

KICY Call Letter


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Manager's Mic

In the past hour, the temperatures have dropped from a balmy 32 to about 16 above zero and the winds are pushing heavy snow at about 45 miles per hour. Snow is piling up and buildings are starting to become completely engulfed. This marks the snowiest winter in Nome since we've been here and that's almost nine years. The interesting thing is watching the lights flickering constantly as the wind blows the power lines together. This is, of course, not particularly good for any of the broadcast equipment.



Dennis Weidler

But, so far we are staying on the air. Nope. I was premature. Now, as I sit writing this, we're off. This winter storm was completely missed by the national weather service and no one was prepared. The AM was off for over 48 hours and with temperatures steady at about -15, we had to move portable heaters into the transmitter building to get the transmitter to come back on. Nome Joint Utilities did an admirable job of working through the storm to restore power as quickly as possible. But I couldn't help thinking how nice it would be to have those standby generators and be able to continue to provide important information to those most effected by the storm. I pray that next year, we will be able to. 



Brendan Wehde, Landis Bjorgen and Kyle Griemsmann are part of the play-by-play team, led by Major Grennon.

Wall-To-Wall Basketball.


You can tell it's January by the sheer number of basketball games broadcast over KICY. The extra special treat this year is that many of the games are being broadcast by a team of students from Nome Beltz Junior-Senior High School under the direction of Major Grennon. This is an exciting, new development as young people come forward to volunteer their time and talents to help us keep up with the basketball demand.

We developed a set of ID badges and credentials with a KICY lanyard, to give the team a very professional look. Each of the six broadcast team members received a KICY sweatshirt or denim work shirt to compete the "team" feel.

KICY is extremely fortunate to be able to involve the students in an on-air situation. This has been part of our vision since 1999. We

broadcast basketball to honor the students' efforts and accomplishments and we are now able to do the same for many students not on the basketball court.

Response from listeners has been very positive. They understand that these are students, one even in Junior High School, and they don't have any previous on-air experience. What they do have is a contagious enthusiasm, a desire to learn and a willingness to sit for hours on hard chairs and broadcast the play-by-play action.

Major Grennon has been a tremendous mentor for these students and has provided training, positive feedback and ongoing supervision. He and I share the same vision..."it's all about the kids". Young people don't care that we want to share Christ until they know we care about them. 



Josh Remer in the studio.

First Impressions.

My flight into Nome was supposed to land at around 9 in the morning after stopping in Kotzebue north of the Arctic Circle. However, by the time the plane arrived in Nome the weather had gotten so bad that there was no way that the pilots could have landed the plane. So, back to Anchorage we went. After several hours and more delays we were finally able to leave Anchorage. My flight into Nome was one of the only flights to make it into Nome that day; par for the course I hear. After dropping my bags at the radio station I went for a walk to the grocery store to buy

some fixin's for lunch. When I stepped outside I instantly questioned my sanity, it was 16 degrees below zero.

I knew that prices would be inflated, as Nome is essentially at the end of the earth, however, I did not expect to pay \$8 for a gallon of milk. The peanut butter, milk and bread I bought nearly bankrupted me!

I've only been in Nome for a few days so I am sure that there are many more eye opening experiences awaiting me. I am excited to see what the next couple of months will bring.

Please pray for this Arizona boy as he attempts to survive in the far north.

-- Josh Remer

A Prayer Request. *For each of our staff members.*

George Bard

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Cathy Lyon

Anna Moore

Josh Remer

Tim Sergie

Dr. Phil Schobert

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Be An Arctic Ambassador.

Membership has its privileges. For only \$42 a month, you will be an official KICY Arctic Ambassador! That means you will sponsor one hour of broadcasting on KICY each month. We will record one of your hours and send you a cassette or CD with your name and address mentioned as a sponsor. From time to time, we will list all the Arctic Ambassadors in the Call Letter. You

will also receive an Arctic Ambassadors membership card and certificate. Your membership to this growing support organization will also be listed on the KICY web site.

\$42
a month

But the greatest satisfaction will come from knowing that you will be sponsoring one hour a month for the continued operation of your 50,000 watt station serving the arctic. Our goal is to add 100 Arctic Ambassador members in the next few months. ■

Yes, it's true. We do have a new volunteer in place, but we are still looking for full-time volunteer staff members to help take up some of the slack here.

If you know of a potential long-term volunteer (a year or more of service), encourage them to get in touch with KICY General Manager, Dennis Weidler. Or, they can download a volunteer application from our web site at

www.kicy.org ■

Dr. Phil Named Race Executive Director.

On March 26th, 2008, Nome and the dog mushing world will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first major long distance sled dog race in the world. With the centennial re-run of the All Alaska Sweepstakes Race, a distance of 408 miles, we will once again experience the excitement of the early history of the gold rush era in Alaska. In 1907, the Nome Kennel Club was formed and in 1908 they organized the Alaska Sweepstakes Race. The Race, born out of a need to relieve the doldrums of the long Alaska winters for the early gold miners of Nome, naturally included the winter land transportation mode of the era, sled dog teams. Dogs and drivers went in pursuit of the dominance of the trail passing through places like Council, Death Valley, Camp Haven, First Chance and Gold Run on their way to Candle and return. A massive purse awaited the winner. This time, the



Nome Kennel Club will offer \$100,000, the richest first place purse in sled dog racing history. History is a big part of the celebration and we are adhering to historical detail of the era right down to the awards celebration meal, which in itself will be interesting and exciting!

Some of you have stood behind a dog team and experienced the rigors and the satisfaction of the team effort between dogs and driver and what the serenity of the solitude of being on the trail brings. Some of you gave your talents, and your hearts, to bring dog sled racing back to center stage in the sporting world. In this, we are all family and we invite you to come to Nome to the party, to a reunion with old friends and to make this a celebration to remember.

--Dr. Phil Schobert
Executive Director

Operation Ready Power.

We estimate that \$45,000 will be needed to rebuild the generator building, install a transfer switch and a 25 kilowatt diesel generator. This past winter storm confirmed our need for reliable backup power.

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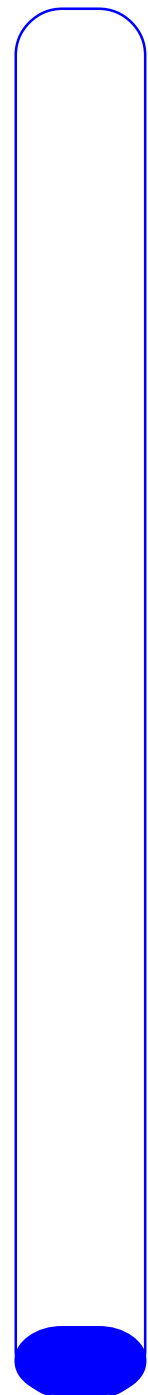
\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

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Memorials

In January, we received memorials in the name of:

- Tom Dotomain
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.
- Adeline & Julian Rapp
- Jeff Hoglund
- Harold W. Swanberg
- Carl A. Nelson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-January Income-

\$36,586.26

-January Budget-

\$37,907.23

-January Expenses-

\$36,373.25

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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We Need Your Help.


After reviewing the 2008 budget at last November's Arctic Broadcasting Board meeting, it was decided to zero-in on items where there may be opportunities to reduce our overhead. Electricity and fuel costs have really spiked in western Alaska and a line-by-line scrutiny showed there are precious few areas where we can trim.

I was asked to perhaps, reduce the number of Call Letter mailings each year, which I am reluctant to do. Or, reduce the mailing list size.

Here is where we need

your help. If you currently receive a Call Letter each month, and don't know why you receive it, or have no interest in our radio ministry, then there is something you can do. And it's

extremely simple. Just send back your address label, or the entire newsletter with the word **cancel** written on it somewhere. We'll take you off the mailing list. Or, if you would like to change from written to an e-mail delivery, that is just as simple. Just write your e-mail address on the label and send that back. We'll swap your postal address for your e-mail address and we'd be happy to pay for return postage to update and reduce our mailing list. That's why the pre-paid envelope is so handy.

If you want to continue to receive the Call Letter by mail, we are happy to keep sending it! 



Just send back your address label in the envelope.

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