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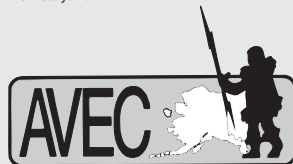
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Communities Served

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| Alakanuk | Nightmute |
| Ambler | Noatak |
| Andreafsky | Noorvik |
| Anvik | Nulato |
| Brevig Mission | Nunapitchuk |
| Chevak | Old Harbor |
| Eek | Pilot Station |
| Elim | Pitkas Point |
| Emmonak | Quinhagak |
| Gambell | Russian Mission |
| Goodnews Bay | St. Mary's |
| Grayling | St. Michael |
| Holy Cross | Savoonga |
| Hooper Bay | Scammon Bay |
| Huslia | Selawik |
| Kaltag | Shageluk |
| Kasigluk | Shaktoolik |
| Kiana | Shishmaref |
| Kivalina | Shungnak |
| Kotlik | Stebbins |
| Koyuk | Teller |
| Lower Kalskag | Togiak |
| Marshall | Toksook Bay |
| Mekoryuk | Tununak |
| Minto | Upper Kalskag |
| Mt. Village | Wales |
| New Stuyahok | |



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Allies Reunite Decades Later

I invited Loyd Hodson and his wife, Loretta, to lunch the other day. I also invited Willie Hensley to lunch the other day. It was a momentous occasion.

Willie, as many of you know, was AVEC's first board president. He was one of a small but determined group of Alaska village leaders who were on a mission to bring electric service to rural Alaska. Through his leadership and persistence, Willie achieved success and AVEC was launched on a path to sustainability.

Not long after AVEC's birth, the board sought applicants to be the general manager of the struggling young cooperative. Loyd submitted an application that arrived after the deadline, but upon reading it, Willie immediately realized Loyd was the very person AVEC needed to steer it to success.

Loyd became general manager of AVEC in 1970 and served until his retirement in 1992.

In 1997, AVEC published "Village Phoenix," a chronicle of the struggles AVEC contended with as it grew to become a respected nonprofit utility. In 2009, Willie chronicled his life story: "Fifty Miles from Tomorrow."



Loyd Hodson and Willie Hensley were instrumental in the start-up of Alaska Village Electric Cooperative.

At lunch last month, Willie presented Loyd with a signed copy of his book, and Loyd presented Willie with a signed copy of his. I was honored to be a part of that memorable occasion.

Until next time,

Meera Kohler
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Board Elects Officers

At its regular meeting on June 5, 2009, the AVEC board of directors elected the following officers:

- Chairman: Charlie Curtis
- Vice Chairman: Walter Sampson
- Secretary: Phyllis Clough
- Treasurer: Helena Jones