



MESSENGER

Summer 2016



2016

4G DEPLOYMENT

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In 2015, ASTAC entered into a strategic agreement with AT&T using a hosted core model. Last year, we built and turned up seven HSPA+ 4G sites in Prudhoe Bay and the village of Nuiqsut.

We have mobilized equipment to Barrow and plan to complete the upgrade from 2G service to a 4G system this summer. The system's

antennae are sectorized for greater reach and in-building penetration and two 850 MHz Ericson radios are deployed for added capacity. Power output with the Ericson radios is 120 watts, six times the power of the existing 2G system.

“ WE PLAN TO COMPLETE THE UPGRADE FROM 2G SERVICE TO A 4G SYSTEM STARTING IN BARROW IN EARLY JUNE. ”

High speed data will be available for all of Barrow as well as out to sea and onto the tundra to support scientific research and subsistence. Voice and texting and slower speed data will be available, providing a public safety tool for both hunting and fishing subsistence lifestyle practiced by the Inupiat people.

Following the Barrow install, we will build similar systems in the remaining two Quintillion landings at Wainwright and Point Hope. After that we will install HSPA + Ericsson equipment in the remaining four village exchanges still on satellite backhaul and will begin to offer 4G speed service. We will also complete the Prudhoe Bay migration to 4G with the construction and turn up of four remaining sites.



GET READY FOR

4G

EXPERIENCE FASTER, BETTER SERVICE AND DATA PLANS YOU CAN SHARE!



2016 PIURAAĠIAQTA PARADE & TOP OF THE WORLD GOLF TOURNAMENT



Eleven players braved 35mph winds to play in this year's annual ASTC Top of the World Golf Tournament. The weather didn't keep this group from having fun though.

THANKS TO ALL WHO TURNED OUT AND HELPED. TRUE NORTH SLOPE SPIRIT!

TOURNAMENT PRIZES

1st place prize: Nexus 5X phones

2nd place prize: \$200 cash

3rd place prize: ASTAC branded 3 piece travel sets (bag, blanket & coffee thermos)



NEW SAMSUNG S7 & S7 EDGE
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE CHOICES.



NEW ASTAC TEAM MEMBER

WELCOME

EXPANDING BARROW STAFF

Emma Tukle joined our Barrow retail store as Administrative Assistant / Intern February 25. She is responsible for greeting the public, processing customer payments, assisting with product inventory and scanning customer information into ASTAC's online system – furthering our effort to be a paperless company. Emma is from Barrow and speaks Inupiaq. Our phone system offers customers the choice to speak with someone in Inupiaq.



GET READY FOR 4G COMING SOON

EXPERIENCE FASTER, BETTER SERVICE AND DATA PLANS YOU CAN SHARE!

- 300 MB to 50 GB shareable on up to 10 mobile devices
- Includes unlimited voice & texting
- Now offering MMS / picture messaging
- Choose voice coverage:
NATIONWIDE - \$20 PER MONTH/PHONE
STATEWIDE - \$15 PER MONTH/PHONE

DATA SHARE PLANS*

DATA PLAN	AMOUNT
300 MB PLAN	\$20
2 GB PLAN	\$30
3 GB PLAN	\$35
5 GB PLAN	\$45
12 GB PLAN	\$70
15 GB PLAN	\$95
20 GB PLAN	\$120
25 GB PLAN	\$170
30 GB PLAN	\$220
40 GB PLAN	\$295
50 GB PLAN	\$370

*\$15 PER 1 GB DATA COVERAGE. DATA ON A PER MONTH BASIS AND DOES NOT ROLL OVER TO THE FOLLOWING MONTH.

CONGRATULATIONS ASTAC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



KIMBERLY PIKOK

Kimberly Pikok from Barrow and **Joseph Ivanoff** from Atqasuk are this year's ASTAC scholarship recipients! Each year ASTAC awards \$1,000 scholarships to two high school seniors living in the North

Slope region. The scholarships are to be used for college or vocational school.

Kimberly, an honor role student at Barrow High School and 2016 Arctic Youth Ambassador, plans to attend the University of Alaska Fairbanks to earn a degree in Business Administration. Her goal is to move back to the North Slope after graduating and create a

sustainable music scene through festivals and concerts, making the region as she says, "a happier place to live." Kimberly believes if the community is happier, the suicide rate will be reduced. She also wants to promote abstinence from drugs and alcohol.

Joseph is a volunteer firefighter and Emergency Trauma Technician in Atqasuk and creator of an anti-bullying campaign at the Meade River High School. He plans to attend the University of Alaska Fairbanks majoring in health and wants to become his village's first paramedic. Joseph, who is his school's Student Council Treasurer and has played basketball and volleyball the last four years, is known for his community service and says he wants to be a role model to his peers.

911 EMERGENCY NUMBERS, ALL LOCATIONS

For police and fire, call 911.

Notice: The 911 emergency number has been developed to quickly respond to crisis situations. Call 911 only when human life or property is in jeopardy.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER CONGRATULATIONS PAM AVERY!

Congratulations Pam Avery, our Employee of the 1st Quarter. Pam made the move from Accounting to Purchasing and is known for her amazing energy!



ASTAC Chief Financial Officer Clover McNeil presents Pam Avery her Employee of the Quarter Gift Card.

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS REPORTING A SERVICE OUTAGE

Should you experience any problems with your wireless, Internet or home phone services, please contact ASTAC Customer Service at 1-800-478-6409, Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. For assistance after 5:00 pm or over the weekend call 1-888-535-7538 or email us at info@astac.net.

INTERNET TROUBLESHOOTING

For assistance troubleshooting your DSL Internet connection, try the four steps listed on our web site www.astac.net/servlet/content/internet.html. If you're still experiencing trouble contact our 24/7 tech-support team at 1-888-896-7815.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: JULY

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Monday, July 11, 2016	Point Hope	Tikigaq School Gym	2:30 p.m.
Monday, July 11, 2016	Point Lay	Kali School Library	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12, 2016	Atqasuk	Meade River School Gym	1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12, 2016	Wainwright	Alak School Gym	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 13, 2016	Nuiqsut	Nuiqsut Trapper School Gym	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 13, 2016	Barrow	Barrow High School Gym	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 14, 2016	Kaktovik	Harold Kaveolook School Gym	2:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 14, 2016	Deadhorse	NSB SA10 Conference Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday, July 15, 2016	Anaktuvuk Pass	Nunamiut School Gym	2:00 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?



In Japan, 90 percent of mobile phones are waterproof because youngsters use them in the shower.

Your mobile phone has more computing power than the computers used for the Apollo 11 moon landing.

Apple sold 340,000 iPhones per day in 2012.

Nomophobia is the fear of being without your mobile phone or losing your signal.

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