

# Anchorage Amateur Radio Club



**General Meeting  
June 1st, 2012  
7:00 PM Carr-Gottstein Bldg.**

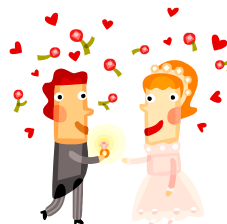
**Roy Sursa  
Why Volunteer?**



Together with their families and friends  
CHARLOTTE ROSE, KL2TE  
And  
BRUCE McCORMICK, KL7BM  
Invite you to share in the joy and celebration of their marriage  
On Saturday,  
23 JUNE two-thousand twelve  
At four O'clock in the afternoon  
ROMIG JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
SOCCER FIELD  
2500 Minnesota Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska

Kindly respond to:  
Charlotte Rose, KL2TE [ketchikan32@yahoo.com](mailto:ketchikan32@yahoo.com)  
(907) 727-4291; HC 89 Box 69; Willow, Alaska 99688  
OR  
Bruce McCormick, KL7BM [mccorpp@qci.net](mailto:mccorpp@qci.net)  
(907) 333-0340; 611 Lori Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99504  
Will Attend or Regrets

In the unlikely event of rain, the wedding will take place at the  
KL7AA Hamshack, 5923 Rowan Street (just off Dowling and Seward  
Highway)



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Field Day:

June 22nd — June 24th.

#### Kincaid Park

Setup — Friday, June 22nd

Field Day activities — Saturday and Sunday,  
June 23rd & 24th.

Tear Down — Sunday, June 24th

For details, contact:

TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, [kl7ts@arri.net](mailto:kl7ts@arri.net)

or

Keith Clark, KL7MM, [aksunlite@aol.com](mailto:aksunlite@aol.com)



Anchorage, Alaska  
June 23, 2012

*Alaska's Biggest and Best  
Marathon and Half Marathon*

### Mayor's Marathon:



Saturday, June 23rd, 8:00AM

Starts and Ends at Romig Junior High School

John needs to staff something like 33 positions. **He needs volunteers!!!**

Contact John Lynn, KL7CY, to Volunteer — [johnlynn@gci.net](mailto:johnlynn@gci.net) or 907-337-1091.

## MOOSEHORN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Is honored to announce  
The 7th Annual  
Kenai Peninsula

# HAMFEST

Saturday, July 14th, 2012

**10 AM to 4 PM.**

At

Kenai Peninsula Borough Emergency Response Center  
Wilson Lane, Soldotna

### DIRECTIONS:

Coming from Anchorage on the Sterling Highway you enter into Soldotna down a hill and pass by Fred Meyers on the left and AK USA Credit Union on the right. Stay on the Sterling Hwy straight thru the first couple traffic lights. In a few blocks you will pass by McDonald's on your right. Turn right at the light just past McDonald's onto Binkley Street and continue one block and turn left onto Wilson Lane. The Emergency Response Center will be on your right after you turn onto Wilson Lane. The ERC is across Wilson from the Soldotna Fire Dept. Look for Hamfest signs! If Coming from the south drive into Soldotna until you see McDonald's and turn left at the light before McDonald's. Drive one block and turn left onto Wilson Lane.

Talk-In on the 146.88/28 repeater

Admission & One Door Prize Ticket \$5 CASH ONLY!

(buy extra door prize tickets for \$1)

**Grand prizes: (tickets: 5\$)**

Door Prizes to be listed later after decision is made

Grand Prize Winners will be selected about 3:00-3:30 pm

(Do not have to be present for drawing to win).

What's happening?

### HamFest Swap Meet.

Bring your stuff to sell.

Selling fee (includes admission) is \$10.

Table setup 9 to 10 AM.

Cash only for admission and table fee.

### **PROGRAM:**

Satellite Demo in the parking lot

11:00 DEMO of new Elecraft KX3 - by KL7UW

12:00 TBD

**1:00 - 2:30 pm---- VE Amateur Radio License Testing.**

Contact: Hamfest Chair - Ed Cole KL7UW [KL7UW@ARRL.Net](mailto:KL7UW@ARRL.Net)

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Subject: Sec of State msg\_XBand Day

To: [rich@gilllin.us](mailto:rich@gilllin.us); [tom.ireland67@gmail.com](mailto:tom.ireland67@gmail.com); [kl3ji@arrl.net](mailto:kl3ji@arrl.net)

CC: [scott.rights@gmail.com](mailto:scott.rights@gmail.com); [n6spp@yahoo.com](mailto:n6spp@yahoo.com); [kl8dw.radio@gmail.com](mailto:kl8dw.radio@gmail.com); [kl7ts@arrl.net](mailto:kl7ts@arrl.net); [mok@gci.net](mailto:mok@gci.net); [aksunlite@aol.com](mailto:aksunlite@aol.com)

We copied this msg on rtty, FEC, and MT63 from FT. Huachuca,AZ - "AAZ" using the program "MultiPsk".

This is the MT63 mode msg on 14.402mhz.

73, n6spp eric

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FM SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
TO AMATEUR RADIO AND MILITARY AUXILIARY RADIO SYSTEM
OPERATORS
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MSGID/GENADMIN/AAZ//
SUBJ/ARMED FORCES DAY 2012 MESSAGE//
GENTEXT/REMARKS/
FOR THE PAST SIXTY-THREE YEARS, OUR NATION HAS RECOGNIZED
THE DISTINGUISHED GLOBAL SERVICE OF OUR UNITED STATES
MILITARY DURING THE ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION.
AMATEUR RADIO AND MILITARY AUXILIARY RADIO SYSTEM OPERATORS
PROVIDE ESSENTIAL CONTINGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TO RELIABLY SUPPORT
OUR NATION'S MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. YOUR SUPPORT OF
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN DEPLOYED SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN,
MARINES, SUPPORTING CIVILIANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES IS DEEPLY
APPRECIATED.

ON BEHALF OF ALL UNIFORMED SERVICES, I EXTEND MY SINCEREST
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR HARD WORK, SELFLESS DEDICATION, AND
VITAL SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION. WELL DONE!

SGD LEON E. PANETTA
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE //
BT
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I think the above message should go into the KL7AA Newsletter, along with more information about the team effort. Perhaps Eric, N6SPP (or one of the others) could write up an article for the next issue? This is the kind of expertise that advances the Club, and Alaska ARES, now and in the future.

TJ Sheffield, KL7TS

More info and pictures on next page:

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Much work was accomplished during the cross band event. The workshop is lit up with 2.4Ghz sigs while I mockup the mesh nodes in prep for FD2012. Thanks KL7MD and KL3IJ (Fresh Extra) for use of the WRT54G's for this effort. I used N male to reverse polarity TNC male with N female barrels for the parabolic antennas. Rather make a custom patch for that.

The servers Lara donated came alive and are working, just not on CentOS yet. Plan is to migrate at least the APRS iGate to one of the HP Proliant DL360 G4 servers (Xeon 3.0Ghz, 4Gb Ram, 160Gb HD). I will need to source 2 sets of adjustable rack rails. The telco rack (upstairs) is shorter in depth than the attached rails.

Rich Gillin - AL4S  
907.884.1404  
skype/ooVoo: rich.gillin





## Recent Events:

### Walk and Ride for Hope:

Coordinated by John Lynn,  
KL7CY:

Pictures courtesy of George  
Wilkinson, KL1JJ.



### 2012 HAM Staff

9-10<sup>th</sup> & P St —KL7CY John Lynn

Net Control — AL2R Lara Baker

Tech Support — KL7CY John Lynn

Megan Shadow — KL2VK Tim Crowley

Check 1 Westchester Lagoon —

KL3JI Shannon Methe

Check 2 Postmark Drive — KL1IL Ray Hollenbeck

Check 3 Elderberry Park — KL2RQ Kevin Ehm

Walkers Sweeper — KL7MM Keith Clark

Rollers Sweeper — KL7TS TJ Sheffield

ATV / floaters —KL1JJ George Wilkinson

& KL3FG James ?

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### Walk for Hope:

Coordinated by Allen Abbott, KB1QCE

Pictures courtesy of Lara Baker, AL2R

Route: Three mile walk around Lake Hood/Spenard.

Hams participating: Jan Abbott, KB1QCD, Allan Abbott, KB1QCE, Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO, Alice Baker, KL2GD, and Lara Baker, AL2R



### Gold Nugget Triathlon:

Coordinated by Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO

Photos by Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO, and Alice Baker, KL2GD

The photos show Amateur operators: Eric McIntosh, KL2FM, Susan Woods, NL7NN, Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD, Pam McCormick, KL2UV, Chris Furgeson, KL3LU, Tom Ireland, KL3IJ, Keith Clark, KL7MM and Ray Hollenbeck, KL1IL.

The Gold Nugget Triathlon was held May 20, 2012. The day prior to the event Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD and Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO delivered and set up the AARC motorhome on location for the event. Several of us started Sunday at 6:00 am with others showing up anytime after 6:30 am.

Operators who worked the event were: Eric McIntosh, KL2FM, Net Control; Susan Woods, NL7NN, Gofer; Pam McCormick, KL2UV, Mothership, Chris Furgeson, KL3LU, Shadow for Announcer, Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD, Troubleshooter; Tom Ireland, KL3IJ, Swim to Bike Transition; Keith Clark, KL7MM and Ray Hollenbeck, KL1IL operated the pool; Jim Wardman, N9RNL set up at the volunteer parking and U-Haul entrance; Bruce McCormick, KL7BM, Charlotte Rose, KL2TE and Andrew Rose, KL3KC were staged at the Ft Richardson overpass; Don Bush, KL7JFT and Carol Bush, KL2FA were at the Bike Turn-Around; Lara Baker, AL2R and Alice Baker, KL2GD were at the Bike-to-Run Transition; Shannon Methe, KL3JI was at the Bike Path and Muldoon Overpass; and TJ Sheffield, KL7TS shepherded the last walkers (no longer running at this point) to the top of the Muldoon Bike Trail where they completed the event.

It was a very long day. We didn't finish up and head back to the Club House until 7:30 pm.

Fortunately, the rain held off the entire day. Except for a few bumps and bruises from peddles falling off bikes, there were no real problems that required us to call for medical support. Bruce, Charlotte and Andrew had most of the excitement at their location which was not an official checkpoint, but there were Gold Nugget Triathlon flaggers on location due to the extreme hazards to competitors still on bicycle's making their way to the Bike/Run transition area. We had to contact the Safety Director a few times to bring to their attention the challenges and hazards for that location.

Most of the other traffic passed was normal bib numbers; when they could be seen and calling from the pool to the announcer to get the next group of participant's stated at the pool location to begin their triathlon journey.

As the day wore on and positions no longer required amateur operators at them, net control cleared them to go home.



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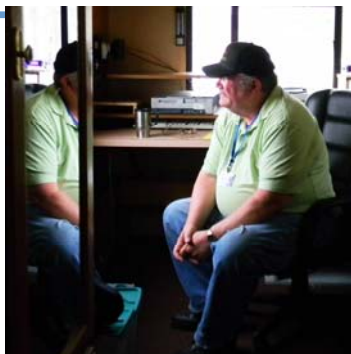
We did have one visitor stop by; Craig Bledsoe, KL4E stopped in just to say hi and see how things were operating.

Thanks to everyone for volunteering their day to make this a successful event.

Next year I am hoping someone else is willing to step forward to set up and oversee the event for the day. Please, contact me if you are interested. It can be rather rewarding; even though it is one of the longer days, much like the Mayor's Marathon and Half Marathon are.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen O'Keefe  
KL7KO.





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### More Gold Nugget Pictures:

The rest of the pictures were taken at the Bike Drop / Transition to Running area.





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## MARA Hamfest:

Pictures courtesy Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ



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### From Craig Bledsoe, KL4E.

Here are a few words about the attached photos from the early days of T.C. Wilson, KL3CB. Thought you might be interested in the family history of one of our local hams:

Dear Family and friends, anyone who has reason to review facial characteristics, remember old locations, and otherwise cares about the Wilson history...

Here are two old photos courtesy of my cousin Bob and family. The one is of me, TC Wilson Jr, in my "Pedal car" circa 1945, age about 3. As an engineer, I must report in the negative for Pedal Cars, based on my detailed remembrance and review. One had to exert too much "pedal," in too confined a space, for too-little a "car" effect – excessively tiring, especially on dirt. Also, the lever-arms of the pedal assembly were too short for adequate force to give an easy circular motion and locomotion. (An improved design is available should anyone wish to construct a more practicable pedal car for future generations.)

Nevertheless, I understand original pedal cars are now worth in the several hundreds. I have no idea what happened to this one.

The background is the back yard and our garage at 992 Highland View, Atlanta, Georgia USA (Phone TRinity-2-5414). The garage was a mysterious, off-limits space (supposedly), mostly used for workshop and storage, as the typical rear exit to the Alley was long since out of vogue and our cars were getting too big to make the turn on to the alleyway – (which was to become the main route of future escapes/kidmaneuver). The white ladder-device is a Rose Trellis which did not survive kidmaneuvers very long.

The other picture is dated Dec 2, 1930, showing my dad, Theron Columbus (TC) Wilson (later Sr), age about 21, holding a caliber 30/06 US Rifle Model 1903, at I believe some Naval Training Base. He served aboard the US Navy Repair ship USS Vestal, as Yeoman, in the early thirties, passing the Panama Canal, and enjoying snow skiing later in California where the snow induced a "snow blindness" leading to the necessity to wear glasses thereafter. These were singular adventure events for any member of his rural Georgia farm family, where folks routinely went barefoot summers, slid back two steps for each forward step when trekking to school in the blowing rain and snow, and plowed behind two mules saying GEE and HAW to turn. (They weren't poor – had a crank-it-up bucket well located on the back porch of the 1909 house (built with beams/boards from the "old house"!)) When I came along, they had a light bulb hanging from a cord in the middle of each room, and wood cooking stove in the kitchen.) The land in N. Central Georgia was an award to an ancestor, from the US Government circa 1801, for service during the Revolutionary war - I believe in South Carolina. Maybe that's why I get so excited seeing "THE PATRIOT" w/ Mel Gibson



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(GGGrampa?) What – don't think Gibson looks like me... some?

(Later, one Great Grampa gave an acre to the local Church for building a structure on the railroad to double as rest stop and Church (see "Wilson's Church" on the Georgia map, vcty Banks County.) where many ancestors rest.)

However, the glasses contributed to my dad's release from the Navy and classification as non-combatant during WW2, and he worked in Marietta Georgia at the "Bell Bomber Plant" throughout the war. I believe my sister still has his Navy cap and belt, and the small wooden trough "Scoffers Scoffing Trophy" awarded for diligence and effectiveness in consuming navy chow aboard ship. (Proving another tradition) As his berth aboard the Vestal was impact point for a Japanese 500 pound bomb during the Pearl Harbor attack, I am delighted that he mustered out of the Navy before that attack. (After repairs, the Vestal went on to a long war.)

These pictures should allow aunts and grandmas the ability to detect similar facial features in numerous babies and kids for several generations. The best thing my dad did for me, besides arranging for my birth, was to pass along his Christian faith. I still have his Book of Church Order from the Presbyterian Church circa 1954 when he was an Elder; it is almost identical to mine, a gift.

God Bless,

T.C. Wilson, KL3CB



## Minutes of Previous Meetings



### ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2012

Approved Minutes



**Board Members Present** – Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO, Tom Ireland, KL3IJ, Eric McIntosh, KL2FM, TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD, Lara Baker, AL2R, Rich Gillin, AL4S, Doug Stowers, WL7CDC, Jim Larsen, AL7FS

**Guests Present** – Alice Baker, KL2GD

**Board Members Present via teleconference** – Mike Baker, NL7J

**Board Members Excused** – Randy Vallee, KL7Z, Jim Wiley, KL7CC, Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ, Susan Woods, NL7NN

**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 – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, Long Range Planning Committee. Alice Baker, AL2GD, Pay Pal Account

Deletions to the Agenda – None

Announcements - None

#### **Reports:**

**Secretary** - Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO – Meeting minutes for February and March have made notes of corrections to be made to the Unapproved minutes. Corrections have been annotated. Lara Baker, AL2R, made the motion to accept both minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Michael O’Keefe, KL7MD. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer** – Ken Perry, AL7GA – Not present, no report

**Projects Committee** – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – Pneumatic Mast project. Mast is made

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in England. Mast was donated by John Lynn, KL7CY. Discussion followed. Cost of re-build kit: \$314.00. Additional costs discussed but no further direction has been researched.

**Finance Committee** – Keith Clark, KL7MM – Not present, no committee meeting report.

**Grants** – Paul Spatzek, WL7BF – None pending at this time.

**VEC Program** – Jim Wiley, KL7CC – Not available on telephone conference. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, did mention records going back to the 1980's. What should be done with these?

**Trustee** – Keith Clark, KL7MM – Not present, no report available.

**Membership** – Fred Erickson, KL7FE – Not present

**By-Laws** – Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD – Tabled until further notice.

**ARES** – Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD – Perhaps in a couple weeks Rapid Ready Deployment can be practiced. Discussion on ARES badges.

### **Old Business:**

**Title 21** – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – Planning and Zoning has a series of working sessions. The Municipality website is currently down. Some discussion followed.

**Pay Pal** – Alice Baker, KL2GD – Fred Erickson, KL7FE is not present, no discussion ensued.

**Flea Market (Ham Fest)** - Tom Ireland, KL3IJ – Thinking of holding a Flea Market at another location. This is currently being researched.

### **New Business:**

**Long Range Planning** – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – This item is more for Strategic Vision. This is something this club should consider. Some discussion followed but more research needs done on this action. Ideas and suggestions were mentioned as well.

**Program for April meeting** – Tom Ireland – KL3IJ. Roy Sursa, KL2GV – The Importance of Volunteerism. Discussion followed on other events to set up for future meetings this year.

**Approvals for KL7AA** – Keith Clark, KL7MM – Not present, none pending at this time.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kathleen R O'Keefe KL7KO  
AARC Secretary



ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
General Member Meeting  
APU Campus – Carr Gottstein Building  
May 5, 2012  
Approved Minutes



Meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, at 7:02 pm.

Introductions of members and guests present at the meeting. There were forty-six members and guests at the meeting.

Announcements:

**Shannon Methe, KL3JI**, has several batteries to give away. Please see him at the end of the meeting to pick one up.

**John Lynn, KL7CY**, volunteers needed for Mayor's Marathon and Walk for Hope. Please see John Lynn, KL7CY after the meeting to sign up.

Our regularly scheduled speaker is ill and a replacement was asked to fill in. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, agreed to fill in with a twenty minute presentation.

**TJ Sheffield, KL7TS**, gave a presentation on Field Day past and present. At the end of his presentation he handed out pins and hats to last year's volunteers.

**Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD**, is hoping to put together a team for Rapid Ready Deployment starting Wednesday evening at 5:00 pm. Meet at the club house if you are interested.

**Craig Bledsoe, KL4E** is selling Arrow Antenna's for \$180.00. See him to purchase one.

Door prizes were won by the following folks:

KL3JI	KL1JJ	AL2R	KL7FK
KL1CU	W8PVZ	NL7J	AL4S
KL1UN	KL1IL	KL3LU	

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. Respectfully submitted by Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO



## THE AARC ANTENNA

### People to Help You!! 2012 Officers & Board of Directors

#### Officers

President	Randy Vallee	KL7Z	president@kl7aa.net
Vice President	Paul Spatzek	WL7BF	vicepresident@kl7aa.net
Secretary	Kathleen O'Keefe	KL7KO	secretary@kl7aa.net
Treasurer	Ken Perry	AL7GA	treasurer@kl7aa.net
Activities	Tom Ireland	KL7IJ	Tom.ireland67@gmail.com

#### Three Year Board of Direc- tors

3rd Year	Tom Rutigliano	NL7TZ	nl7tz@arrl.net
2nd Year	Eric McIntosh	KL2FM	kl2fm@arrl.net
1st Year	Lara Baker	AL2R	lara_baker@ieee.org

#### One year Board of Directors

Mike Baker	NL7J	kl0ar@yahoo.com
Rich Gillin	AL4S	richgillin@hotmail.com
Jim Larsen	AL7FS	jim7@jimlarsen.us
Michael O'Keefe	KL7MD	mok@gci.net
TJ Sheffield	KL7TS	kl7ts@arrl.net
Doug Stowers	WL7CDC	doug37@gci.net
Jim Wiley	KL7CC	jwiley@alaska.net
Susan Woods	NL7NN	radiosuzq@yahoo.com

#### Other Contacts

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



### Regular Committee Meetings:

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

**Finance Committee:** 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@arri.net for info.

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

**VHF:** As needed (usually with a repeater in trouble and needing "aid").  
Contact Doug Dickinson, KL7IKX, kl7ikx@yahoo.com.

### 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

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.

## For Sale



If you have equipment that you want to have listed for sale, please notify the editor at [editor@KL7AA.net](mailto: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.

I have the following equipment for sale.

6/2012

60' Aluminium Tower (Possibly Universal 6-60)  
Hi-gain TA-33 Antenna (10-15-20-40 meters)  
CDE Antenna Rotator (Possibly Ham-M or Ham-IV)  
Buyer must disassemble and remove.  
\$700.00

Bill Capers, AL7BB  
337-2916

A non-active Ham friend of mine has a radio for sale.

6/2012

Kenwood TM-261 2 meter rig \$75.00

[greg@hoch.us](mailto:greg@hoch.us) WL7WS Cell 854-6807

Thanks, Paul WL7BF

I have two Arrow brand antennas that I'd like to sell.

6/2012

- 1.) Arrow 146-BP Backpack Portable 4 element 2 meter antenna with 3/4 in square, three piece boom (about 48" long); asking \$50
- 2.) Arrow 440-3 Hand held 3 element 70 cm with 3/4 in square, one-piece boom (about 20" long); asking \$20

Both are in great condition.

Contact number is 813-507-1414 or email [shannonmethe@gmail.com](mailto:shannonmethe@gmail.com)

Shannon Methe, KL3JI



### Upcoming Events



### Mark Your Calendars for your summer fun!!!!

**Field Day — Kincaid Park**

June 22nd setup — June 23rd and 24th.

TJ Sheffield, KL7TJ & Keith Clark, KL7MM

**Mayor's Marathon — West High School**

Saturday, June 23rd — (John Lynn), KL7CY

**Charlotte Rose, KL2TE and Bruce McCormick, KL7BM Wedding**

Saturday, June 23rd

4:00PM Romig Junior High School

**Moosehorn Hamfest — Soldotna**

Saturday, July 14th

Ed Cole, KL7UW, kl7uw@arri.net

**Dog Jog — East High**

Saturday, July 28th

**Big Wild Life Marathon — Downtown**

Sunday, August 19th — Keith Clark, KL7MM

**MS150 Bike Ride — Girdwood**

Saturday, Sunday September 15th & 16th

Allen Abbott, KB1QCE

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



# THE AARC ANTENNA

**Anchorage Amateur Radio Club**  
**PO BOX 101987**  
**9510-1987**  
**[www.KL7AA.net](http://www.KL7AA.net)**



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



## June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 AARC General Meeting 7:00PM	2
3	4	5 VE Testing 6:30PM	6	7	8	9 VE Testing 2:00PM
10	11 Finance Com. 7PM	12 Projects Com. 7PM Ears Genl Mtg	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 AARC Board Meeting 7 PM	20 Mara Board Meeting 7 PM	21	22 Mara Meeting 1900 Field Day	23 Mayor's Marathon Field Day
24 Field Day	25	26	27	28	29	30

### ARES NETS:

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

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

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday each month: AARC general meeting - 7:00 PM** in the Carr-Gottstein Building, on the APU Campus. Talk in will be on 147.27+ repeater.

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month (except for holidays):**

**VE License Exam 6:30 PM**, at the Hope Cottage offices, 540 W International. Bring photo ID, copy of license (if any) and any certificates of completion. Contact: Jim Wiley, KL7CC 338-0662.

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month: Moosehorn Amateur Radio Club General meeting - 7:30 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: don-nav@acsalaska.net

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

Polar Amateur Radio Klub of Alaska. All amateurs welcome. Denny's on Denali Street in Anchorage. Some business is discussed. Originally established as an all woman organization, membership now includes spouses or significant others. Talk in on 147.30+.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month (except for holidays):**

**VE License Exams at 2:00 PM.** at Hope Cottage 540 W. International. Be sure to bring photo ID, copy of license (if any) and any certificates of completion. Contact: Jim Wiley, KL7CC 338-0662.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month: AARC Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at Hope Cottage 540 W. International. All hams are invited and encouraged to attend.**

**2nd Tuesday of each month: EARS general meeting at 5:00 PM.** EARS meetings are held at the EARS shack location. Contact info - Doug Myers, KL1DJ or Ron Keech, KL7YK for information. EARS: 552-2664 (recording); Talk in on 146.67-. Email: [club@KL7air.us](mailto:club@KL7air.us) or [kl7yk@arri.net](mailto:kl7yk@arri.net)

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month: Valley VE Testing at 7:00 PM.** Sessions will be held at Fire Station 61, at 7 pm on the fourth Saturday of each month unless it is a major holiday weekend. Contact Ken Slauson, KL7VE, Ken.Slauson@gmail.com 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 the 146.850 repeater. Further details can be found by contacting Don Bush, KL7JFT, [dbush@gci.net](mailto: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](mailto:kokalaska@gmail.com)

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

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### AARC web page & Email contact addresses:

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

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

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

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

### Internet Links, the favorites from our readers:

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

SCRC <http://www.KL7G.org>

EARS <http://www.kl7air.us>

MARA <http://www.kl7jfu.com>

Moose Horn ARC <http://www.moosehornarc.com>

PARKA <http://www.parka-kl7ion.com>

ARES <http://www.aresalaska.org>

Practice Exams : <http://www.AA9PW.com>

Fairbanks AARC: <http://www.kl7kc.com/>

ALASKA MARS: <http://www.akmars.org>

Alaska VHF-Up Group: <http://www.gsl.net/ak-vhf/>

Yukon Amateur Radio Association: <http://www.yara.ca/>

Links for Propagation: <http://www.haarp.alaska.edu/>

QRP and Homebrew Links : <http://www.AL7FS.us>

Solar Terrestrial Activity: <http://www.spaceweather.com>

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

ARRL <http://www.arrl.org/>

Propagation Report Recording 566-1819

Please let us know if there are other clubs pages or good starting points that should appear here.

Report dead links or bad info to [editor@kl7aa.net](mailto:editor@kl7aa.net)

### HF RMS's

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

### NETS in ALASKA:

The following nets are active in Alaska:

#### VHF

- **ARES Net:** 147.27/87 103.5Hz - Thursdays at 8:00 PM local
- **No Name Net:** 146.85/.25 repeater Sundays 8:00 PM
- **South Central Simplex Net:** 146.52 FM, 144.2 USB, 446.0 FM, 432.2 USB, 223.5 FM, 927.5 FM, 1294.5 FM, 52.525 FM, 50,125 USB, 29.6 FDM, 28.4 USB, 145.01 packet (Eagle node) and 147.96 packet (Valley node).  
Tuesdays 8:00 PM local
- **Alaska VHF Up Net:** 144.200 USB Saturdays 9:00 AM local
- **Statewide LINK Net:** 145.15(-) PL 123.0Hz; Sundays 8PM local
- **Alaska Morning Net:** 145.15(-) PL123.0Hz; Daily at 9:00 AM

#### HF

- **Alaska Sniper's Net:** 3.920 MHz 6:00 PM daily
- **Alaska Bush Net:** 7.093 MHz 8:00 PM daily
- **Alaska Motley Net:** 3.933 MHz 9:00 PM daily
- **ACWN (Alaska CW Net):** 3540 kHz, 7042 kHz, 14050 kHz Non-directed, CW calling and traffic watch for relaying NTS of other written traffic. AL7N monitors continuously. Receivers always on WL2K. (RMS connection available (AL7N@winlick.org))
- **Alaska Pacific Net:** 14.292 MHz 8:30 AM M-F
- **ERC HF Net:** 3.880 MHz—Sunday 8:30PM

### ANNOUNCEMENT:

AL7N is the Alaska Section Traffic Manager. Ed is looking for Code operators for passing formal NTS traffic throughout Alaska on the AK CW Net. For more information please contact: AL7N@arrl.net.

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## Data You Can Use:

Frequency	Tone	Call Sign	Features	Area
147.18 -	88.5	ADES		Ft. Richardson
146.88 -	no tone	AL7LE	Phone patch	Kenai Soldotna
146.82-	103.5	WL7CWE	IRLP	Anchorage
146.76 -	123.0	KL3K	IRLP	Seward
146.94 -	103.5	KL7AA	Phone patch	Anchorage to Wasilla
224.94 -	no tone	KL7AA		Anchorage
444.70 +	103.5	KL7AA	Phone Patch	Anchorage
146.67 -	103.5	KL7AIR	MARS Station	Anchorage & Highway North
147.30 +	141.3	KL7ION		Very Wide Area
146.85 -	no tone	KL7JFU		Mat Valley
146.91 -	no tone	KL7JL		Homer
147.15 +	107.2	KL5E	Phone patch	Eagle River & Chugiak
<b>147.33 +</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>WL7CVF</b>	Cross linked to 443.900	Very Wide Area **
<b>443.900 +</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>WL7CVF</b>	Cross linked to 147.330	Very Wide Area **
<b>147.27 +</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>WL7CVG</b>	Cross linked to 443.300	Very Wide Area *
<b>443.300 +</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>WL7CVG</b>	Cross linked to 147.27	Very Wide Area *

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

WINLINK	Callsign	Frequency
Anchorage ARES RMS	WL7CVG-10	144.9
Palmer (MATSU) RMS	KL7JFT-10	145.19
FAIRBANKS RMS	KL7EDK-10	147.96
South Central Digipeater	WL7CVG-4	144.9



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The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club has been an ARRL Affiliated Club for more than 50 years



Are you an  
ARRL Member...  
Life Member?

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

### Are you a member of ARRL?

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

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



## KL7AA Mail Reflector

If you like to **stay in touch on KL7AA news** and other posts of local interest.

Step #1: First point your browser to: <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/kl7aa>

Step #2: On the web page you will see a section titled "Subscribing to KL7AA". Enter your e-mail address in the "Your email address" entry box.

Step #3: Pick a password for your account and enter it in the box marked "Pick a password" and then enter the same password in the box marked "Reenter password to confirm". This password will be used to change your settings on the list such as digest mode, etc.

Step #4: If you would like the e-mails in daily digest form click yes on the line marked "Would you like to receive list mail batched in a daily digest?"

Step #5: Click on the "Subscribe" button below the information that you just entered.

Step #6: Follow the directions.

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### **ARES - Section 7, District 7 (Anchorage, ALASKA)**

#### **Mission statement:**

Dedicated to amateur radio as it pertains to disaster services. The history of amateur radio operators' involvement in sending life-saving information in and out of disaster areas [and] providing help during and after earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes. "HAM's have been there to assist local, state, and federal agencies and relief organizations such as the American Red Cross and Salvation Army." When All Else Fails, Amateur Radio.

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

Emergency  
Management  
Institute



FEMA

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

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

#### **ARES NETS:**

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

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

**"Alaska ARES and the Alaska Native Medical Center** have in joint effort stood up a HF Remote Messaging System (HF RMS) in Anchorage. This system provides HF Radio Email Service to the area. In an emergency this system will provide digital email capabilities if we lose the Internet. It is designed to accept connections from Amateur Operators who are using either PacLink or Airmail software and a Pactor 1-3 capable Terminal Mode Controller (TNC). If the Internet is lost to the area the RMS will forward messages to another RMS over HF Radio. Being HF Radio based, the coverage area is quite large. While it is intended for intra-Alaska use we have stations from as far away as Arizona using the HF RMS to pass email traffic to the internet on occasions.

ARES also hosts a VHF RMS which provides Radio to Email service on VHF Radio in the Anchorage area.

The WL7CVG RMS's frequency listings, etc. can be found on [www.Winlink.Org](http://www.Winlink.Org) . "

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### KL7AA HAMSHACK

The KL7AA station is available for training in HF operations. Learn from an experienced HF operator about propagation, voice and Morse code modes as well as best practices and legal operation. The station is fully integrated with a PC and soundcard to operate in many digital modes.

Take advantage of this unique benefit! Arrange a session by contacting the club trustee, Keith Clark, KL7MM, ([aksunlite@aol.com](mailto:aksunlite@aol.com)) to meet at the KL7AA station 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](mailto:membership@KL7AA.net)" with a current e-mail address and current mailing address and phone numbers (home, work, and cell — as you choose).

If you have special needs or concerns please send your comments to [editor@kl7aa.net](mailto:editor@kl7aa.net) to bring to the attention of the board of AARC. Current and newsletters from years past can be found on the club website at [www.KL7AA.net](http://www.KL7AA.net).

Thanks for your help in this.