



# THE MARA VOICE

## MAKING WAVES IN A DIGITAL WORLD

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### LICENSED HAM—NOW WHAT?

Congratulations, you have your amateur radio license!!! Now what do you do with it? Depending on your experience and knowledge in “ham” radio, you may be excited to get on the air or nervous, suffering from mic fright. You are in luck.....we are here to help.

The MARA Club consists of members of all ages and from all walks of life. Some grew up with radios broadcasting in their homes day and night; some became hams at a young age during the military; others weren’t interested until they attended an emergency fair and stepped into the MARA Club communications trailer

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## OFFICERS REPORTS

### PRESIDENT—

**Scott McCormick, KL7SLM**

We are making some necessary improvements to the operations of the Club to include After Action Reports at the completion of all events, improved communications with the members and community in the Mukluk Telegraph and the MARA Voice, and better event planning coordination.

If you would like to review the full President’s Report, please reach out to me at anytime by email [kl7slm@outlook.com](mailto:kl7slm@outlook.com).



### VICE PRESIDENT/VE —

**Ken Hudson, KL2HF**

Please contact me, include the form on page 13, with your ideas or suggestions for presentations at [radiohamming@gmail.com](mailto:radiohamming@gmail.com).

### SECRETARY/EVENT PLANNER/ NEWSLETTER EDITOR —

**Shelia Olson, KL3RO**

I welcome your assistance with our Club events and if you want to provide info to share with readers, please contact me at the email [okfam@hotmail.com](mailto: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. A new window where you type in the amount and whether it will be PayPal or credit card.

**ARRL dues can also be paid through the Club and we get a percent of the funds back.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### MARA CLUB FUNDRAISER

MARA Club is raising money to support our various activities to include our repeaters, training materials for the public, maintenance on our communications equipment and trailers.

To donate via facebook go to <https://www.facebook.com/donate/256027420400471/3577530135817476/>

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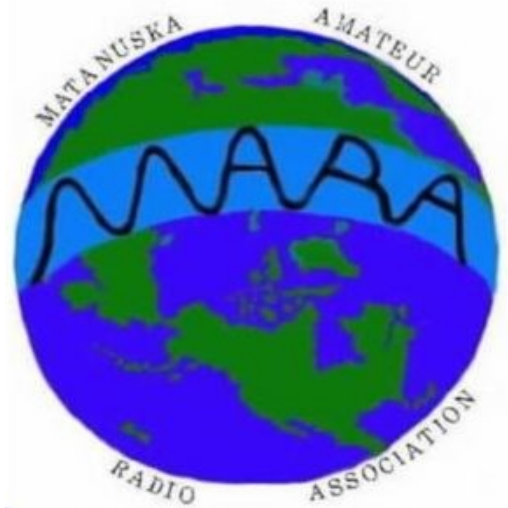
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## MARA INFORMATION AND HISTORY

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

The club was created by Norm Dietz, KL7IPJ; Milt Souter, KL7IPA; Doug Olive, KL7IKN; John Miller, AL7AA; Mike Eppler, KL7ILA; and Rosana Eppler, KL7IRE.

The Club added 12 full members: Brian Crawford Jr, KL7JDQ; Roy Davie, KL7CUK; Wayne Groomer, KL7HHO; Logan Groomer, KL7EKI; Jasper Heath, KL7MD; Frank Knapp, KL7DOB; Lyman Klein, WA0GAC; Don Bush, KL7JFT; Roy Mesecher, KL7BZ; Walt Pierce, Nate Smith, KL7DJE; and Rick Dwight, KL7CW; as well as 7 associate (non-licensed) members: Tom Berticevich, Gerry Dietz, Max Elliott, Sharon Groomer, Pomposa Heath, James Kinser, and Mickey Olive.



## SPOTLIGHT—SHARON GROOMER, KL2CM

I would like to introduce to you all our first spotlight chosen by the Editor because of her decades of commitment to the hobby, mostly behind the scenes.

**How did you get interested in amateur radio?** My dad, Logan Groomer, (sk) KL7EKI; was licensed in '61 or '62. He helped out after the 64 quake. My brother, Wayne, (sk) KL7HHO, was licensed in '71 or '72. When MARA started, I was considered an associate member since I often attended the meetings.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALWAYS CHECK THE MARA CLUB WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFO ON OUR EVENTS

<http://kl7jfu.com/calendar/>

IF ADDITIONAL INFO NEEDED, YOU CAN CONTACT THE MARA CLUB EVENT PLANNER, Shelia at

[okfam@hotmail.com](mailto:okfam@hotmail.com)

### NOVEMBER

BOARD MEETING 11/8 at 7pm

NO LUNCHEON IN NOVEMBER

GENERAL MEETING 11/24 at 7pm

VE TESTING 11/25 at 7pm



### DECEMBER

BOARD MEETING 12/13 at 7pm

VE TESTING 12/23 at 7pm

LUNCHEON 12/28 at 11:30am

CHRISTMAS PARTY 12/29 at 5:30pm (page 3)



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

MARA Club invites you all to the Annual Christmas Party to be held on December 29, at 7pm (1900). This is in place of the general monthly meeting. The Club will provide ham. You are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We also do a gift exchange.

The rules for the gift exchange are:

- Bring a wrapped gift worth \$25 per person playing
- Draw a number for each person who brought a gift
- When your number is called take a gift (can choose one previously opened gift it is part of the fun to swap gifts people are trying to “hide” or unwrapped one)
- If gift taken from you, then choose another one.
- When a gift has been taken three times, it is frozen.
- Whoever drew number 1 gets to choose a final swap (including any frozen gifts) at the end of the party. They can also choose to not swap.

## SOME HAM RADIO HISTORY IN PALMER

In August of 1977, Edward Holmes in Palmer, Alaska, made contact with Mutsuhiro Ishiguro who was in Saroma, Japan via ham radio. Frequent ham radio communications eventually led Ed to visit Saroma in April of 1980. In May of 1980, it was decided that Palmer and Saroma would become Sister Cities.

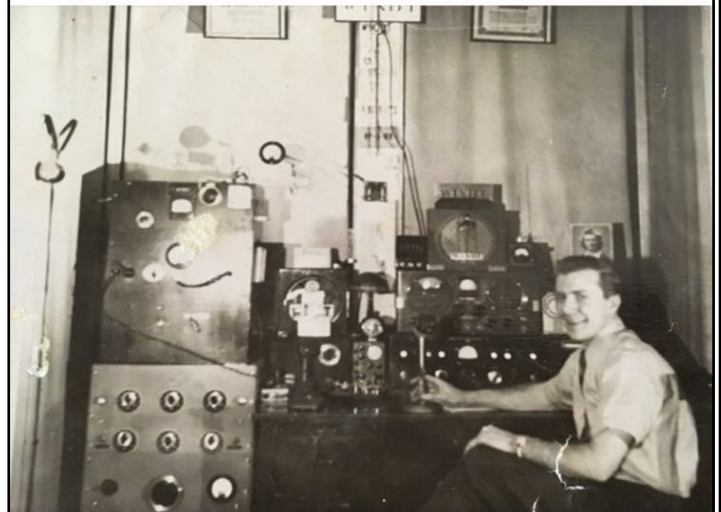
In October of the same year, a delegation from Saroma visited Palmer and signed the Sister City Charter. The sister city friendship continues today and has touched and even transformed many lives.

<https://www.palmerak.org/sister-city-program/page/sisters-city-program-history>

On January 27, 1987, Palmer City Council declared through Resolution 732 that May 2nd would be known from then on as Ed Holmes Day! Photo of the Resolution provided by Tanya Lang can be seen on page 4 of this newsletter.



Here is the beginning of the Palmer Saroma Sister City  
My grandfather Ed Holmes in his 20's with his ham radio set up  
This led his talking to **Ishiguro Hiro** some 35-40 years later 😊



Above post originally posted on facebook in June 2017, and included here with written permission by Tanya Lang.

## HAM RADIO IN PALMER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3



Ed and Tanya talking on the ham radio on Dec 25, 1976.

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 732

A RESOLUTION HONORING EDWARD HOLMES.

WHEREAS, Edward Holmes was an outstanding citizen, husband, father and grandfather, and;

WHEREAS, Edward Holmes served his community, state and country through direct involvement in the American Legion, Lions International, Sister Cities Program, and much more, and;

WHEREAS, Edward Holmes worked tirelessly with youth in training, leadership, encouragement, and by personal example, and;

WHEREAS, Edward Holmes developed a spirit of love, friendship and cooperation between the peoples of Japan and America, and;

WHEREAS, Edward Holmes founded the Sister City relationship between Palmer and Saroma-Cho, Japan and served as chairman and adviser to the Mayor, and;

WHEREAS, Edward Holmes left a legacy of service which shall continue to be an inspiration to us all,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Palmer recognizes the service Edward Holmes gave to all citizens and extend our deepest sympathy to Ruth Holmes and family, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable plaque shall be displayed in the City to commemorate his service, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Children's Day, May 2, 1987 in Palmer, shall be known as Ed Holmes Day.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska, this 27th day of January, 1987.

  
GEORGE J. CARTE, MAYOR

  
DAVID L. SOULAK, CITY CLERK

Photo to the left found in Sister City News, Winter 2013 edition, which can be seen in entirety along with other newsletters on website [https://www.palmerak.org/newsletters?field\\_microsite\\_tid=681](https://www.palmerak.org/newsletters?field_microsite_tid=681)

Pictures above provided and shared with written permission by Tanya Lang.

### SPOTLIGHT Continued From Page 2

Before moving to the Valley, I often went to the Anchorage amateur radio club meetings with my dad and brother back in the day when the meetings were held in the basement of the Loussac library. My dad tried to teach me cw code and other things but I had other interests at that time.

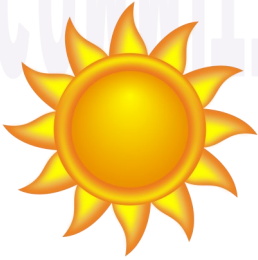
In 1987-88 I took a novice class held at the Eppler's. I practiced code until I thought I could pass the test. But I only passed the written part, not the code. In 2006, after taking a class, I received my technician license. No longer had worry about code. I upgraded to general in 2007, and after taking a class in 2008, upgraded to extra and am one of the VEs for licensing test sessions. I kept my code tapes and still want to relearn it.

**What is your favorite part of the hobby?** Currently, my favorite part is being moderator on the Motley Group on Saturday night and checking into the other 75/80 meter nets.

Anyone you want to see in the Spotlight, contact Shelia, KL3SRO at [okfam@hotmail.com](mailto:okfam@hotmail.com).

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## SUNSHINE



If you know of anyone in the MARA club who is under the weather or recovering from illness or injury, please contact the club Secretary, Shelia Olson, KL3SRO by email at [okfam@hotmail.com](mailto:okfam@hotmail.com) to request a card and/or flowers be sent to the person to help cheer them up. We also provide cards and/or flowers to the families of Silent Keys.

## ARES

Don Bush, KL7JFT, Alaska DEC, and facilitator for the ARES efforts in the Mat-Su Valley.



Weekly communication nets are held every Thursday promptly at 8pm on 147.300 or 147.330 or 146.670 depending on the cooperation of the airwaves.

More information on all NETS is on page 12.

There are monthly trainings and quarterly communication exercises.

To be a member of ARES or obtain any of the training or exercise information, contact Don at [kl7jft@gmail.com](mailto:kl7jft@gmail.com).

## TRAILER

MARA Club has two trailers, one with the equipment for communications and the other for power support and the antenna tower as shown below.



The trailers are kept ready to use for the radio-related communication needs of the club or by request from ARES, Mat-Su Borough, or Statewide for any emergency.

## VOLUNTEER EXAMINER (VE)

Amateur radio licensing exams are held each month, usually on the last Saturday at the Wasilla Area Senior Center, Inc. (WASI).

Ken Hudson, our lead VE, and other VEs attend the test sessions, review, and score the exams. Once exam is passed, Ken submits the necessary documentation to the FCC.



# AWARDS

## ARRL MENTOR OF THE YEAR

American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has the Mentor recognition program with the belief that—

“Mentoring has long been the backbone of Amateur Radio. While technology constantly evolves, the human interaction between hams will not be replaced and will always remain one of the hobby's strongest traditions. As licensed hams we are all ambassadors of Amateur Radio and we should always be looking at ways in which we can welcome newly licensed hams and project a positive image that will attract others to ham radio.”

Quoted from <http://www.arrl.org/mentor-award> where you can find the form to download and print.



## HAM OF THE YEAR

Here are the criteria for who can be nominated:

- Has not won the ham of the year award previous five years.
- Contributed to Amateur Radio in the past year
- Attended club meetings during the past year as much as possible either in-person or virtually
- Provided assistance to other amateurs such as Elmering, becoming an active VE.
- Helped prospective hams join the hobby with Elmering or answering questions on air
- Assisted other hams in setting up stations and towers or equipment troubleshooting
- Participated in club activities with the community (Comex, Safety Fair, Public Events, Field Day, Presentations, Maintaining Equipment)
- Participated on a personal level such as net/node control, contesting, activity on the air
- Promoted 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/>

For the nomination form, see page 7 or download from website <http://kl7jfu.com/forms/>

Send completed forms by **December 1** to either:  
George Strother, KL7GS, [kl7gs@arrl.net](mailto:kl7gs@arrl.net)  
Ken Hudson, KL2HF, [radiohamming@gmail.com](mailto:radiohamming@gmail.com)

## ELMER OF THE YEAR

MARA members have the opportunity to connect with Elmers to assist with radio-related projects or learn new skills. The current Elmers are George Strother, KL7GS; Ken Hudson, KL2HF; Don Bush, KL7JFT; Craig Bledsoe, KL4E; Ray Hollenbeck, KL1IL; Brandon Clark, KL7BCS; and Bridgit Larson, KL4B. For contact info of our Club Elmers, go to the webpage <http://kl7jfu.com/Elmers/>.

  
If you think an Elmer has been a tremendous help and you want others to know, nominate them for the Elmer of the Year award!! Contact John Carrington at [sniffles@mtaonline.net](mailto:sniffles@mtaonline.net) for more information.



## 2023 MARA HAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Due date: **December 01, 2023**

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)

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Name of person making nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Print and Submit nomination for receipt not later than \*\*12/01/2023\*\* to:

MATANUSKA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (MARA)  
Attn: Ken/KL2HF and George/KL7GS  
PO Box 873131  
Wasilla, AK 99687

or deliver in person to Ken Hudson or George Strother  
or emails:

[kenputer@hotmail.com](mailto:kenputer@hotmail.com)

[kl7gs@arrl.net](mailto:kl7gs@arrl.net)

## MARA ON THE AIR

*Contributor, Brandon Clark, KL7BCS*

Ham radio has many sides: licensing, public service, emergency preparedness, and more. But the side which often gets lost is the just plain fun side. Think about it...if you're not having fun then why spend the effort?

It's great if the "serious" aspects of the hobby interest you; I'll help you build your antennas. But you shouldn't feel like ham radio must be serious. Speaking for myself, I'm active with radio strictly for fun.

There's nothing like the pride of putting a newly-built antenna on the air, the rush of making contest contacts, the camaraderie of my fellow hams, and the thrill of being DX when activating for POTA (Parks On The Air). Those are things which keep me coming back to the radio.

For ham radio to thrive in Alaska, there need to be fun events that lighten things up, bring operators and clubs together, and keep everyone active. What those events look like is up to you; talk with your fellow hams, your board members, and other clubs about what interests you. Set some goal for next year, and reach out if you need help getting started.

**Be bold, try something new, and have fun!**

Brandon, KL7BCS, [kl7bsc@protonmail.com](mailto:kl7bsc@protonmail.com)  
Website <https://brandonclarklabs.com/>



**Parks on the Air (POTA)** started in 2017 and stemmed from the yearly ARRL event. It has grown to be an internationally utilized program for portable operations and maintained its affiliation with ARRL.

In the coming year, the MARA Club will be set up a few locations with "activators" who set equipment at the established location and "hunters" who search from home to talk with the activators and other hunters.

The events will be open to Club members as well as the community. The hope is to have regular, scheduled events and get our Club on the POTA map. If interested in participating, contact Brandon, KL7BCS at [kl7bsc@protonmail.com](mailto:kl7bsc@protonmail.com)

For more information on how to join or to donate to POTA, go to website <https://parksontheair.com/>

## QUESTIONS FOR THE MARA CLUB MEMBERSHIP

What day of the week works best for you to attend the monthly meetings? Should the meetings during the winter months be held in the afternoons?

Contact President Scott, KL7SLM with your responses, [kl7slm@outlook.com](mailto:kl7slm@outlook.com)



# OTHER WAYS WE MAKE WAVES

## PLAYING THE HAARP—ALASKAN STYLE



We Alaskans may have noticed more northern lights activity lately and according to an article by Zachariah Hughes in the Anchorage Daily News, the reason could be the experiments at the High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) in Gakona, conducted by University Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), who has controlled the facility since 2015, along with several research entities.

Zachariah quoted a statement from the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, “Scientists will investigate ionosphere mechanisms that cause optical emissions,” according to the statement. “And they’ll investigate how satellites can use plasma waves in the ionosphere for collision detection and avoidance.”

For the complete article, go to the link <https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/science/2023/11/04/haarp-experiments-could-cause-artificial-aurora-over-alaska-this-weekend/>

## BECOME A SKYWARN WEATHER SPOTTER

Given the constant changes in Alaska weather, MARA Club members are invited to become trained to become a Skywarn Weather Spotter.

Once trained, you can submit your reports of what you see, as well as road/river conditions in your area via winlink to Harry Lind, Jr, AL6F, the Skywarn Manager located in Fairbanks and a copy to Don Bush, KL7JFT, DEC for Mat-Su Emergency Services.

Skywarn provides the training. The links to specific trainings as well as maps and other great tidbits of information and additional trainings concerning weather and the Skywarn program can be found on the MARA Club website at <http://kl7jfu.com/weather-spotter-training-skywarn-maps/>

When you have completed trainings, provide a copy of the certificate to Don at [kl7jft@gmail.com](mailto:kl7jft@gmail.com).

**If you need winlink training, attend the November 24 meeting.**



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**WEATHER.GOV®**

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## ARRL NEWS—LATEST ON PROPOSED FCC CHANGES TO 60 METER BAND ALLOCATION

Mike Ritz, W7VO, ARRL Northwestern Division Director and ARRL Foundation Vice President, stated in an email that in a recent Special Bulletin to the Division, it was discussed in detail that an FCC proceeding is currently considering changes to our amateur radio allocations on the 60-meter band. (ET Docket 23-120). If enacted, this would lower allowable power limits on the band to 15 watts EIRP (9.1 watts ERP), from the current 100 watts of power. It would also remove the channelized portion of the band and add a single 15 kHz wide allocation. The ARRL submitted its response and urged members to write the FCC to support the ARRL in this effort by the public comment period that closed on October 30, 2023.

**The good news is the deadline to file comments on this 60-meter band proposal has been extended by FCC to November 28, 2023. Replies to comments will be due December 28, 2023.** ARRL encourages all amateurs to submit comments in support of keeping at the current 100 watts of power, if you have not done so.

ARRL has assembled a web page with instructions on how to submit your comments, as well as background information on the issue: [www.arrl.org/60-meter-band](http://www.arrl.org/60-meter-band).

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and saw first hand the equipment in operation.

Whatever level of experience you are, reach out to any of the Club members and we will gladly steer you to the right person who can help you succeed. We have activities that you can practice on equipment.

Below is a partial list taken from <https://dcasler.com/ham-radio/got-my-licensenow-what/>

1. **DO NOT** purchase ANY equipment until you have passed your Technician examination!!!!

2. Hams should plan on joining the [ARRL](http://www.arrl.org). The monthly magazine, *QST*, is indispensable.

3. You should also join and participate in your local club. **(MARA provides first year of membership free.)**

4. When you purchase a radio, your first radio should be a NEW VHF handheld. There are inexpensive 2-meter-only handhelds and a few inexpensive 2-mtr/440 dual band rigs that are inexpensive.

5. Find ham friends to talk with! Learn about the local repeaters and then use them! **GET ON THE AIR!**

6. Next comes a mag-mount antenna for the car. This should probably be purchased at the same time as the handheld

7. Then comes a dedicated 12v power supply (from the mains—buy ahead and get a 10A supply that can be used with a mobile rig)

8. One could put an outdoor antenna up at this point, but one has to be careful that it has a DC ground so as not to blow out the handheld's front end (this happened to me).

9. The second radio should be a mobile, either 2-meter or 2-meter/440, which can also be used as a home base station. Mine is a Yaesu FT-7800, which was quite inexpensive. It's a very basic radio, yet can be used for voice, packet, etc. This should be used with an outdoor antenna. I recommend a J-pole because they're easy and inexpensive to construct.

10. Next should be some sort of power that is independent of the mains, such as a 12-v Deep Cycle battery from Wal-Mart or Costco, with a way of charging it.





## CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

This certificate recognises that

**MARA**  
**KL7JFU**  
**JID: 6US22R**

took part in Jamboree On The Air  
Jamboree On The Internet  
JOTA-JOTI 2023.



Andy Chapman  
CHAIRPERSON  
WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE



Ahmed Alhendawi  
SECRETARY GENERAL  
WORLD ORGANIZATION  
OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT

### JOTA-JOTI 2023

MARA Club participated in the 2023 Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) /Jamboree On the Internet (JOTI) on October 20-21 at Camp Gorsuch and received the certificate shown on this page. There were 29 scouts and up to 12 adults who attended and participated in the training and hands-on radio time.

**Great job, Scott McCormick, KL7SLM; Don Bush, KL7JFT; Craig Bledsoe, KL7H; and TJ Morgan, KL3IT, and any others who assisted, for their efforts to make the event a success.**

## NETS

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

### 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 Statewide 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 South 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  
Anytime another 2 meter net is in progress. Connect to "eagle" 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, KL7GRM-7 (Some Nodes have BBS on -1)

### Simplex Chat

National 146.520 Mhz Mat-Su Valley 146.430 Mhz  
Anchorage 146.490 Mhz Kenia 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  
Last Saturday of the month 1000 hrs 5167.5 Khz 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.



**MARA PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**2023-2024**

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](mailto:radiohamming@gmail.com) or Shelia Olson/KL3SRO at [okfam@hotmail.com](mailto:okfam@hotmail.com) or P.O.BOX 871141 Wasilla, AK 99687