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Subject: JARC NEWSLETTER AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

MEETING OF THE JARC ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH AT 7:30

NEWSLETTER of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club KL7JRC

May 4, 2005

JARC 2005 Club Officers:

President KL7DP Dave Palmer
Vice President KL1AS Jack Gregson
Secretary KL0KZ Sam Smith
Treasurer WL7WB Paulette Sill
VHF Chair AL7BP Howard Shepherd
Past President KL1AS Jack Gregson

The regular monthly meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club will be held at the National Weather Service Office on the Back Loop Road at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. Our program will present information on "Propagation information via the web".

In Brief:

! Current paid membership is 37, which is slightly below the number last year at this time. Bob Simpson expects that we'll have another 20 or more members by summer. This is a great time to send in your dues so we can determine our level of funding available for our repeater system. We have many active projects and they all require funds that come predominantly from Club dues.

! ARRL Field Day will occur from 1800 UTC June 25 to 2100 UTC June 26. That's 10AM Saturday to 1 PM Sunday. We will need help setting up on Friday and tearing down on Sunday. We need volunteers to help with food, equipment etc. We will firm up plans at our May and June meetings. We may want to consider publicity to bring people out that might have an interest in the hobby.

! Our last VE exam was held on April 20th. Nick Axmaker passed requirements for the Technician Class License.

! We're trying to increase interest in using the Repeater system. There will normally be activity at 7 PM each night. Also, you might get into the habit of monitoring your radio and join in the chatter. During the summer we have had quite a bit of interest from tourists. Let's demonstrate that we are a friendly group.

! At our March meeting our members decided to look into selling the surplus ambulance that we received from the CBJ. See article below.

! Long-time Ham and active Club member Howard Reece, WL7WC is leaving Juneau soon. We're sorry to see him go and wish him all the best!

Summer Activities:

! Field Day : June 25-26

! July 4th : Help the Parade Committee with communications.

! Picnic: August sometime Date not yet set

Financial Status:

Paulette reported that our bank balance was \$1,549.07 at the end of March.

Communication Vehicle:

We discussed the future of the communications vehicle at our last two meetings. Votes were taken at the last meeting to sell the vehicle and to hold onto the proceeds for future decisions regarding its use. The main consideration in this decision involved the high cost of insurance for a vehicle of limited usefulness.

IRS Non-Profit Status:

Wayne Longacre has volunteered to prepare the 501C3 application needed to receive Non-Profit status from the IRS. We are currently listed by the Alaska Dept of State as non-profit, but this doesn't help when applying for grants or receiving income from other non-profit activities. Thanks Wayne!

Satellite Information:

Ron Hagerup sent information on an interesting web site that he found that provides information on satellities. You can enter your location and it provides a list of satellites accessible at your location including frequencies and times. (www.heavens-above).

VE Report:

Jerry held a VE Exam on April 20th with the help of Glenn Sicks and Bob Simpson. Nick Axmaker passed his Technician Class license. Congratulations Nick!

VHF Report:

Jerry reports that the Alascom crew is getting close to getting the antenna work done at Lena Point. This should get us back into good signal strength everywhere north and throughout our network.

Wednesday Lunchtime Meetings: We've been having about 15 members at our Wednesday lunch meetings. It's good to see snowbird Glen Sicks back in Juneau. The informal lunch meetings continue to take place at the Atrium Café in the Jordan Creek Mall at noon every Wednesday.

Time to Reenlist: Summer is nearly here and our membership is a bit below where we would like to see it. Your Club has been very active and careful stewards of the dues money paid into the Club treasury. Most of the money has been spent keeping up the VHF repeater network and in providing new repeaters. The Club has also supported the purchase of educational materials for new amateur radio licensees, and we have offered scholarship prizes for high school students at the annual science fair.

Applications are available at monthly meetings and on-line at www.qsl.net/jarc. Annual membership dues are :

\$36.00 for an individual membership including one autodial number, plus
 \$12.00 for each additional family member;
 \$10.00 for reverse patch and mailbox; and
 \$5.00 for each additional autodial numbers.

Please bring your dues to the next meeting or mail to:

Juneau Amateur Radio Club
 P.O. Box 35484
 Juneau, Alaska 99803-5484
 Attn: Treasurer

If you haven't sent in your dues, this would be a great time to do it. We will also accept your dues at our Wednesday meetings or the regular monthly meetings. Your Club needs the income.

ARES Activities: ARES Net meets on the Mt Roberts repeater each Tuesday at 7PM, although you can check in through any of the operating repeaters. The Northern Southeast Alaska Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) net operates with good participation from Hoonah, Haines, Gustavus, and Juneau every Tuesday at 7:00 PM. The purposes of this net are to check on the readiness of ARES members and their equipment, to make announcements pertaining to amateur radio, to conduct informal training and to give members experience in managing a net. All are welcome to check in. We hope to see you on the radio!

Tell us your new E-mail Address: Sam Smith, KLOKZ, our Newsletter editor has been sending out our Newsletters electronically to the 90 percent of our membership who use Email. Please contact Sam at ssmith@ptialaska.net if you obtain a new e-mail address.

The Newsletter: The Editor of your Newsletter continues to search for interesting information from Club members that can be used in the Newsletter. We are frequently able to include articles and information by Club members, which are far more interesting than the usual dry information produced by the editor. If you have time to put something together that would interest the membership, please send by e-mail to ssmith@ptialaska.net. We will edit it for you, so don't hesitate to send something to us. The appropriate length is less than one page.

Club Web Site: The Club's website is www.qsl.net/jarc. The site is maintained by Mike Caughran. An archive of past Newsletters, Club Minutes and ARES information are available on the site. It also provides excellent exposure for selling used radio equipment.

Repeater Status: Following is the status of repeaters in the Juneau area, which are available for use by Club members and out of town guests. For additional information on the Club's network of repeaters see the 2004 JARC Repeater Guide

REPEATER LOCATION	H-T FREQUENCY	CONDITION
Mt. Roberts Tramway	R146.82/T146.22	Operating normally linking to Lena, although not a great signal.
Lena Point	R147.00/T146.40	Operating normally antenna not in final location.
Heinzelman Ridge	R146.64/T146.04	Operating normally
Hoonah Mountain	R146.70/T146.10	Operating normally antenna not in final location.

Petersburg/Duncan Canal	R147.36/T146.76	New equipment is nearly ready for installation.
Haines Repeater	R147.06/T147.66	Functioning and linked to Juneau
Skagway Crossband	440 mHz band	Frequencies not yet established

(Receive and transmit frequencies refer to your hand held transceiver)