, KL2TE

I feel this is one of those far reaching instances with such a wide impact, that it would be beneficial to those stations that are not members of the ARRL, and as such, do not receive their broadcast messages. If you are one of those people that is not permitted to put up an antenna at your residence (and many of you are) then please consider taking the time to file a comment with the FCC. Only through your commentary is there the opportunity to get the rules changed.

Thank You,

Charlotte, KL2TE

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ARLB007 FCC Seeks Public Comments on Emergency Communications by Amateur Radio and Impediments to Amateur Radio Communications
ARRL Bulletin 7 ARLB007
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT April 5, 2012
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB007
ARLB007 FCC Seeks Public Comments on Emergency Communications by Amateur Radio and Impediments to Amateur Radio Communications.

In response to the Congressional directive to prepare a study to assess Amateur Radio's role in emergency and disaster communications and the impact of private land use regulations on the amateur community's ability to provide such communications, the FCC issued DA 12-523 soliciting comments from the public. The period for public comment runs until May 17, 2012.

"As part of the study contained in Public Law No. 112-96, the Commission has opened a 45 day period for comments to be filed on the issue," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "Because of the short deadline for the study to be completed and presented to Congress -- before the end of August -- the ARRL and the amateur community must quickly mobilize their response."

The FCC Public Notice focuses on two specific areas for comments. The first is the role that Amateur Radio has played and continues to play to support emergency and disaster relief organizations, such as FEMA and local/state emergency management agencies. The second is to determine impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio communications. This would include the impact that private land-use regulations –

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such as deed restrictions and homeowner association covenants -- have on the ability of licensed amateurs to fully participate in providing support communications to the served agencies.

"This study is not about zoning ordinances or regulations adopted by the local or state governments," Henderson explained. "Amateurs already have the limited protection of PRB-1 to assist them with those situations. The areas of concern here are the limitations that are placed on a property when it is purchased, either as part of the deed of sale or by restrictions imposed by the neighborhood/homeowner's association. Those restrictions -- sometimes referred to as CC&Rs -- are not currently covered by the FCC's PRB-1 decision from 1985."

To allow the ARRL to quickly collect and collate relevant information from the amateur community to help support the filing it will make with the FCC on this issue, a website has been setup. The site -- www.arrl.org/ccr-study-information -- provides details about what kind of information is needed by the ARRL.

Also on the site, you will find links to two online data collection forms. The first form allows you to provide information about specific emergency communications in which Amateur Radio has played a role since January 2000. The second form asks for specific information on the CC&Rs/deed restrictions that control your property. It also asks you to provide information on how those restrictions have impacted your ability to fully support emergency communications.

"Whether you are an ARRL member or not, your information and situation are important to helping us make the case for all amateurs," Henderson said. "Whether your support communications are with ARES, RACES, SKYWARN, CERT or other emergency and disaster groups, your voice should be heard. If you cannot operate effectively from home during an emergency because CC&Rs prohibit adequate antennas on your property, that is important to document and quantify. This issue affects all of Amateur Radio, not just ARRL members."

Henderson said that due to the short timeframe that the FCC has allotted for public comment, time is of the essence. In order to allow the ARRL to develop its comments, the ARRL asks that all information sent by the amateur community be received at the ARRL no later than April 25, 2012: "We realize this is a very short turnaround asking for your response, but this is based on the time provided by the Commission for the comment window."

It is important that when you provide specifics of your CC&R, you also provide the ARRL with a copy of its actual wording. If you have the CC&R in a digital format (or you can scan the document into a file), it can either be uploaded through the website above or it can be sent via an e-mail to CCRinfo@arrl.org. If you do not have an elec-

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tronic format, a hard copy may be sent via US mail to: CCR Study Information, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

"We need factual, specific details," Henderson said. "The more accurate information we have -- including copies of the CC&R language -- the stronger case we can make. Having copies of the exact CC&Rs is important. It allows us to demonstrate the wide variation of restrictions. Including the specific text is as important as any other piece of information you provide."

If you have questions about what is being requested, you may contact the ARRL Regulatory Information Office via e-mail at reginfo@arrl.org. "Again, time is of the essence in this matter," Henderson said. "This is the best opportunity that amateurs have had to address the impact of overly burdensome private land use restrictions. If Amateur Radio is to succeed in this effort, it is going to take all of us working together."

Interesting link — from Mark Sabel, WD6BMJ

A few days ago, BBC World Service radio aired a riveting 44 minute long documentary on the sinking of the Titanic. Being the 100th anniversary of the disaster, there are plenty of Titanic stories in the press. But what made the World Service story particularly interesting is it focused on the CW operators involved, their procedures and messages. "Titanic - In Her Own Words" can be listened to online.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00q89fy>

See you next month (I hope),

MARK SABEL
WD6BMJ



Note from Craig Bledsoe, KL4E

Here is an update from former Eagle River resident and AARC member Mike Kaufman, KB2SVN. He has accepted a position as a C-17 simulator instructor at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Seattle and is looking for acreage for his new antenna farm nearby. He was formerly assigned to the AH-64 Apache helicopter simulator program near Salt Lake City where I visited with him last fall during the International Society of Air Safety Investigators (ISASI) annual convention.

73,

Craig, KL4E

Also forwarded from Craig, KL4E

This is really neat - it seriously had me fooled until he started his "behind the scene" narrative! I also liked the T-38 model on his operating desk...

73,

Craig, KL4E

----- Original Message -----

I want one for my Man-Cave, but for you QRPers.... This might be a little overkill for you. Watch this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neHreW-PNtw>

73,

Dan O, KL7DR

More from Craig, KL4E

This is one of the best FAA and ATC Aviation History sites to surface in a while. A well-programmed work of art with lots of memories. I hope it's a work in progress.

[<http://www.rwf2000.com/ATC/>]



Minutes of Previous Meetings



ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
February 23, 2012
Board Meeting
Hope Community Resources
Approved Minutes

Board Members Present –Randy Vallee, KL7Z, Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO, Eric McIntosh, KL2FM, Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ, T.J. Sheffield, KL7TS, Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD, Lara Baker, AL2R, Susan Woods, NL7NN, Doug Stowers, WL7CDC, Jim Larsen, AL7FS

Guests Present – Alice Baker, KL2GD, Keith Clark, KL7MM

Board Members Present via teleconference – Jim Wiley, KL7CC, Rich Gillin, AL4S

Board Members Excused – Mike Baker, NL7J, Ken Perry, AL7GA

Board Members unexcused: None

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Randy Vallee, KL7Z at 7:02pm. A quorum was established.

Additions to the Agenda – Field Day – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, Executive Session; not to be recorded, Club House Renters Insurance, KL7KO; this will be covered under finance. Therefore we did not add this item on the agenda. Mike Romanello, KL7BK – Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD needs to cover equipment to be donated and what to do with it.

Deletions to the Agenda – None

Reports:

Secretary - Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO – Several corrections to Board Meeting from January 2012. Extensive changes were made. Both minutes were accepted as presented with corrections noted. There was a correction to the General Minutes as well. Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ made the motion to accept both sets of minutes as corrected for the Board. Lara Baker, AL2R seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Treasurer – Ken Perry, AL7GA – The Reports were covered by Keith Clark, KL7MM. Not really anything new to report. Do have some items to discuss with Ken Perry, AL7GA. If there are any questions please let me know so I can ask him. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS had questions about discrepancies between reports. Any questions will be brought up at the Finance Meeting. TJ Sheffield showed items in question on the overhead. There was a recommendation to fund the ECCP Fund. Some discussion followed. This and other topics will be covered by the Finance Committee. Questions came from TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO, and Jim Larsen, AL7FS. Mention was made to the past and future expenditures with loss of finances due to misappropriation of past funds. Again this would be covered during the Finance Committee meeting. Randy Vallee, KL7Z recommended further discussion needs to be covered by the Finance Committee.

Broke for Executive Session.

Mike Romanello, KL7BK – Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD. Mike Romanello, KL7BK was given a dStar system from Icom sent him \$3,000.00 of equipment that the Slope will not allow him to set up. The club would need to provide a computer, antenna and cans. Mike then asked the board members if the club has cans and computers. Jim Wiley, KL7CC stated no, but Rich Gillin, AL4S said yes. Randy Vallee, KL7Z moved this item to the Project Committee.

Lara Baker, AL2R, made a motion that the record show that the Board has complete confidence in Randy Vallee, KL7Z, and Keith Clark, KL7MM, in their actions and interactions with our attorneys and that Randy Vallee, KL7Z, and Keith Clark, KL7MM be instructed to continue their interactions with the attorneys and are to be hereby instructed to continue these interactions and to make decisions on behalf of the Board. Randy Vallee, KL7Z, and Keith Clark, KL7MM are also hereby instructed to report to the Board when they think it appropriate or when a decision by the board is needed. The motion was seconded by Jim Wiley, KL7CC. No further discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

VEC Program – Jim Wiley, KL7CC – The 60 meter rule changes are in the horizon. Information was given regarding how to submit comments. Bill Cross covered with Jim Wiley, KL7CC, remote testing and license renewal. The NPRN was covered.

The Daily Digest through the FCC details every item the FCC covers in a given day and Amateur Radio is but one small area they work on daily.

All items are moving forward. There is a need for new test books for the VEC and these will be emailed to Great Originals for printing. Jim Wiley, KL7CC will distribute the kits.

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Trustee – Keith Clark, KL7MM – There are no requests for use of the club call sign pending. The Club house is being used.

Membership – Fred Erickson, KL7FE – Since he was not at the meeting, no report or update was given.

Projects Committee – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – Again Finance Committee information was covered prior to moving forward. Funds donated over the last thirteen years were shown and how much the club has donated over the years was shown on the overhead. Baseline budget was again shown with adjustments made for travel and other items. There are no discretionary funds covered. The Finance Committee tries to help forecast the expenses that will be reviewed every quarter. Add to the forecast all events and travel. Then we work against last years expenses. Add projects then. Pactor 4 was ordered, shipped ordered and installed. One project carried over was the Satellite Project Phase II. The club is still \$10,000.00 short of what we need to spend from the Gaming Income. An additional review of accounts was shown on the overhead. The next decision is how to spend these funds. Lara Baker, AL2R, pointed out we have funds left yet to spend. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS has Three Projects to bring up for funding. Jim Larsen, AL7FS asked if donations are shown on the report.

Project One – Wire. The club always has a use for wire. Need more wire for ground radial kits. A request for the amount of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) to be spent for a variety of wire to cover Field Day and additional equipment needs. Lara Baker, AL2R, Jim Larsen, AL7FS, and Randy Vallee, KL7Z, had additional questions and information that came out in discussion. Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD, reminded the board that our gaming income is probably not going to grow back to what is was in the past.

Project Two – Aluminum Tower. This tower is to be used at Field Day. Total cost for this project would be in the amount of Thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00). Additional in-depth information was provided by TJ Sheffield, KL7TS. Jim Larsen, AL7FS, asked if this can be shown as an Emergency ARES application as opposed to just being used during Field Day.

Project Three – 10 band vertical Mark I. The Mark I has issues and there is a need to replace this item with a Mark IV. This item has been taken apart once before and it is believed an individual contesting had the power too high. The proposal is to sell the current system and purchase the newer system. The total proposed cost for this project is Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars, (\$2,200.00). This would include lightning protection. In-depth information is given as to why this needs to be approved by TJ Sheffield, KL7TS. Lara Baker, AL2R, asked what the cost would be to repair the

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Mark I. This is unknown as TJ Sheffield; KL7TS, feels that the company no longer works on the Mark I.

Discussion regarding all three project proposals followed. Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD had questions. Jim Larsen, AL7FS had questions. Lara Baker, AL2R had questions.

These projects were tracked by the Board and one nomination was made by Lara Baker, AL2R, to approve Project One and Two not to exceed the amount of Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars. Lara Baker, AL2R, made the addition to the motion that Project Three needs further research and to see if the system can be repaired. Jim Larsen, AL7FS seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Project Numbers for Project 1 is 2012-002 and Project 2 is 2012-003.

Finance Committee – Keith Clark, KL7MM – Keith Clark, KL7MM discussed the agenda items covered during the Finance Committee meeting. Item two was credit card discussion. This information was reported to the Board. The Board needs to determine if the debit card should be changed to three credit cards and controls and limits set in place by the Board. Discussion followed. Jim Wiley, KL7CC had questions. Jim Larsen, AL7FS had input regarding credit cards. Lara Baker, AL2R had additional input. Keith Clark, KL7MM covered other items outlined in the Finance Committee Report. Keith Clark, KL7MM, and Ken Perry, AL7GA, need to do attritional research with the banks and financial institutions that currently hold the special accounts. During additional discussion information was provided requesting the Board approve a donation from the non-gaming funds in the amount of \$25.00 to the QTH Reflector. Lara Baker, AL2R, made that motion. It was seconded by Jim Larsen, AL7FS. Keith Clark, KL7MM discussed Renter's Insurance and how to go about getting it. Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD, reported we need a base line in what the values are of the assets in the club house. Without this information it is not possible to quote Renter's Insurance. Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO further reinforced that without this information we can move no further. Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, will provide this information. Tom Rutigliano, KL7TS, suggested the club check with ARRL to see if we are eligible for insurance with them. Keith Clark, KL7MM, then covered the amount of equipment is currently valued at \$24,000.00 Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD, further discussed the need for Board Insurance, Vehicle insurance, and that the vehicles are not covered unless being operated. Randy Vallee, KL7Z, moved this back to the Finance Committee. Randy Valley, KL7Z asked Keith Clark, KL7MM if Richard Block, KL7RLB wishes to continue with the Finance Committee. If he states no we need to consider nominating another individual to the Finance Committee to replace him. This information needs to be reported back to the next Board meeting.

By-Laws – Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD – We need to set up a day that Randy Vallee, KL7Z is available Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO asked about using Hope Cottage. Mi-

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Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD, asked Rich Gillin, AL4S, if we had the bridge system is available and that it will work. The date to set up will be Monday or Tuesday next week to call into the club house at 7pm. Monday at 7pm to call the club house bridge at the ham shack is the day and time. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, will provide the number to call in on.

Grants – Paul Spatzek, WL7BF – There are none pending to report

ARES – Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD – The plan to work on Rapid Deployment to get things moving at and out of the club house for deployment in the field is to be no more than fifteen minutes. And we would plan no more than thirty minutes for getting the CCV ready to go. Then we are looking at trailers and other vehicles in the equation. The motor home, pickup truck and one trailer need to be part of this deployment. This will be done once the snow is gone and it is safe to do so. Ultimately we will have seven nets on UHF/VHF and one HF net to operate on within this time period.

Old Business

Title 21 – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – Everything is still supportive of Amateur Radio. Commercial Organizations need to pay attention.

New Business

Field Day – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, stated he and Keith Clark, KL7MM, are willing to be in charge of Field Day again. This will be our ninth year of doing Field Day. A proposed budget of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars was presented to the Board. Lara Baker, AL2R, made the motion approving the requested amount for Field Day. Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ seconded the motion. Motion carried with one abstaining vote.

Ham Fest – Tom Ireland, KL3IJ – Susan Woods, NL7NN, asked if we ever got a report on how well we did last year. These books are still open. Tom Ireland, KL3IJ is not present so nothing to report.

Program for March meeting – Tom Ireland, KL3IJ – Tom Ireland, KL3IJ is not present so it is unknown of what is probably being presented.

MARA Trailer Update – Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ – the trailer is moving forward with insulation and walls. There are other modifications being made and it is hoped to be completed by summer. Randy Vallee, KL7Z asked if photos can be sent to the editor for the newsletter.

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State Emergency Operation Status – Jim Larsen, AL7FS – A report of what equipment is at that location was given. Things are moving forward and that the State of Alaska is supporting equipment for the EOC at Ft. Richardson. The State is beginning to want Amateur Operators to be in the EOC. We need more volunteers who can get access during an actual emergency.

Approvals for KL7AA – Keith Clark, KL7MM – There are no requests for use of the club call sign pending.

Tom Rutigliano made the motion to close the meeting

Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted using recording and notes:

Kathleen R O'Keefe KL7KO

AARC Secretary



AARC General Meeting March 2nd, 2012 Carr-Gottstein Bldg. 7:00PM



Meeting was opened by Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, at 7:00PM.

Introductions were made.

The presentation for this meeting was Sam Hutchinson & Karl Edwards of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management discussing Individual, State and Community Roles and Responsibilities in Disaster Response.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30PM.

Not Board approved — entered for the record by Alice Baker, KL2GD, Editor.

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ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2012

Approved Minutes



Board Members Present – Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, Eric McIntosh, KL2FM, Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ, Lara Baker, AL2R, Rich Gillin, AL4S, Susan Woods, NL7NN, Doug Stowers, WL7CDC, Jim Larsen, AL4FS, Tom Ireland, KL3IJ

Guests Present – Alice Baker, KL2GD, Keith Clark, KL7MM

Board Members Present via teleconference – Jim Wiley, KL7CC, Mike Baker, NL7J

Board Members Excused – Randy Vallee, KL7Z, Ken Perry, AL7GA, Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO, Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD

Board Members unexcused: None

The Board Meeting was called to order by Paul Spatzek, WL7BF at 7:00 pm. A quorum was established.

Additions to the Agenda – A3S Cushcraft; requested by MARA, TJ Sheffield, KL7TS. File Sharing, Rich Gillin, AL4S

Deletions to the Agenda –

Announcement made by Alice Baker, KL2GD– the big printer is being cleaned next week at the Ham Shack.

Reports:

Secretary - Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO – The only minutes are from committee and we will cover it there.

Treasurer – Ken Perry, AL7GA – Balance Sheet, Keith Clark, KL7MM. The Club has received information from Boniface Bingo that we are receiving another \$9,000.00 plus from them for the fourth quarter. Don’t know if Ken has that posted or not.

Randy Vallee interrupted the meeting to be excused when he called a Board member via cell phone. Also Keith Clark, KL7MM made the announcement that Jimmy Tverty

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passed away this morning. The Board should discuss sending flowers or something. Paul Spatzek asked what the normal amount. Jim Wiley stated is normally doesn't exceed \$50.00. Keith Clark said the Board should send flowers up to a \$50.00 value. No one was opposed and a motion was not made. The final approval would be worked out with Randy Vallee.

Projects Committee – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – The overhead was used to show how income and expenses are shown. TJ Sheffield again showed the Finance Committee projections of funds received and where it has currently been spent in the forecast. This shows the baseline budget. We show an increase to the attorney fees and events. Only Field Day has been authorized. Event Managers need to get their forecast to the Finance Committee so it can be budgeted. We are currently showing we still have \$17,000.00 under the state requirement of what we need to spend. The blue line is the actual amount spent. Anything above the line is in the bank.

Eleven years ago it was proposed to combine Life Member and Building Funds together. This has not been done yet.

Finance Committee – Keith Clark, KL7MM – We had a committee meeting and discussed 2011 Gaming income of \$83,286.00. However we received information they may be sending another \$9,000 or so. Without the final figures we don't have official closing numbers. Discussed the credit card and Smith Barney and what is being done with them; so far nothing yet. No glaring items came up with the review of the budget. However, we need to keep an eye on a couple items. Jim Larsen, AL7FS, wants to understand why we pay so much money having door prizes every month. Also, why is the phone bill every month so expensive? TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, said it is because we have three phone lines coming in and two of the lines are for control numbers for Glenn Alps. Rich Gillin, AL4S, also said we have an upgraded voice mail that also increases the cost. Additional questions came from the Board. Jim Wiley, KL7CC, gave additional information regarding how the voice mail as to how things were handled in the past.

Keith Clark, KL7MM, stated as far as door prizes this cost has been cut and only goes for ten months. Jim Larsen, AL7FS, feels this is still too much to pay people to come to meetings. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, pointed out the door prizes are designed more towards Emergency Services items. Tom Ireland, KL3IJ, supported Keith Clark's, KL7MM, statement.

Keith Clark, KL7MM, has been looking into other buildings for the club to consider leasing. The FCC building has been looked at as well as some of the buildings on Kulis ANG as possibilities of moving to other buildings. As of yet no facilities are available for leasing from the State of Alaska who will be managing the facility where Kulis ANG originally was housed. This research is being done because the current location is so noisy.

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Grants – Paul Spatzek, WL7BF – There have been no grants forwarded to the committee. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, has a grant that he is doing research on. The overhead showed we usually spend \$25,000.00 on grants that are NGO's. Then there is an area showing agencies we have given grants to other radio clubs. There are seven radio clubs represented in that area. Additional historical information was provided.

TJ Sheffield, KL7TS gave additional information regarding an exercise that was a multiple agency invitation that the radio club is not available to go to due to our current situation. The overhead was used to show a response vehicle to replace the CCV to enable the club to be able to respond to exercises. Lara Baker, AL2R, asked about how the proposed rig would work out. Jim Larsen, AL7FS, feels the club should review what equipment we need to have for future responses. A plan should be set in place and reviewed.

Additional information followed with a question and answer session. Jim Wiley, KL7CC, had additional comments and suggestions. Rich Gillin, AL4S, also had comments and suggestions. Keith Clark, KL7MM also had comments and suggestions.

AT THIS POINT THE RECORDING FAILED TO RECORD ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL MEETING INFORMATION. THE REMAINDER OF THE INFORMATION IS FROM ALICE BAKER, KL2GD'S BRIEF NOTES.

VEC Program – Jim Wiley, KL7CC – Not recorded

Trustee – Keith Clark, KL7MM – Not recorded

Membership – Fred Erickson, KL7FE – Not recorded

By-Laws – Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD – He is not present so no report was given.

ARES – Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD – He is not present so no report was given.

Old Business

Title 21 – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – Nothing on the notes

New Business

Program for April meeting – Nothing on the notes

Approvals for KL7AA – Keith Clark, KL7MM – Nothing on the notes

At some point during the meeting Lara Baker, AL2R, made a motion to close the Pay

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Pal account and reopen a new one. Erick McIntosh, KL2FM, seconded the motion. Discussion followed referring to who would be the responsible person on the account; the name is not recorded in the minutes. Lara Baker, AL2R, modified his motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted using recording:
Kathleen R O'Keefe KL7KO
AARC Secretary



AARC General Meeting April 6th, 2012 Carr-Gottstein Bldg. 7:00PM



Meeting was opened by Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO, at 7:00PM.

Introductions were made.

TJ Sheffield showed video of "The LAST Great Field Day".

Kathy made a plea for members to start thinking about volunteering for Board and committee positions.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30PM.

Not Board approved — entered for the record by Alice Baker, KL2GD, Editor.

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Officers

President	Randy Vallee	KL7Z	president@kl7aa.net
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Regular Committee Meetings:

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

Finance Committee: Monday of week before Board meeting, 7:00PM at Hamshack.
Contact Keith Clark, KL7MM, trustee@KL7aa.net for info.

Projects Committee: Tuesday of week before Board meeting, 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.

Ken Perry, AL7GA, Treasurer, will be taking orders for club badges and hanging tags. If anyone wants one, or one of the hanging bars (President, Board Member, Volunteer Examiner, etc.) the costs are \$15.00 for the badges and \$5.00 for the bars. Orders should be sent to treasure@kl7aa.net.



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



Upcoming Events



Mark Your Calendars for your summer fun!!!!

Walk/Bike/Roller for Hope — Delaney Park Strip
Saturday, May 5th — 9:00 AM — John Lynn, KL7CY

Gold Nugget Women's Triathlon — Bartlett High
Sunday, May 20th — Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO

Mayor's Marathon — West High School
Saturday, June 23rd — (John Lynn), KL7CY

Big Wild Life Marathon — Downtown
Sunday, August 19th — Keith Clark, KL7MM

Dog Jog — I couldn't find any information about
the 2012 event.

MS150 Bike Ride — Girdwood
Saturday, Sunday September 15th & 16th
Allen Abbott, KB1QCE

And don't forget Field Day — Probably at Kincaid Park
June 22nd setup — June 23rd and 24th.
TJ Sheffield, KL7TJ & Keith Clark, KL7MM

If I'm missing some, please let me know.

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ARES DISTRICT 7 & 5
 KL7AA & KL7JFU
www.aresalaska.org

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 VE Testing 6:30PM	2	3	4 AARC General Meeting 7:00PM	5 Walk & Roll for Hope
6	7 Finance Com. 7PM	8 Projects Com. 7PM Ears Genl Mtg	9	10	11	12 VE Testing 2:00PM
13	14	15 AARC Board Meeting 7 PM	16 Mara Board Meeting 7 PM	17	18	19
20 Gold Nugget Triathlon	21	22	23	24	25 Mara Meeting 1900	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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 or 443.30+ PL 103.5

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 - 7:30 PM

Location changes monthly so call on 146.88-repeater for info. Moosehorn ARC also holds a weekly luncheon every Thursday, locations and times change — 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 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.

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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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 *
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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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.

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

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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 PaLink 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 at 5923 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.