

Anchorage Amateur Radio Club



Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting
March 4, 2015
Carr Gottstein Bldg — 7:00PM



Kent Petty, Mesh Networks

Help Wanted:

Newsletter Editor: Position available immediately.

Present newsletter is formatted in Microsoft Publisher — but, any word-processing program will do.

Newsletter is e-mailed out to members and friends.

I try to get it out the first week of the month — before the General meeting.

Activities Director: Position available immediately.

This person is responsible for purchasing door prize gifts. There is money in the budget to cover these expenses.

This person is also responsible for finding speakers or presentations for the monthly General meeting.

If you are interested in helping your club by doing either of these tasks, please contact Lara Baker, at president@kl7aa.net.

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Status report on the Club's repeaters.

The Club has three repeaters at the Glen Alps site.
Below are the listings from the Alaska Repeater website.

South Central	Anchorage	146.94	146.34	103.5	KL7AA	TT a e z	ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
South Central	Anchorage	444.7	449.7	103.5	KL7AA	a e z	Anchorage Amateur Radio Club
South Central	Anchorage	224.94	223.34		KL7AA	e	Anchorage Amateur Radio Club

All three repeaters are operational.
All three repeaters are in a permanent installation.
They use grid power with battery back-up and the facility also has generator back-up.
All units have redundant auxiliary control.
We expect no changes to this status.

The Club also has two portable repeaters for use in public service or emergency comms.
Both are 440 machines.
Both are coordinated but not publicly listed.

One is a stand alone unit with battery power and solar charging capability.
This machine is weatherproof for field deploy and operational.

One is a micronode repeater that also uses battery power.
This machine is also capable of interconnection to the internet.
At present this equipment is not operational.

The repeaters are open for all to use so please use them.

Keith Clark, KL7MM, Club Trustee



Upcoming Events

Plan ahead:

It is time to set aside the dates for the Community Service events.

We need your help in 2016.

We expect to be supporting the following:



Event	Date	Coordinator
Walk for Hope	probably May 7th	Keith Clark
Gold Nugget Triathlon	15-May	Alice Baker
MS-150	21-May	Allen Abbott
Run for Women	11-Jun	Alice Baker
Tour de Cure Bike Ride	12 Jun	Alice Baker
Dog Jog	probably 16 July	TJ Sheffield
Big Wild Life Marathon	21-Aug	Keith Clark
MS Lake Hood Walk	27 Aug	Allen Abbott

Tough Time Glossary — part 2

Thanks to George Wilkinson, KL1IJ

Crisis:

A decisive moment; a critical point of change for better or worse; an unstable or crucial time or state in which a decisive change is impending; *esp.*: one with the distinct possibility of a highly undesirable outcome.

[Gk *krisis* decision, fr. *krinein* to separate, decide, judge]

Specifically, a crisis is a critical event that may dramatically impact the ability to function if not properly handled. A crisis need not be, or become, a disaster. A crisis can be a hazard, threat, or emergency but not necessarily a disaster or catastrophe. However, because of the Cascade Effect, disasters often have embedded crises.

Let's say, for instance, that a flood warning doesn't come to fruition. It does, however, bring about a crisis which causes a town to act on their mitigation plan which they had delayed putting into effect.

Catastrophe:

An event causing great and often sudden damage or suffering; a sudden downturn.

[Gk *katastrophe* an overturning, ruin, conclusion, fr. *katastraphien* to ruin, undo]

Akin to, if not synonymous with, 'disaster.' When events take a downward turn, i.e., a turn for the worse, we might say, "This is a catastrophe!" The Joplin tornado was, for the city, catastrophic.

From Craig Bledsoe, KL4E

FYI:

From: amateurs@kl7kc.com [amateurs@kl7kc.com] on behalf of webmaster-KL7KC
[webmaster@kl7kc.com]

Sent: Monday, February 8, 2016 11:31 AM

To: amateurs@kl7kc.com; cheechako@kl7kc.com

Hello;

At this past Friday's **Arctic** Amateur Radio Club meeting, it was decided that the AARC will teach a beginning Morse Code Class. Eric Nichols, KL7AJ, will be the instructor. The class is tentatively scheduled for one or more weekends in March. To sign up for the class, please email your intent to: cwclass2016@kl7kc.com<<mailto:cwclass2016@kl7kc.com>> and/or the webmaster@kl7kc.com<<mailto:webmaster@kl7kc.com>> and you will be placed in the CW class roster.

In addition to the Morse Code Class in March, be aware that the Technician License Class will be taught on Saturdays in April.

Remember that our website (<http://www.kl7kc.com>) and Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/kl7kc>) will usually have the latest information and links. Check there first or if you have questions, you can always e-mail the webmaster, and I'll redirect your questions to those who know.

Thanks
Dan

Silent Key, Rachel Runyan, AL7FI

A dear soul, Rachel Runyan, has left this earth, and our daily lives. She died in her sleep at St. Elias Specialty Hospital in Anchorage on the 7th of December, 2015, due to complications from staph infection. She made her home in Chugiak, Alaska; she was 73.

She had a long, eventful (she would say blessed), and challenging life. Her journey on this planet was not always an easy one, but in the end, she believed she walked hand in hand with her God.

Born Richard Loos Runyan April 28, 1942 in Norristown Pennsylvania to Robert Valmoore Runyan And Bertha May (Loos) Runyan she became an Eagle Scout at the age of 17, later serving as a Scout Master.

She enlisted in the Air Force in 1960, and - - traveled around the world serving her country for over 27 years, obtaining the rank of Senior Master Sergeant (E-8). Stationed in Alaska since 1983, she spent her last 5 years of military service at Elmendorf Air Force Base Hospital as Pharmacy Superintendent. Upon her retirement from the Air Force she spent 20 years as Pharmacy Superintendent at Valley Hospital and then Mat Su Regional Hospital.



She was an Amateur Radio operator since 1977, her call sign being AL7FI. She enjoyed the comradery and kinship of other Ham radio operators and was net control operator of Snipers and Motley Group since 1983. She was a member of numerous Amateur Radio operator related organizations, including MARS, AARL and Packet Radio.

She partook of all that Alaska had to offer - hunting, fishing, camping, snow machining, cycling. She loved being on the trail with her snow machine, supporting many and various races as Ham radio operator. She set up camp at remote checkpoints for the Iditabike, (later the Iditasport and Susitna 100), checking in racers and passing on their positions all in an effort to keep them safe in their

endeavors.

Many in the Alaska Mushing community will remember Rachel, as she supported the Iditarod Sled Dog Race for 25 years, and was a Lifetime Member of the Iditarod Trail Committee. As a Ham radio volunteer beginning in 1985, she would snow machine to remote checkpoints on the trail, such as Ophir and Ruby, set up her station and relay information between checkpoints. She looked at the Iditarod mushers and their teams as Alaska's true stars. She loved sitting around the campfire sharing stories with the mushers and volunteers. In later years she loved reminiscing about her times on the trail.

In 2002, after many years of supporting the Jr. Iditarod as a Ham radio operator, she was named "Honorary Musher". At the end of that year's race, friends had to convince her to go to the ceremony to receive her Bib #1, signed by all the young mushers participating in that year's race. She never felt what she was doing was out of the ordinary and was humbled and honored to receive the accolade.

Even as her health declined, she continued on the trail in support of Jr. Iditarod. Hip replacement? ...still on the trail. A partial amputation of her foot? ...didn't stop her from being on the trail and participating in the Tok to Dawson run in 2015.

She belonged to the United Methodist Church of Chugiak, giving freely of her time and resources. During her many years there, she was a faithful member of the Centering Prayer Group, inspiring speaker on Stewardship issues, and most recently held the position of financial secretary. She loved being a member of A Joyful Noise, singing tenor.

We will miss her presence in our lives; give thanks for the time we shared and are comforted knowing that she is resting at peace with her all loving, accepting, and caring God.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Dave, and her much loved dog/partner in crime Gizmo. She is survived by her beloved sons Richard & his soulmate Stacie Johnson of Big Lake, AK, and Glenn & wife Kacy of Eagle River, their mother Shari Macgregor, sister Roberta (Runyan) Pertuch and brother Jim, along with many nieces, nephews and friends, and her best buddy, her Maltese, PJ.

Interment will be at Ft. Richardson National Cemetery. Per her wishes, some of her ashes will be distributed by family and friends on the Iditarod Trail.

Logging Volunteer Hours

The AARC is using a web-based system which is quite easy to use to track volunteer time. It is a system/service called *Track It Forward*. The following link will take you to the web page where your volunteer time can be recorded:

<http://www.trackitforward.com/site/anchorage-amateur-radio-club>

We've also included a widget on the KL7AA website that will allow you to enter time. Just go to www.kl7aa.net, scroll to the bottom of the page, and select "Track Volunteer Time".

In either approach, if you already have a username and password, you'll be able to log in and record your time. If you need to establish an account, just select the appropriate choice and you'll be able to easily and simply create an account. From there you'll be presented with a screen that will allow you to enter your time.

You'll find that there are several options to categorize your volunteer time in the drop-down list. If in doubt about how to categorize your time, just pick what you think fits best and provide details of your concerns in the narrative description you are able to provide. We review all entries and can edit if necessary.

When the club supports large events where we have event managers to organize that support, we'll be asking those event managers to keep logs of individuals participating so that that we can do batch uploads of volunteer time into the system rather than asking each individual to upload their own time.

So please, if you do any work on behalf of the club, please take a moment or two to log those hours. It will take some time for everyone to get into the habit, but in the long run, we expect that it will end up paying big dividends for the club.

Until we find a permanent manager or champion for this effort, please contact Kent Petty, KL5T at kl5t@arrl.net with any questions. If YOU would like to help with this effort, please step forward!

Thanks!

Kent, KL5T



Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting January 19, 2016



Approved Minutes

The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club board meeting was held on Tuesday, January 16th, 2015 at Hope Cottage on International Airport Road.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by President Lara H Baker, AL2R.

The following Officers were present: President Lara Baker, AL2R; Treasurer, Alice Baker, KL2GD; Secretary Lillian Marvin, KL7YF;

The following Directors were present: Allen Abbott, KB1QCE, TJ Sheffield, KL7TS; Richard Tweet, KL2AZ; Keith Clark, KL7MM; Kent Petty, KL5T; Rich Gillin, AL4S; and George Wilkinson, KL1JJ.

Members present by phone.

Visitors present: none

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Members excused: Jim Wiley, KL7CC; Dave Heimke, AL7LO.

A quorum was established.

No additions were made to the agenda.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the December 2015 General meeting were reviewed. Minor changes were made. Keith Clark moved and TJ Sheffield seconded to accept general meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Alice Baker, KL2GD, reported receiving \$1,000.00 Restitution income. Gaming income remains low. Bills are paid and up-to-date.

Finance Committee: Keith Clark, KL7MM, reported that gaming income is still down. The building and life membership accounts have been combined. The work on the application for 501(c)(3) status is ongoing. There are no ongoing or new projects.

Grant Committee: There are no new grant applications. Lara Baker is still working on the application for a 501(c)(3) status for the club and will be attending a four-hour conference on the application with Rogers and Co. CPA. The completed package will be presented to the Board before being presented to the IRS.

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Gaming: Due to low gaming income, the club needs to consider carefully the money to be spent for projects. Funds are sufficient to the the bills paid for the near future.

Projects: TJ 's comments: The club's gaming income for 2015 is low at about \$34,000.00. For the last five years, the gaming income trend has been down. In February of 1026, the Club will close the books for 2015. The Board will then project the spending for 2016. The Club discussed ways to reduce spending and tighten the Club's belt.

VE Committee: There was 1 examinee at the Saturday exam session on January 9th. There will be a remote testing session in Cordova on Monday, January 11th. The Club considered reducing the number of exam sessions to one. If the change is made, other Amateur Radio Clubs in the area will be notified.

Membership: Rich Gillin is taking over as membership chairman. He has \$61.00 in membership fees to deposit. He is working on getting a current total of paid members. He reports that all Board members are paid up.

Trustee: Keith Clark reported that Working Wednesdays are still going strong — with anywhere from one to several attendees. Keith also reported that several months ago, the new Glen Alps owners had requested a history of and all information regarding the AARC's occupation of the Glen Alps site. The Club has heard nothing new from the owners since then.

By-Laws: Lara Baker will be discussing with the CPA or lawyer how to amend the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to include the disposition of any remaining money in the event that the Club is disbanded. Alaska law requires that when an organization with a gaming license is dissolved, its assets must go to another gaming organization.

ARES: The Providence Complex has requested the ARRC to submit a list of equipment for the Providence emergency station. The Club is to order the equipment and Providence will write the check. If the Board approves, the request will be brought before the general membership. Materials are to be delivered before a check will be sent. George Wilkinson moved and Keith Clark seconded to put together a list of equipment and submit the list to Providence as soon as possible. The motion passed.

Old Business: The change of venue and date for the AARC general meeting was again tabled until the next Board meeting.

TJ Sheffield volunteered to present the program for the AARC February General Meeting. Speakers for the following meetings were discussed.

Vice President Ron Keech has resigned. TJ Sheffield moved and Richard Tweet seconded to nominate director Kent Petty to replace Ron. The motion passed.

New Business

The club needs a new activities chairman. Volunteers for the job will be considered at the next Board meeting.

Kent petty requested the club set up policies on the control of club equipment and the tracking of volunteer time, both to be considered at the next Board meeting.

Richard Tweet nominated Sydney White, KL4DG, to serve as a director in Kent Petty's place. She was duly elected.

Richard Tweet moved and Allen Abbott seconded to adjourn the meeting.

President Lara Baker, AL2R, closed the meeting at 8:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Marvin, KL7YF
Secretary



Anchorage Amateur Radio Club General Meeting February 5, 2016



Approved Minutes

The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club general meeting was held on February 5, 2016 in the Carr-Gottstein Building at Alaska Pacific University.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Lara Baker, AL2R. Introductions were made.

Ron Keech discussed the upcoming Military Affiliate Radio Service (MARS) exercise to be held on Friday, February 12, 2016 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM on 147.300, 14.292 or 147.330 and 3.920.

MARS is asking for amateur radio participation. MARS operators will ask for contacts. Hams can make the call to MARS without waiting to be called. Hams will be asked six questions regarding their power, water, sanitation, etc. MARS operators will log and consolidate responses and forward all info to the Pentagon. The Pentagon will send a thank you via QSL card to all participants.

Ron also discussed the RST event which will involve both Alaska and Canada. The event will

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take place from February 15th through March 27th. They will use phone, RTTY and CQ, on 12, 20 and 30 meters, and possibly 60 meters. For more information, check VY1RST on the Web, or contact Ron at ARRL.

If you are interested in participating in the Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air, contact Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD at 243-4675.

TJ Sheffield gave an excellent presentation on NVIS (Near Vertical Incidence Skywave). Thank you for stepping up to the plate, TJ.

Kent Petty, KL5T brought an example of a Ubiquiti microwave dish. Providence Complex is putting in a station, using the i.

Allen Abbott discussed the Multiple Sclerosis Bicycle Ride which will take place May 21. Nine people from Washington State will participate. Allen asked for suggestions on where to take our guests – perhaps the Clubhouse? He also requested volunteers for the Bike Ride.

Prizes were awarded.

The meeting was closed by 8:25 by President Baker.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lillian Marvin, KL7YF, AARC Secretary



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People to Help You!! — 2016 Officers.

Officers

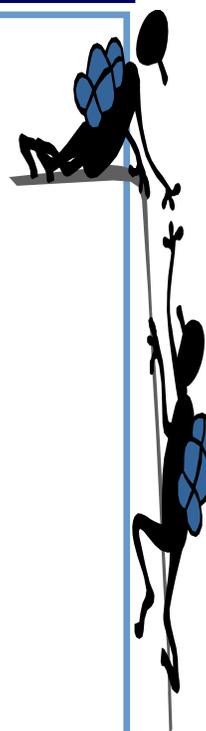
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Board of Directors

Term ends 2018	Keith Clark	KL7MM	aksunlite@aol.com
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Web Master	Ron Keech	KL7YK	webmaster@kl7aa.net
Activities Director			



Regular Committee Meetings:

By-Laws Committee: Contact Lara Baker, AL2R

Finance Committee: Monday of week before Board meeting, 7:00PM at Hamshack.
Contact Keith Clark, KL7MM, trustee@KL7aa.net for info.
(Members: Chair, Keith Clark, KL7MM, and Alice Baker, KL2GD.)

Projects Committee: Tuesday of week before Board meeting, 7:00PM at HamShack.
Contact TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, kl7ts@arrl.net for info.
(Members: Chair, TJ Sheffield, KL7TS, Rich Gillin, AL4S, and George Wilkinson, KL1JJ)

VEC Testing: Testing on 1st Tuesday and 2nd Saturday each month.
Contact Jim Wiley, KL7CC, jwiley@gci.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?

Rich Gillin, AL4S
rich@gillin.us
PO Box 101987
Anchorage, AK 99510
E-mail: membership@kl7aa.net



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

Life over 60 years \$ 75.00

Life over 65 years \$ 50.00

Life over 70 years \$ 35.00

Life over 75 years \$ 25.00

Life over 80 years \$ 5.00

Life over 85 years \$ 1.00

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.

Please check KL7AA.net website for updates on availability of these items.

George Strother, KL7GS

AARC life #112

2 Meter FM mobile station. Icom 228 H, 45 watts, Larsen 5/8 wave antenna, mounted on 1992 Chrysler LeBaron, convertible, factory a/c, 150,000 miles. Mounted summer and studded winter tires. Factory manuals on radio and car. \$3,300. KL7GS 376-3865

A little memory jogger – I was the radio tech at Northern Lights Avionics until my retirement 3 years ago. A few years ago, a friend of mine Charlie Schneider, formerly KL7HAC, due to health concerns gave me much of his collection of ham radio gear. I found homes for most of the equipment except for a few items which I will never have time to tackle. As the New Year begins, I find myself in the position that I must give away more of the items I have. Everything that I am giving away is FREE to the receiver.

The picture enclosed is a Heathkit SB-1 02 complete HF system, with cables and manuals. Plus there are a few other boxes of stuff that will have to go one way or another. I have not turned on the SB-1 02 to find out what the operational status is. It is what it is.

If you happen to know any hams in your circle that may be interested in the Heathkit and/or other items I have, I would be grateful if you could pass on the picture/info.

Much thanks,

Tom – KLOGC - 907-929-7678



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March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 VE Testing	2	3	4 AARC General Meeting 7:00PM	5
6	7 Finance Com. 7PM	8 Projects Com. 7PM	9	10	11	12 VE Testing
13	14	15 AARC Board Meeting 7 PM	16 EARS Genl Mtg	17	18	19
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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
 443.900+ 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 147.33+ 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 688-0660.

1st Thursday each month: Moosehorn Amateur Radio Club General meeting - 7:00 PM

Location is at Borough Emergency Response Center on Wilson Way in Soldotna (behind Soldotna FD. Call for directions on 146.88 repeater (no tone). Moosehorn ARC also holds a weekly luncheon every Thursday, locations and times change — contact George Van Lone, KL7AN: don-nav@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 688-0660.

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.

3rd Wednesday of each month: EARS general meeting at 6:00 PM. EARS meetings are held at the EARS shack location. Contact info - Ron Keech, KL7YK for information. EARS: 552-2664 (recording); Talk in on 146.67-. Email: club@KL7air.us or kl7yk@arrl.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, Wasilla Fire Station 61. 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.

Every Monday at 11:00 AM: Meeting of interested Amateur Radio Operators — and lunch at Denny's on DeBarr — across from Costco. Many code and HF operators attend this function. Come talk radio. For information, contact Kathy O'Keefe, KL7KO, kokalaska@gmail.com

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

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AARC web page & Email contact addresses:

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

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Internet Links, the favorites from our readers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alaska Navy/Marine Corps MARS: <http://www.navymars.org/pacific/reg10/AK>

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/> (not operational)

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

Winlink 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)
- Anchorage AARC VHF RMS KL7AA-10 144.98 (AARC Club Station, Hughesnet Satellite Connection)

NETS in ALASKA:

The following nets are active in Alaska:

VHF

The local VHF Nets have a Packet side as well. Look for 2 meter Packet at 145.01 (Eagle) and 147.96 (Valley).

The Eagle and Valley Packet Nodes provide a "talk" or chat function. Also if you are unable to connect directly to ontof the nodes, try digipeating through "EARS" on either frequency. Do this by typing "c eagle v ears" or "c vally v ears" on the appropriate frequency. Dee KL7AIR.US for more info on the digipeaters.

ARES Net: 147.33 103.5Hz - Thursdays at 8:00 PM local

No Name Net: 146.43 simplex 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: The Alaska Morning net is held Monday through Saturday from 9am- 11am on the IRLP Reflector 9109. This net can be reached via several hosting nodes in the area. Please visit <http://status.irlp.net/index.php?PSTART=2&mode=3> to find the closest node. Also, the net can be reached via Echo Link on 9191 (WL7LP-R) and Allstar nodes 27133 and 29332.

The Alaska Statewide ARES net is held Thursday evenings at 8:30pm (following the Anchorage ARES net) on IRLP 9109, Echolink WL7LP-R and Allstar 27133 or 29332 as well as the Sunday evening Alaska Statewide Radio Link net at 8:30pm.

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

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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
147.84 -	103.5	WL7CWE		Wasilla Repeater
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 **
Note:	443.9 Grubstake UHF is currently			



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	Frequen- cy
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
Anchorage AARC RMS	KL7AA-10	144.98

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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.

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

Mission statement:

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

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ARES NETS:

**Thursday Nights 8:00 PM
147.33+ PL:103.5**

1st Thursday: HT / Portable

2nd Thursday: Mobile Madness

3rd Thursday: RED CROSS

4th Thursday: Emergency Power

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trict**

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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 RMS Express, Paclink or Airmail software, and a Pactor 1-3 capable Terminal Mode Controller (TNC).

If the Internet is lost to the area the HF RMS can 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 the lower 48 and Europe using the HF RMS to pass email traffic to the internet on occasions.

We even see Marine Mobile Hams using it for sail mail. The call sign of the Anchorage HF RMS is WL7CVG. The 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.