

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

There's nothing like that first snowfall. For the past several weeks we were jogging back and forth between mud slick roads and clouds of dust kicked up by passing gravel trucks. Snow is the great muffler. It muffles sounds. It muffles all the things left lying around like cars and old bicycles. Nome always looks best under a deep blanket of snow.

We worked hard to get things all buttoned up for the winter and thanks to so many volunteer workers this past summer, we should be even warmer this winter. With fuel oil near \$4.00 a gallon, that's a very good thing.



Dennis Weidler

Unfortunately, Luda Kinok has had to return to Russia for a short time for medical reasons. Through the marvels of today's technology, she is still able to be part of her daily program. We ask for prayers for Luda and we know her listeners...and there are more than we will ever know...will be very glad to have her return to Nome.

Our colleagues down the street, KNOM, have decided to drop their longtime news service and are now using our satellite dish and receiver to pull another news service off the 'bird'. The audio is sent across town via a telephone line. It's gratifying to be able to help our friends in broadcasting. In Arctic Alaska, we know the value of teamwork! ■



Chris Vandergraph pulls the old satellite receiver out of service.

## Moody Broadcasting Installs New Uplink for Alaska.

For at least seven years (as long as my history in Nome) our satellite feed from Moody Broadcasting in Chicago has sounded anywhere from marginal to terrible to completely missing. It turns out that the transponder we were looking at with our big satellite dish was aimed far east, into the Yukon Territory of Canada, to be precise. And, the satellite, which was supposed to be geostationary was wobbling around an area often outside of our signal reception. This made for some extremely poor quality programming from Chicago. But, we felt the content was worth the poor quality. That was until the signal vanished completely, only to return sporadically. Our Moody Broadcasting feed was often gone for days at a time.

At the April Arctic Broadcasting board meeting, I was given approval to cancel our subscription to the Moody Broadcasting Network. However, within an hour of my e-mail expressing our desires, the good

folks at Moody Broadcasting e-mailed back with a proposal to erect a \$50,000 earth station near Chicago at their expense and send a digital, stereo signal right to us in Nome.

Our only expense would be a new satellite receiver, an antenna splitter and a couple of connectors. I was excited at the prospect of having a reliable, high quality program source!

When I returned home from my last three-week fund-raising tour, the new receiver had arrived and was installed in about half an hour. I held my breath and offered a prayer of hope that the new receiver would find the satellite, lock on and begin playing the audio. Praise God, there it was!

As I brought the audio up through the console, it sounded like I was standing in the Moody studios!

We're back. ■



*A real crowd favorite!*

## Terry and the Tumbleweeds Farewell Concert.

As part of the recent Reindeer Fundraising Dinner at Community Covenant Church in Eagle River, Alaska, entertainment was promised *and* was delivered in grand style. This wasn't your average entertainment but none other than Terry and the Tumbleweeds. Terry is Terry Reynolds and the Tumbleweeds are Sue Holder and Jim Brewer (all three former KICY staffers), Carolyn Lundberg (formerly a Nome-grown Bruckner) and Mark Woelber.

Terry and the Tumbleweeds got their start over 20 years ago in Nome and achieved notoriety by performing for Senator Ted Stevens election campaign. Uncle Ted, as he is known by Alaska residents, was so impressed he flew them all to an Anchorage recording studio to record his reelection theme song.

The Tumbleweeds have performed for a variety of events

around the state. Exactly what the future holds for the group isn't clear. Member, Sue Holder is moving to New Orleans, so the strong harmonies which put the Tumbleweeds on the map will be inevitably altered. So, this may have been the Farewell concert for Terry and the Tumbleweeds. Only time will tell.

Of the five songs performed that evening, the English and Inupiaq version of "In the Sweet By and By" will be forever remembered. I was standing near the rear of the sanctuary with Gert Fondell and we were both wiping tears. That one song, sung in Eskimo, is the undeclared anthem of western Alaska.

We wish the best for whatever lies in the future for the Tumbleweeds and thank them for making the Fundraising Dinner in Eagle River an extra special event. Thanks, too, to all those who volunteered to serve that evening. Over a dozen former KICY staff members helped out! ■

### *Alaska Fact:*

On October 30, 2006 the Nome Airport was closed due to an alleged bomb threat made to Alaska Airlines and sent as an e-mail.

The airport reopened the next day and the FBI is investigating.

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

**George Bard**

**Maj. Gary Grennon**

**Luda Kinok**

**Anna Moore**

**Cathy Lyon**

**Carol Morton**

**Tim Sergie**

**Dr. Phil Schobert**

**Chris Vandergraph**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

Please pray for Luda Kinok who has had to travel back to Provideniya for medical treatment.

Also, we are still looking for a full-time volunteer staff member to help answer phones, check e-mails, clear faxes and type Ptarmigan Telegraph messages and Public Service Announcements.

## New FM License Approved.

I opened my e-mail on November 2nd and found a message from our F.C.C. attorney in Washington, D.C. Attached was our newly granted license for ICY 100.3!

While we had been operating on Program Test Authority, this was the final piece of the project. The FM upgrade to 1,000 watts at 90 feet is complete.



*Dr. Phil displays the new FM license.*

It took a concerted effort by many volunteers and donors for this to happen. I like to quote Bill Hartman who always said, "Many go by giving and many give by going."

God has given us another great and powerful gift. I pray we use it wisely that all may know Him.

## A Critical Need: 77 New Monthly Financial Supporters.

Thank you, thank you to each one of you who continue to financially support this essential broadcast service to western Alaska and the Russian Far East.

The truth is, we need more of you. KICY is seeking 77 new individuals, families, churches or Sunday School Classes to become financial partners at \$30 a month for one year. That could be in the form of 40 Arctic Ambassadors at \$42 a month and 37 Chukotkan Missionaries at \$21 a month, or any combination.

Fuel cost increases, certainly not unfamiliar to all of you, threaten our ability to continue broadcasting. Can you help?

## Memorials

In October, we received memorials in the name of:

**Tom Dotomain  
Ron Bustad  
Dennis Czajka  
Brian Neu  
Charles & Marcella  
Simonson  
Edward Lattimore, Jr.  
Verna Windingstad  
Lloyd Ness  
Charlotte Jensen  
Robert Eric Lutz**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-October Income-

**\$25,883.85**

-October Budget-

**\$47,630.00**

-October Expenses-

**\$20,253.33**

*Includes Sales & Programs but  
not designated funds.*



Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

## Operation 'Solid Foundation'.

Hooray! We have surpassed the \$82,000 mark with \$15,820.00 received this month. Thank you!

That means the AM rebuilding project is still on target to be completed next summer.

We have only until **June 1, 2007** to raise the remaining funds. Please help keep KICY debt-free.

**\$175,000**

**\$150,000**

**\$125,000**

**\$100,000**

**\$82,546.59**

**\$75,000**

**\$50,000**

**\$25,000**

# Pastor Fred Drops in to Visit.

Pastor Fred Savok, twice a KICY volunteer and a former pastor in the Nome Covenant Church, recently returned to Nome for a visit. With him, he brought a CD-ROM copy of his newest manuscript.

His first work, entitled *Jesus and the Eskimo*, chronicled the history of his family as they became the first missionaries to the Alaskan Native or Eskimo culture.

His second work deals more with the work of his family in

Covenant Church ministry, starting at the church in Elim.

While in Nome, we were honored to have Pastor Fred

visit us at the KICY studios.

I also invited him to participate in CareForce, our daily prayer request program. He accepted our invitation and arrived at the studio bright and early to review the pages of prayer requests we had awaiting him.

Pastor Fred has such joy in serving the Lord. And that joy is instantly visible wherever he goes. We were delighted and honored to have Pastor Fred join us again on the air in Nome. Quanna! ■



*Pastor Fred Savok in the AM studio.*

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