



THE MARA VOICE

MAKING WAVES IN A DIGITAL WORLD

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2026 BOARD MEMBERS & COORDINATORS

BOARD MEMBERS

President - Scott McCormick, KL7SLM

Vice-President - Ken Hudson, KL2HF

Secretary - Shelia Olson, KL3SRO

Treasurer - John Carrington, KL1XM

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Board Member - Sharon Groomer, KL2CM

Board Member - George Strother, KL7GS

Board Member - Mark Olson, KL3MRO

Board Member - Kate Nagibina, KL5MB

COORDINATORS

Event Planner - Kate Nagibina

Licensing Forum - OPEN

MARA Voice Editor - Shelia Olson

Mat-Su DEC / ARES / SKYWARN - Don Bush

Public Information Officer - OPEN

Sunshine Committee Chair - Sharon Groomer

Trailer Committee Chair - Scott McCormick

Volunteer Examiners Coordinator - Ken Hudson

Website Facilitator - Don Bush

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



NOVEMBER

BOARD MEETING 11/5 at 7pm

VE TESTING 11/22 at 7pm

LUNCHEON 11/28 at 11:30am

GENERAL MEETING 11/28 at 7pm

DECEMBER

BOARD MEETING 12/3 at 7pm

LUNCHEON 12/26 at 11:30am

CHRISTMAS PARTY 12/26 at 7pm (pg 3)

VE TESTING 12/27 at 7pm



JANUARY 2026

BOARD MEETING 1/7 at 7pm

VE TESTING 1/24 at 7pm

LUNCHEON 1/29 at 11:30am

GENERAL MEETING 1/30 at 7pm



JOB OPENINGS

*LICENSING FORUM - to relay info related to amateur licensing and assist with exam understanding or preparation.

*PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER - responsible for interfacing with the public, the media, and other jurisdictions/organizations during incidents..

*BYLAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE - 3-5 club members are needed to help the 3 board members in reviewing and recommending revisions to the bylaws to be voted by the club membership.

Please contact the MARA Club President Scott McCormick, KL7SLM, at kl7slm@outlook.com for more information or if interested.



MARA Information and History

Contributed from Rosana Eppler, KL7IRE

The Matanuska Amateur Radio Association (MARA) is a 501(c)3 tax exempt charitable organization that has been around since 1977.

There were 6 people who created the club (Norm Dietz, KL7IPJ; Milt Souter, KL7IPA; Doug Olive, KL7IKN; John Miller, AL7AA; Mike Eppler, KL7ILA; and Rosana Eppler, KL7IRE. The Club quickly grew to 18 full members and 7 associate members.

The list can be found at <http://kl7jfu.com/founding-members/>. MARA has over 80 members now.

ANNOUNCEMENT

MARA CLUB BENEFITS FROM FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS

To participate, create a digital account, link your Fred Meyers rewards card to the Matanuska Amateur Radio Association Charity, then when you purchase items from Fred Meyer t automatically donates a percentage to the MARA Club. Full instructions can be found at Fred Meyer's website found at

<https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards?msocid=355d2cc2bc54627b25e93aa9bd79639a>

NOMINATION TIME

MARA CLUB HAM OF THE YEAR

Here are the criteria for who can be nominated

- Has not won Ham of the Year in the previous five years.
- Contributes to Amateur Radio in the past year
- Attends club meetings as possible during the year
- Provides assistance to other amateurs such as Elmering, becoming an active VE.
- Helps prospective hams join the hobby with Elmering or answering questions on air
- Assists other hams in setting up stations and towers
- Participates in club activities with the community (Comex, Safety Fair, Public Events)

- Participates in club activities such as field day, meeting presentations and maintaining trailers and club equipment
- Participates on a personal level such as net control, contesting, activity on the air
- Promotes Amateur Radio to the public
- Must be a club member in good standing

For Previous year's winners see webpage <http://kl7jfu.com/mara-hams-of-the-year/> Example form, see **page 10** or download from website <http://kl7jfu.com/forms/> Completed forms can be sent to **Secretary, Shelia, in person or sent to email, okfam@hotmail.com**

ELMERS/MENTORS

MARA Club members have the opportunity to connect with Elmers to mentor with radio-related projects or learn new skills. To contact our Club Elmers, go to the webpage <http://kl7jfu.com/Elmers/>. If an Elmer/Mentor has been a tremendous help, nominate them for the Elmer/Mentor of the Year award!! See page 14. Contact John Carrington at sniffles@mtaonline.net for more information.

COME JOIN US



DECEMBER 26TH AT 7:00 PM

Valley Church of Christ
1125 Majestic View Circle, Wasilla

Bring a side dish to share
Also bring a gift not to exceed \$25 in
value to participate in the gift
exchange (no alcohol, ammo, or junk)

CHANCE TO WIN AK
RAILROAD TICKETS
VALUED AT \$800

PJMS HAM CLUB NEWS

By William Crume, KL5LD

I have about 10 kids in the club this year and we are going over the Ham Radio Prep Technician course. Some of the kids are doing great and picking up the material really fast. Some of them are still a little shocked about the whole program and what they are learning, but are eager to push forward. They are all very fond of DMR and DSTAR and like to utilize those two systems. They find it easier to use and can make those long distance conversations.

I am hopeful for one student to take his test in the next few weeks. He is getting 75% and higher on every practice test he takes, so I think he might be ready to go. He is just scared of not passing it. I have been encouraging him to take the test and if he fails, it's ok. He can try and try again.

Some of the people we have made contact with around the world have been amazing with talking to the kids. One contact the kids made was with a gentleman named Michael from Australia (VK2MFW). The kids loved it, as he told them about all the kangaroos around his house and what it is like living in Australia. The kids are having a blast and want to sit on the radio and see how many contacts they can make. It is awesome to watch.



BYLAW COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

The MARA CLUB BOARD is creating a committee to review the current bylaws initially written in 2002, and amended in 2012. The bylaw committee would determine revisions that would be submitted to the Club Membership to vote on at the next election.

The Bylaws Committee will consist of three board members and up to five Club members in good standing. **To be in good standing, must be active in Club events and activities and have your Club dues paid up through 2026 or beyond.**

The Bylaws Committee would try to meet once a quarter to review each section with the goal that the Bylaws be updated on how the Club operates, providing clear procedures, and include prior amendments and necessary information in footnotes.

Contact President Scott McCormick, KL7SLM, at kl7slm@outlook.com if interested.



MARA Club in 2027

the MARA Club will be **50 years old in 2027?**

Do you have any pictures you would like to share for the slideshow?? Any memories you would like to share that we put in a keepsake book?

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WILL BE
JUNE 27, 2027 AT FIELD DAY!!!**

Please contact Zanna Eppler or Shelia Olson, the anniversary celebration points of contacts.



OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT — Scott McCormick, KL7SLM I want to continue the club's connection in our community with the various modes of communication with trainings on voice, cw, and digital. This coming year we will continue to have general meetings with only business one month, then hands-on trainings the alternating months.

VICE PRESIDENT — Ken Hudson, KL2HF I look forward to providing educational and fun trainings this coming year. Please contact me with your ideas or suggestions for trainings at radiohamming@gmail.com I am also the MARA Club lead VE.

SECRETARY — Shelia Olson, KL3SRO Meeting note taker and the MARA Voice Newsletter Editor. I am open to receiving ideas and information to share with readers, please contact me at okfam@hotmail.com

TREASURER — John Carrington, KL1XM Membership Dues can be paid in person at a meeting or mailed. Payments can be cash, check, or credit card on the website by clicking the "Donate" link.

EVENT PLANNER — Kate Nagibina, KL5MB This coming year we will be providing Club activities as well as participating in community events. Please contact me with event ideas as knagibina08@gmail.com The draft calendar can be found on page 7.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE— Sharon Groomer, KL2CM If you know or hear of anyone who would benefit from receiving a card of congratulations, get well wishes, or sympathy, please reach out to me and let me know at sgroomer@mtaonline.net

BYLAWS COMMITTEE— Scott McCormick, KL7SLM The Board will be reviewing the current bylaws and would like up to 5 club members in good standing to join the committee. There is more information on page 4. If you are interested, please reach out to me at kl7slm@outlook.com

FROM ARRL NORTHWESTERN NEWS DESK



Greetings fellow Northwestern Division members.

Mark J. Tharp KB7HDX, ARRL Director, Northwestern Division, kb7hdx@arrl.org

"PASS THE BILL" this campaign is still full steam ahead, even with the current (as of this writing) Government shutdown. If you have not done so, please visit the webpage at <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa> and take the five seconds to click in the box, enter your call, and hit "send my letters".

For those with a GMRS license, or those you know with a GMRS license that are not Amateurs, we have a page for them as well. <https://send-a-letter.org/gmrs> . Support is support. Your club can also help by sending a letter on behalf of it's members. That information can be found here: <https://www.arrl.org/current-legislation#clubs> . Please encourage your club to help in this process.

ARRL Foundation Scholarships

The ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program has opened the application window for 2026 scholarships. Applications will be accepted through December 30, 2025, at 12 PM EST. Students are encouraged to apply for more than 170 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$25,000. All applicants must be active, FCC-licensed amateur radio operators. The scholarships were established by generous donors and are managed by the ARRL Foundation as a means to inspire youth to explore amateur radio and to pursue higher education and related career paths -- and especially in wireless communications. In 2025, the ARRL Foundation awarded 170 awards totaling \$800,000.

More information and the online application are available www.arrl.org/scholarship-program.

And some words of wisdom from Vice Director Sterba, KG7HG, kg7hq@ARRL.org :

Hello Northwestern Division!

Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act

It's been quiet here in the division the last couple of months yet busy behind the scenes. It's great to report a surge in community activity surrounding the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act. If you haven't looked into this please visit <https://www.arrl.org/current-legislation> and take advantage of the automated form to send a letter to your representatives. There is an extra opportunity for clubs to get involved separately by placing additional weight to our voices. Directions for club endorsements are available at <https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/Completing%20the%20Club%20Letters%20for%20Congress.pdf>.

Thanks to MARA Club

I want to take a moment to thank the leaders and membership for the warm welcome to the 2025 Matanuska Amateur Radio Association (MARA) Hamfest at Wasilla, AK. This was a fun family-style event which included demonstrations, presentations, VE Testing, and lunch barbeque. Special thanks to Scott (KL7SLM), Shelia (KL3SRO) and Don (KL7JFT) for introductions, history, and tours of the ARES communications trailer.



MARA CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

YEAR / MONTH	EVENT	MEETING TYPE
2025		
NOVEMBER		BUSINESS
DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY	
2026		
JANUARY	WINTER FIELD DAY/GO KIT TRAINING	TRAINING
FEBRUARY		BUSINESS
MARCH	DIGITAL OPERATIONS TRAINING	TRAINING
APRIL	NERD CON	BUSINESS
MAY	TRAILER MAINTENANCE/INVENTORY	TRAILER TRAINING
JUNE	WASILLA BLOCK PARTY FIELD DAY / ANNUAL PICNIC	
JULY	WASILLA PARADE, MOTLEY PICNIC	
AUGUST	HAM FEST, AK STATE FAIR	BUSINESS
SEPTEMBER	EMERGENCY EXPO	TRAINING
OCTOBER	JOTA	ELECTIONS
NOVEMBER		BUSINESS
DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY	
2027		
JANUARY	WINTER FIELD DAY/GO KIT TRAINING	TRAINING
FEBRUARY		BUSINESS
MARCH	DIGITAL OPERATIONS TRAINING	TRAINING
APRIL	NERD CON	BUSINESS
MAY	TRAILER MAINTENANCE/INVENTORY	TRAILER TRAINING
JUNE	FIELD DAY/50 TH CLUB ANNIVERSARY PICNIC	
JULY	WASILLA PARADE, MOTLEY PICNIC	
AUGUST	HAM FEST, AK STATE FAIR	BUSINESS
SEPTEMBER	EMERGENCY EXPO	TRAINING
OCTOBER	JOTA	ELECTIONS

MONTHLY MARA CLUB CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE
TO BE EMAILED TO MEMBERS SO THEY CAN BE PRINTED
FOR YOUR HAM SHACK OR HOME OFFICE.

CONTACT THE CLUB SECRETARY, SHELIA KL3SRO AT okfam@hotmail.com
OR THE CLUB WEBSITE FACILITATOR, DON KL7JFT AT kl7jft@gmail.com

FINAL STRATEGIC PLAN

CLUB MISSION: Fostering community, communication, and technical expertise throughout Alaska, the Matanuska Amateur Radio Association is dedicated to promoting the exploration of radio technology, facilitating meaningful connections among enthusiasts, advancing knowledge in the diverse world of amateur radio, providing support for community events with communications, and supporting emergency communications during and after disasters.

VISION: Empowering individuals to explore the boundless possibilities of amateur radio, the Matanuska Amateur Radio Association envisions a future where members thrive in a vibrant community, continually expanding their knowledge, skills and camaraderie, while contributing to the broader landscape of technology.

CLUB GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1 – Information Sharing

Objective 1 – Newsletters – Mukluk Telegraph, MARA Voice
Objective 2 – Social Media – Website, Facebook, Zoom, Email, Message Board, YouTube

Goal 2 – Training with Equipment

Objective 1 – Hold in-person and zoom
Objective 2 – In-person on weekends, social media on demand

Goal 3 – Public Interaction

Objective 1 – Make Field Day an Outreach Event
Objective 2 – Attend Various Community Events – Field Day, Emergency Fairs, POTA, JOTA, GOTA,

Goal 4 – Keep Relevant in a Digital Age

Objective 1 – Provide training videos on social media
Objective 2 – Have equipment at community events to allow hands-on

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ACTION ITEMS

1. Hold Monthly Testing Sessions
2. Hold Monthly Meetings
3. Provide Information via Newsletters, Flyers, Website, YouTube
4. Provide Training Sessions at Public Accessible Locations and on Social Media
5. Attend Community Events with Equipment for Attendees to Try



FINAL STRATEGIC PLAN



CLUB ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

Palmer Junior Middle School Support
Trailer maintenance
Trailer equipment install
Summer Field Day
Winter Field Day
HAM OF THE YEAR Award
Elmer Award
Hamfest
JOTA / Girl Scout Encampment
Sutton Emergency Fair
Willow Emergency Fair
Menard Center Emergency EXPO
Table with Equipment Demonstrations at Gun Shows
Nerd Con
DMR/TJs Tower Completion
POTA/SOTA
COLONY DAYS / 4TH OF JULY PARADES
Summer Picnic
ALASKA SHAKE OUT
PALMER/WASILLA Dog Jog
Annual Meeting and Elections

TRAININGS PROVIDED

Comm Center/Support Trailers
Message and Logging Procedures
Net Control Procedures
ARES Training
Winlink HF, VARA, Packet, VHF Training, Digital Mode,
HF & VHF, JT65 JT9, PSK, RTTY, PSK31, MT63, CW
Antenna Construction
SKY WARN/WEATHER SPOTTER
GO KITS
DMR/D-STAR Radio Training / Deluxe & FLDIGI
Packet Radio
FRS/GMRS & GMRS REPEATER
MOBILE Radio Installations
Alternate Power Production
Public Service Activity Support
ICS Training Courses, 100, 200, 700, 800, 144
Satellite Ops Logging Programs, N3FJ Amateur Contact
Log, Logger 32, N1MM Logger+, LOTW

RIPPLES



FROM OUR WAVES

FIELD DAY 2025 IMPACT

Info from QST, December 2025 Issue, pages 64-65

Total Number of Participants - 31,922

Total Number of Entries to ARRL - 4,375

Checklogs - 163

CW QSOs - 462,232

Phone QSOs - 488,071

Digital QSOs - 291,803

TOTAL QSOs - 1,242,106

Breakdown of Participants by Class - 31,922

A - 25,097, B - 779, C - 52, D - 2,218, E - 1,285,
F - 2,491

Breakdown of Entries Totals by Class - 4,375

A - 1,261, B - 671, C - 46, D - 1,586, E - 648, F - 163

Checklogs were counted if more than 50 QSOs were completed.

Alaska had 15 Entries including MARA Club

PACKET RADIO—AKA PuTTY

MARA ARES includes communications via packet or PuTTY during the Thursday night net. Valley Node is on frequency 147.960 and Eagle Node is on 145.010.

To participate, you will need a laptop or desktop computer with the PuTTY program installed and a radio with a TNC or a separate TNC to connect to the node(s).

For further information or attend a training, please contact Don Bush, KL7JFT, at kl7jft@gmail.com.

WINTER FIELD DAY

In 2026, Winter Field Day will be January 24-25.



The MARA Club would like your participation this year in deciding on a location for Winter Field Day.

Reach to Don Bush, KL7JFT, at kl7jft@gmail.com if you would like to participate, assist with equipment setup, operations, and takedown.



2025 MARA HAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Nominee: _____ Call sign: _____

How long has your nominee been a Ham? _____

What makes this Ham your nomination for Ham of the Year? What has he or she done that makes MARA and our hobby better? (Attach separate sheet if necessary)

Name of person making nomination: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Call sign: _____

Print and Submit nomination for receipt not later than **date specified** to:

MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSN (MARA)

Attn: Ken/KL2HF

PO Box 873131

Wasilla, AK 99687

or deliver in person to Ken/KL2HF or email:

radiohamming@gmail.com or Shelia/KL3SRO okfam@hotmail.com

or the club PO Box 873131, Wasilla, AK 99687-3131

Alaska QSL Bureau
P.O. Box 520343
BigLake, Alaska 99652

Dear

Possibly you may not know about this bureau or how it operates and therefore I will explain. You do not have to be a member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), to use this bureau, just make contacts and when asked how to "QSL", say via the bureau. This bureau is an "incoming bureau" only, we receive cards from the various bureaus around the world but we do not forward cards from hams to the various bureaus world wide. Cards received for this purpose will be returned. Please do not return cards to the bureau that you did not make contact with.

The ARRL suggests keeping self-addressed stamped envelopes (SASE's) on file with your bureau. However we have found that this is a waste of money because often there is too much or too little postage on the envelopes, or the envelopes are too small. Postal increases also raise havoc with the SASE method too. To avoid this, the "POSTAL FUND" method is used which is the prepayment of stamp(s) and envelope(s). This method has proven to be the best, cost wise. Up to and including two (2) ounces of cards, legal size envelopes are used and our cost is \$0.01 each and the cost to the hams is \$0.01 each. For over two (2) ounces, manila envelopes are used and the cost rate is \$0.03 each. When a mailing is made, the cost of the the stamp(s) plus the envelope is deducted from the ham's "postage fund". When the "postage fund" gets low, an informal note will be included with the cards and upon receipt of additional funds, the process continues. The date and amount of received funds are noted in the ham's file. There is no set amount necessary to start one's "postage fund". This is determined by the individual's planned activity.

In all correspondence with this bureau, please give your call letters. The files are set up by call sign first and then name and address. Should a ham decide not to receive QSL cards, please advise in writing and this will also be noted in the ham's file.

Please keep this bureau advised as to any change in address or call letters. Also, any former call letters are greatly appreciated, since some cards received go back a few years. Regardless of where you reside and are using the Alaska call sign, we will forward cards to you. The ARRL "outgoing QSL bureau" service is by far the best to forward cards worldwide, but one must be a member of the ARRL to use this service.

Keep up the good contacts and see you on the air.

Best Regards,
Roger Hansen, KL7HFQ
Mgr., Alaska QSL Bureau

SKYWARN

MARA ARES is an active participant of the Alaska National Weather Service (NWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Skywarn program. For additional information, please review the website <https://www.weather.gov/SKYWARN>

Contact Don, KL7JFT, kl7jft@gmail.com to sign up for local training and involvement in the program.



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"Before, during, and after disasters, CERT volunteer teams perform basic response activities, including checking in on neighbors, distributing information to the public, supporting emergency operations centers, and helping to manage traffic and crowds. Local CERT programs train and organize teams of volunteers to assist their families, neighbors, co-workers, and other community members. CERT training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available."

Quoted from website <https://ready.alaska.gov/Preparedness/CERT>

Info on joining the Palmer/Wasilla CERT group, please contact Kathy Cappa, kathy@thecappas.com

Info on joining the King's Chapel CERT group, please contact Ken Hudson, radiohamming@gmail.com

Info on CERT trainings, please contact EOC Talon Boeve, talon.boeve@matsugov.us



"is a network of amateur radio and authorized government stations that provide worldwide radio email using radio pathways where the internet is not present. ... built, operated and administered entirely by licensed "Ham" volunteers. ... supports email with attachments, position reporting, weather and information bulletins, and is well-known for its role in ... emergency and disaster relief communications. ... capable of operating completely without the internet --automatically--using smart-network radio relays.

Licensed Winlink operators/stations use both amateur radio and government radio frequencies worldwide."

Quoted from <https://www.winlink.org/>

Training to be provided soon.....contact Don Bush, kl7jft@gmail.com to sign up.

**NEED EQUIPMENT OR WANT TO
SELL SOME AND MISSED THE
HAMFEST??**

**CHECK OUT THE SWAP AND
SHOP ON THE CLUB WEBPAGE**
<http://kl7jfu.com/swap-and-shop/>

NETS From website <http://kl7jfu.com/nets/>

Contact Don Bush at kl7jft@gmail.com with questions or revisions so the website and this page is kept current.

Repeater Nets, VHF-FM

Sunday	2000 hrs 146.43 Mhz Simplex	MATSU Old Timers Net	Open Check ins and discussions
Monday	1930 hrs DMR Net, AK TG 3102	Statewide Net	General DMR Discussion
Monday	2000hrs 146.58 Mhz Simplex	Valley North Net	Contact: Hal/KLOWX
Wednesday	1900hrs 146.52 Mhz Simplex	S Central Simplex Net	Contact: Various Freqs. KL7AA/KL7TS
Thursday	2000hrs 147.330 Mhz Plus Shift, 103.5hz Tone	ARES Net	

This is the main emergency VHF net. You do not have to belong to the ARES group to check in, There are different themes each week, such as Hand Held/Cross Band, Mobile, Red Cross and Emergency Power. Listen for theme at the beginning of each NET. Alternate/backup NET Freq. is 147.30 + shift/141.3hz Tone

WINSystem

Daily	2200hrs	146.790 Mhz Minus Shift, 100.0 Tone	Insomniac Net
It's a Trivia Net. Usually 3 questions & 3 Answers to choose from each question. There's a different Net Controller for every night. Check in 2 weeks in a row with each individual Controller to get on the list. You can also sign up for the questions to be emailed to you each night			
Tuesday	1600hrs	146.790 Mhz Minus Shift, 100.0 Tone	East Coast Reflector Tech/Check-in Net
Friday	1730-1930hrs	146.790 Mhz Minus Shift, 100.0 Tone	WINSYSTEM Tech Net w/Gordon West, usually for the first hour, Ron WB6IAG "Antenna Specialist" & hosted by Steve N5ZUA
Friday	1930hrs	146.790 Mhz Minus Shift, 100.0 Tone	Swap Net following the WINSYSTEM Tech Net

Packet Nets

Anytime 147.960 Mhz / simplex 1200 baud Packet Peanut Gallery (PPG)
Anytime another 2 meter net is in progress. Connect to "valley" and type "talk".
Anytime 145.01 Mhz / Simplex 1200 Baud
Open Packet Network for South Central AK. Homer-Anchorage-Matsu Links thru KL7ION-2, KL7AIR-7, KL7JFT-7, KL7XZ (Some Nodes have BBS on -1)

Anytime 145.01 Mhz / Simplex 1200 Baud Eagle packet has changed to Digital and mailbox system

Simplex Chat

National	146.520 Mhz	Mat-Su Valley	146.430 Mhz	Trapper Creek/Talkeetna	146.58 Mhz
Anchorage	146.490 Mhz	Kenai Peninsula	146.420 Mhz		

HF Nets

Monday – Friday 0830 hrs	14.292 Mhz USB	Alaska Pacific Net	Directed Net
Monday 2000 hrs	3.920 Mhz LSB	Willow CERTs Net	Open check in
Daily 1800 hrs	3.920 Mhz LSB	Alaska Sniper's Net	Directed Net
Daily 2000 hrs	7.093 Mhz LSB	Alaska Bush Net	Open check in
Daily 2100 hrs	3.933 Mhz LSB	Alaska Motley Net	Open check in
Saturday 1000 hrs	3.920 Mhz LSB	Alaska Swap Net	Open check in. Contact: Dean/WL7PM
Monday – Friday 1200 hrs	3.920 Mhz LSB	Alaska Old Timers Net	Open check in
4th Saturday of month 1000 hrs	5167.5 Mhz USB	Alaska Emergency Frequency	

Open check in § 97.401 Operation during a disaster. A station in, or within 92.6 km (50 nautical miles) of, Alaska may transmit emissions J3E and R3E on the channel at 5.1675 MHz (assigned frequency 5.1689 MHz) for emergency communications. The channel must be shared with stations licensed in the Alaska-Private Fixed Service. The transmitter power must not exceed 150 W PEP. A station in, or within 92.6 km of, Alaska may transmit communications for tests and training drills necessary to ensure the establishment, operation, and maintenance of emergency communication systems.



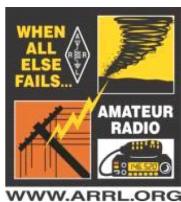
Mentor Award

This award is presented to

*in recognition for providing unselfish
and benevolent assistance to the novice radio operator.
By carrying on the time-honored tradition in amateur radio
of sharing knowledge and providing guidance and support,
you are ensuring that others may experience
the wonder, excitement and friendship of amateur radio.*

This expression of gratitude is presented by

Date



MARA PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

2025-2026

Name / Call sign: _____ Phone number: _____

Email _____

I WOULD LIKE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS PRESENTED AT THE GENERAL MEETINGS

Topic and
Presenter _____

Topic and
Presenter _____

I WOULD LIKE MARA TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE / CONTRIBUTE TO OUR HOBBY

Be an Elmer _____ Teach / Present topic _____

Be a VE _____ Program Equipment _____ Setup / Take down equipment _____

Participate in MARA activities _____ Participate in ARES activities _____

Other ideas _____

FUNDRAISING ITEMS I WOULD LIKE CLUB TO CONSIDER

T-shirts _____ Patches _____ Decals _____ Travel Mugs _____ Hat/Lapel Pins _____

Water bottles _____ Bumper sticker _____ Other ideas _____

Return to Ken Hudson/KL2HF at radiohamming@gmail.com or Shelia Olson/KL3SRO at okfam@hotmail.com or PO BOX 871141 Wasilla, AK 99687