

# Anchorage Amateur Radio Club



## Anchorage Amateur Radio Club General Meeting Friday, February 1, 2013



7:00 PM  
Carr-Gottstein Bldg.  
APU campus

Linda Mullen, AD4BL  
ARES Alaska Section Emergency  
Coordinator

**Let's all get to the meeting and show Linda our support for the ARES program!!!**

Linda Mullen, AD4BL will be our guest speaker at the February meeting on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at APU's Carr-Gottstein building. (Please note that this is different than the AARC website shows as the meeting date. The website shows the 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is in error.)

Linda is past District Emergency Coordinator for the Eastern Panhandle District (Florida), co-manager of the Northern Florida Emergency Net, and was also involved in the North Florida Phone Net. Linda worked with ARES during the 1995 hurricane season, including Hurricane Opal. (Panama City area)

Linda came to Alaska in 1999. She is a past District Emergency Coordinator for Fairbanks, a past Alaska Section Emergency Coordinator, and has recently returned to that statewide position.

Linda will be speaking to us about her plans and vision for ARES in Alaska, but she wants a conversation with Anchorage hams, rather than a lecture venue. To that end, each of you should give some time and thought to ARES and emergency communication in the Anchorage and South Central area, and develop questions for Linda or discussion points for the meeting. There has been much discussion in recent months, in certain circles at least, about the lack of direction in our group with respect to ARES and emcomm. Now is the time to air those concerns and have that discussion.

**News & Notes:**

**Important Notice to all Anchorage amateur radio operators!**

The Alaska State Parks service requests that any radio operators planning to operate from Glen Alps/Flat Top trail head parking lot (Flat Top Mountain access point on Toilsome Hill Dr.) notify the State Park Service by requesting a permit via their website.

During the recent ARRL January VHF Contest, Shannon Methe, KL3JI, and Eric Thompson, N6SPP set up a Rover operation in the Flat Top parking lot that included two portable masts and three yagis. We were quickly approached and questioned by a Park Ranger/Law Enforcement Officer. Skipping the details, the encounter was polite and professional, and they did not ask us to leave, however, the Park Service would like to be notified of such plans in the future. While they encourage multi-use activities at the park, they have a concern for safety and crowding (We took up two parking spaces. We had 4 masts in the parking lot during the July 2012 VHF contest and it was a very tight fit.) It was noted that a single vehicle with vehicle mounted antennas, or backpack portable operation on the trails shouldn't be an issue or need a permit, but setting up a bunch of masts in the parking lot is another story.

To request a permit, go to the Alaska State Park homepage at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/> and click on "Permits" (left hand side of the screen, just above the 2013 Park Pass logo). On the subsequent page, click on "Special Use Permits." On the subsequent page, click on Special Use Permit Application and General Stipulations." One could also try calling the Chugach State Park Headquarters at 907-345-5014.

**MARA (Mat-Su Amateur Radio Association)  
Monthly MARA Membership Meeting changes!**

Please help inform all our members! Due to scheduling changes by the Borough our site location has changed yet our winter meeting hours are still in effect.

The next 3 meetings will be at Fire Station 65  
Seward Meridian Hwy & Palmer-Wasilla Hwy  
January 26, 2013 noon till 2pm  
February 23, 2013 noon till 2pm (See subsequent note about February meeting site change)  
March 30, 2013 noon till 2pm

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MARA's January's scheduled speaker is:

Beatrice Adler  
Emergency Management Programs Coordinator  
Matanuska-Susitna Borough  
Department of Emergency Services  
680 N. Seward Meridian Pkwy.  
Wasilla, AK 99645

Recent weather related events in our nation have folks pondering what you do AFTER the disaster. Bea will speak to us timely words of preparation and disaster aversion. Come see, come hear, come learn and especially consider come join! Discover how your MARA Club helps during times of distress!

Respectfully,  
MARA President Patrick Brown  
KL3DB  
907-775-4638

**February Meeting is changed to the Willow Area Community Center, Mile 69.5 Parks Highway, Willow in order to accommodate folks volunteering for the Jr. Iditarod.**

**ANYONE wishing to volunteer to help out with the Jr. Iditarod, especially those with snow machines and HTs, PLEASE contact KL7DY, Richard Plack.**

### **The Gold Nugget Triathlon needs volunteer radio operators.**

It's time once again for the Gold Nugget Women's Triathlon. This year's race takes place on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Bartlett High School. Lara Baker has appointed Shannon Methe, KL3JI, as coordinator of events. Shannon will be the initial interface with event officials and will transition that interface task to whomever is actually managing the event for the AARC. In this case, Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, and Alice Baker, KL2GD, will actually manage the Gold Nugget Triathlon. Anyone interested in volunteering to operate a radio checkpoint during the race should contact Shannon at [shannon-methe@gmail.com](mailto:shannon-methe@gmail.com). Shannon is also usually around the KL7AA club station on Wednesday nights.)

Editor's note: See partial schedule of 2013 events on page 16.

### **ARRL January VHF Contest (by Shannon Methe, KL3JI)**

Another ARRL VHF contest has come and gone. 2013's winter VHF contest took place January 19-20. Eric Thompson, N6SPP, and I mounted what is becoming our semi annual event-a Rover operation under call sign KL3JI/R. Sadly, there isn't a whole lot to report. Participation was down, even compared to the paltry participation during the summer contest, the June 2012 VHF contest, and WAY down compared to last year's winter contest. With Ron Keech, KL7YK recovering from medical issues, KL6M out of town, and KL7UW working on the weekend, many of the bigger stations were out of the game. Total QSO's was less than fifteen. However, we are very excited to report that we were able to activate a new grid (for us at least) from BP50xe just south of the Beluga Point pull out. (A mile south, to be exact, go to the next pullout on the right beyond Beluga Pt.-Beluga is still in BP51.) That puts us with one additional grid square to go to earn the VHF Pathfinder Certificate on 2 Meters. We would like to give a special thanks to KL2DN, who stayed on the air, after everyone else signed off, to give us time to relocate from Flat Top to BP50.

#### Summary:

Grid Squares activated: BP41, 50, and 51.

Bands: 6 meters, 2 meters, 70 centimeters (No one on 1.25 meters this year???)

Modes: FM and USB voice, CW (Eric is the CW op.)

Longest DX: Dale, KL7XJ in Soldotna.

### **From the Activities Director, Shannon Methe, KL7JI.**

If anyone has any contact or other info on who is spearheading all of the planned public service events this summer, could you please email that to me. For example, who is in charge of Walk For Hope this year? Gold Nugget? Mayor's Marathon? Bike MS, etc. What exactly are we doing this year and who is spearheading it? I am considering dedicating either the May or June meeting to public service activities and asking all of the respective event coordinators to spend time speaking to the General Membership about their respective events. On a related note, I am considering planning a Fox Hunt event, possibly to coincide with June VHF Contest.

FYI: The monthly General Meeting Program line up as it currently stands is:

Jan.-BJ Compton Renewable Energy Systems

Feb.-Linda AD4BL ARES

Mar.-Mike KL6M EME/Moonbounce

Apr.-Sam Albanese NOAA/NWS SKYWARN

May-Tentatively either Field Day OR Preview of Summer Public Service Events

Jun-Tentatively either Field Day OR Preview of Summer Public Service Events

Jul-No Meeting

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Aug-Open  
Sep-Dawn Bentley Anchorage Municipality EOC  
Oct-Open  
Nov-Open  
Dec-Holiday Party

Shannon Methe  
KL3JI  
Activities Director,  
Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

### REMINDER!!!

Don't forget that our September General Membership meeting WILL BE MOVED to the Anchorage EOC. That's right, the month of September is National Emergency Preparedness Month, and the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club will be meeting at the Anchorage Emergency Operations Center at 1305 E St. (13<sup>th</sup> and E), where our guest speaker (or "host" speaker in this case) will give us a tour of the EOC and a briefing on EOC operations. So don't show up at the APU campus in September

### Repeater Changes:

Please remove **147.27 & 443.3** repeaters from your repeater list for the time being. The power to this pair of linked repeaters was turned off as scheduled on Dec 31, 2012

The local **ARES Net** is now moved to the 147.33 repeater + shift and 103.5 tone (no UHF side at this time)

**VHF net info:** We have the Thursday Night 8:30PM Alaska Statewide ARES Net and on Sunday evenings the Alaska Statewide Linked Radio Net now at 8:30PM, both are on IRLP reflector 907 channel zero, Echolink KL7M node 1654 and Allstar node 27597. The Anchorage IRLP repeater remains 145.15 as listed.

### Change in Finance Committee Meetings:

The Finance Committee has decided to meet more frequently — twice a month instead of once. They will normally be meeting the Monday of the week before the Board meeting and also the Monday of the week following the Board meeting.

However, due to travel requirements, the first meeting in February will be February 4th — instead of February 11th.

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### RTTY Events in February:

CQ WW RTTY Contest 0000Z, Feb 9 to 2400Z, Feb 10

North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Feb 23 to 0559Z, Feb 24

Contact Rich Gillin. AL4S. for information, rich@gillin.us.

### INFRAGUARD (from Craig Bledsoe, KL4E)

#### February Chapter Meeting

Emergency Communications

Overview and Update

Presented By : Bruce Richter

Department of Homeland Security

Region X Coordinator (AK, ID, OR, WA)

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 11:30 to 1:30

at the BP Energy Center, Anchorage, AK

Catered pizza lunch provided by INTERFACE.

### We have a new Web Master — Ron Keech, KL7YK.

Ron has modernized and cleaned up the website and is in the process of getting old newsletters loaded. He would welcome ideas or comments.

Try it out at [www.kl7aa.net](http://www.kl7aa.net). Many thanks — and good job, Ron!!!!

### Silent Key:

#### Frank Gardner Pratt, Jr.

*July 3, 1930 to December 15, 2012*

Frank Gardner Pratt, Jr., passed away at Alaska Regional Hospital on December 15th, 2012. He was born in Cambridge, MA, and came to Alaska in August 1966 as an Army Intelligence Officer. After leaving the Army, he worked as a pharmacist in Anchorage for 34 years.

Before his decline in health, Frank enjoyed photography, amateur radio, and traveling around Alaska enjoying the outdoors.





## ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2012

Approved Minutes



**Board Members Present** – Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO, Alice Baker, KL2GD, Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ, TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, Lara Baker, AL2R, Rich Gillin, AL4S, Doug Stowers, WL7CDC, and Susan Woods, NL7NN

**Guests Present** – Shannon Methe, KL3JI, Keith Clark, KL7MM, Tim Crowley, KL2VK, Christopher Conway, KL7QO, Eric Reimer, KL2NW and Doug Myers, KL1DJ

**Board Members Present via teleconference** – Jim Wiley, KL7CC

**Board Members Excused** – Randy Vallee, KL7Z, Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Mike Baker, NL7J

**Board Members unexcused:** None

The Board Meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, at 7:08 pm. A quorum was established. Additions or corrections to the meeting agenda were requested. Added: 95 watt Solar Power; Doug Myers, KL1DJ, was representing EARS, Gifts Outgoing Members and QSO Party as requested by Ron Keech, KL7YK.

#### **Reports:**

Our guest, Doug Myers, KL1DJ, went first with his proposal for obtaining a Solar Power Panel and Controller. A Battery was also in the original package, but Projects Committee member stated there are batteries for projects such as this at the club house. Doug wanted the club to purchase the listed items at a cost of \$314.00. After much discussion it was decided Doug should return after the first of the year with a Grant Package and request this item through the Grant Process.

**Secretary** - Kathleen O’Keefe, KL7KO – Corrections were noted to the November Board Meeting Minutes, there were no meeting minutes for the December General Membership Meeting as it was the annual Christmas/Holiday Party. Lara Baker, AL2R, made the motion to accept the minutes as verbally corrected. TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer** – Alice Baker, KL2GD – Alice explained the process she had used to gener-

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ate reports and asked the board and officer's how much information they wanted to receive each month. It was the consensus of the incoming board that limited information could be forwarded.

**Finance Committee** – Keith Clark, KL7MM – The written report was discussed. Last year's deficit was mentioned with the information this is being worked on. A question was asked regarding the Treasurer's new computer. Approval for purchase of this item can be found in the November Annual Board Meeting Minutes 2012. Alice Baker, KL2GD said she has the new computer and it is really nice to be working on.

**Projects Committee** – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – Nothing new to report at this time. The committee is not prepared at this time to present any purchases.

**Grants** – Paul Spatzek, WL7BF – There are no active grants.

**VEC Program** – Jim Wiley, KL7CC – The program is moving along. A short update on repeaters was given.

**Trustee** – Keith Clark, KL7MM – Nothing new to report.

**Membership** – Fred Erickson, KL7FE – Member was not present. Alice will accept membership dues until Fred returns.

**By-Laws** – This has been tabled until further action by the incoming board and officers.

**ARES** – Lara Baker, AL2R – There is nothing new to report.

### Old Business

**Title 21** – TJ Sheffield, KL7TS – This has moved forward to the Assembly work sessions. So far Chapter 5 and 14 are still favorable to amateur radio. This doesn't mean a "free ride" if putting up towers. Permits should still be pulled from the Municipality prior to installing any tower.

**Web Pages** – Alice Baker, KL2GD – This is being worked on.

**Gifts/Token of Appreciation** – Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO – Discussion continued from last month. A motion was made by Lara Baker, AL2R to purchase Token's of Appreciation to outgoing board members and officers. The amount of each item is not to exceed one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. The motion was seconded by Shannon Methe, KL2JI. Motion passed unanimously. A short discussion followed where by a member must have served a minimum of two years and not be returning to the board. This will be fine tuned next year.



### New Business

**Proper Reimbursement of Funds to Members** – Rich Gillin, AL4S – Rich stated that the corporation, i.e. AARC, should be willing to pay members gasoline mileage for their volunteer functions when representing the corporation. He has studied the gaming laws and has interpreted them to indicate this is legal. He has requested reimbursement in the past for mileage; and received it. There was a lot of discussion and it was finally decided remanded to the Finance Committee. This recommendation was made by Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO and the remainder of the current board agreed.

**Program for January** – Shannon Methe, KL2JI – There is currently no speaker scheduled. Shannon will advise the newsletter editor when something has been confirmed. Linda Mullins will be the guest speaker in February 2013.

**Approvals for KL7AA** – Keith Clark, KL7MM – There are currently no requests pending.

**QSO Party** – Paul Spatzek, WL7BF – Paul read a statement from Ron Keech, KL7YK. After several moments of discussion the board did not decide to fund the requested twenty-five (\$25.00) requested for the purchase of prizes for a yearly or bi-yearly event. It was requested the proposal be sent in email to the entire board so they could be better informed and discuss this next month. (NOTE: This item was discussed while Doug Myers, KL1DJ was still present but appeared at the end of the agenda.)

Motion was made to end the meeting by Tom Rutigliano, NL7TZ. This motion was seconded by Lara Baker, AL2R. The meeting ended at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Kathleen R O'Keefe KL7KO, AARC Secretary

If you suspect that you might be receiving **radio-frequency interference**, especially on the 2-meter band, from the cable TV system, please contact Jim Wiley, an ARRL Technical Specialist first. He can be reached at 688-0660, or via email at: [rfi@kl7aa.net](mailto:rfi@kl7aa.net) Jim may then suggest you contact GCI directly.

GCI's contact person is: Rick Henderson, GCI Risk Management  
(907) 868-8585, email: [rhenderson@gci.com](mailto:rhenderson@gci.com)



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#### Minutes of the General Meeting January 6, 2013



Lara Baker, AL2R and President, opened the meeting at 7:02 pm. Thirty-one members and guests were present. Our evening presenter had another commitment later in the evening and so the usual sequence of the agenda was modified for his convenience.

**Presentation:** BJ Compton of Renewable Energy Systems  
Renewable Energy Systems is located at 145 West Dimond Blvd, across from Costco. The company has 18 years of experience in the industry. It is a spin-off of Polar Wire Products and has merged with Alaska Battery.

BJ explained the products and services of his company. Members were given the opportunity to give BJ what their needs are and contact information. BJ touched on wind power. For the most part it is not practical in South Central Alaska. Solar power is more practical and is dropping rapidly in price right now.

BJ's e-mail address is [BJC@renewableenergysus.com](mailto:BJC@renewableenergysus.com) and his company website is: [www.renewableenergysys.com](http://www.renewableenergysys.com) for a complete description of his products and services.

**Introductions:** 30 members and guests introduced themselves.

#### **General Announcements:**

Shannon Methé, KL3JI and Activities director, reminded all about the RTTY Roundup — at the Hamshack, Rowan St., January 5-6, 2013.

Shannon also mentioned the January VHF Contest - at the Hamshack, Rowan St. The January VHF Contest begins at 10:00am Local AK time on Saturday morning Jan. 19, 2013 and runs through 7:00pm Sunday.

**Next General Meeting:** Friday, February 1.

**Door Prizes:** A Kenwood TM-281A radio and Hustler RX-2 Mag Mount antenna went to Eric Reimer, KL2NW.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Timothy Crowley, KL2VK, Secretary, Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

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### People to Help You!! 2013 Officers & Board of Directors

#### Officers

President	Lara Baker	AL2R	president@kl7aa.net
Vice President	Ron Keech	KL7YK	vicepresident@kl7aa.net
Secretary	Tim Crowley	KL2VK	secretary@kl7aa.net
Treasurer	Alice Baker	KL2GD	treasurer@kl7aa.net
Activities	Shannon Methe	KL3JI	shannonmethe@gmail.com



#### Three Year Board of Directors

3rd Year	Paul Spatzek	WL7BF	paulspatzek@gci.net
2nd Year	Jim Wiley	KL7CC	jwiley@gci.net
1st Year	Rich Gillin	AL4S	rich@gillin.us

#### One year Board of Directors

TJ Sheffield	KL7TS	kl7ts@arrl.net
Eric Reimer	KL2NW	ehazbreim@yahoo.com
TJ Tombleson	KB8JXX	kb8jxx@wl7cwe.org
Chris Conway	KL7QO	kl7qo@gmail.com
George Wil- kinson	KL1JJ	gdwilkinson2@yahoo.com
Chris Ferguson	KL3LU	flyboy32780@yahoo.com
Tom Ireland	KL1U	tom.ireland67@gmail.com
Eric Thompson	N6SPP	n6spp@arrl.net

#### 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	Ron Keech	KL7YK	webmaster@kl7aa.net

## Regular Committee Meetings:

**By-Laws Committee:** Inactive at the present time.

**Finance Committee:** Monday of week before Board meeting, 7:00PM at Hamshack.  
Monday of week after 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.  
Tuesday of week after 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, KL7CC, jwiley@arrl.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

## 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.

### For Sale:

February 2013

CUSHACRAFT -6m/2m/440cm beam \$150

YAESU G-450XL Rotor \$150

Diamond-220(1.2cm)vertical \$75

BEARCAT Digital Scanner-BCD996T- \$450 (this will also receive state ALMR Trooper freqs)

Two (2) dual band radios:

iCom 207 -\$100 in good condition 100% operational

iCom 2710-dualband \$150 in good condition and working

All prices are negotiable, any questions, call KL7BM, Bruce (907) 441-6642 or e-mail at [kl7bm@arrl.net](mailto:kl7bm@arrl.net)



## Upcoming Events



### Plan ahead:

The Event (marathons, etc.) season is coming closer.

**Gold Nugget Triathlon: May 19, 2013**

**Bartlett High School**

Contact Paul Spatzek, WL7BF, Alice Baker, KL2GD,  
or Shannon Methe , KL3JI, to volunteer.

**Mayor's Marathon: June 22, 2013**

**Bartlett High School & West High School**

**Big Wild Life Runs: August 17 and 18, 2013**

**Downtown**

Contact Keith Clark, KL7MM, to volunteer.

( I have no dates yet for the Dog Jog and the Walk/Ride  
for Hope events)

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

## February 2013

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

### 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  
 147.33+ PL:103.5  
 (no UHF at this time)

## 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 688-0660.

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month: Moosehorn Amateur Radio Club General meeting - 7:00 PM**

Location changes monthly so call on 146.88-repeater for info. Moosehorn ARC also holds a weekly luncheon every Thursday, locations and times change — contact George Van Lone, KL7AN: donnav@acsalaska.net

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

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

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

**VE License Exams at 2:00 PM.** at Hope Cottage 540 W. International. Be sure to bring photo ID, copy of license (if any) and any certificates of completion. Contact: Jim Wiley, KL7CC 688-0660.

**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 Saturday each month: MARA meeting at 12:00 Noon**, Fire Station 65, Seward Meridian & Palmer Wasilla hwys. 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.harp.alaska.edu/>

ORP 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:** 147.33 103.5Hz - 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 8:30PM 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>Powered off</b>			
<b>443.300</b>	<b>Powered off</b>			

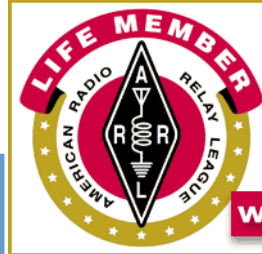
South Central Area Simplex Frequencies	
146.52 MHz	National Calling and Emergency frequency
147.57 MHz	DX Spotting frequency
146.49 MHz	Anchorage area simplex chat
146.43 MHz	Mat-Su Valley simplex chat
147.42 MHz	Peninsula simplex chat

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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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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KL7JFT@arri.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 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](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.