

JARC MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

NEWSLETTER of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club KL7JRC

September 7, 2005

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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, September 7, 2005.

In Brief:

- ! One of our most respected members: Tad Fujioka, NL7KL, SK. See story.
- ! Current paid membership is 55. Anytime is appropriate to send in your dues, so don't hesitate to fill out your form and send the dues to Bob Simpson.
- ! We had a great field day June 25 and 26. Great radio and great food.
- ! Lots of members out of town, but we need to do some planning for winter meetings.

Financial Status:

Paulette reported that our bank balance was \$1,863,17 at the end of August.

VE Report:

No VE action in May.

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.

Tad Fujioka:

Tad Fujioka, KL7KL, passed away on June 28th followed by his spouse of 63 years, Cherry, on July 29th. They will both be missed by their many friends.

Remembering Tad Fujioka

Tad and I went to the same high school in Seattle but he was 10 years ahead of me. Tad's time in school was during the great depression. Rather than being able to find jobs, many of the young fellows played baseball in neighborhood leagues or business-sponsored leagues. Tad liked to recall playing ball with a couple of players who came from my neighborhood and later went on to play in the major leagues.

I really got to know Tad when I got into the ham radio hobby. This was in the days before cell phones. When Jeff Fujioka told me that his Dad could make phone calls through the repeater by keying the phone number into his handy-talky ham radio, I got interested in the hobby myself.

When Tad was studying to pass his Morse code test at 20-words per minute, we would see him using a Walkman to listen to the code while shopping in the stores with Cherry. Tad listened to those code tapes a lot over the months and he finally passed his 20 WPM test and got his Extra Class license. When I asked Tad why he went through all this work for a few extra privileges, he told me that he did it in respect for a paraplegic friend of his in Seattle that he regularly communicated with by ham radio. He did this when he was in his late 70's. Tad had persistence and a very keen mind.

I have a few brief things to tell you about my relations with Tad and amateur radio.

1. *When I was studying for my first ham radio exam I asked Tad to tell me how a tank circuit worked. A tank circuit is a basic component that tunes a radio to a specific frequency so that we can select a radio signal out of the air. Rather than answering my question he asked me if I wanted to pass the exam or become an expert. He told me to memorize the simple answers required and not to worry about the more complicated stuff. (Jeff Short of the ABL gave me the textbook answer to my question)*

2. *When Tad was on the road to and from town he would often get on the repeater system with his radio and sing out his callsign "NL7KL Mobile". He was looking for some companionship enroute to where he was going.*

I responded to one of Tad's calls and invited him over for a visit. Tad said that he had already passed Auke Bay and was heading for home. He was a half-mile beyond where he would have turned off the highway to visit me. Then Harold Hogberg came on the air and announced that his wife had just taken an apple pie out of the oven. Tad said that he would backtrack 5 miles to Harold's for that pie alamode. I joined them for that treat.

3. *Tad loaned me his automatic machine for practicing the code when I was trying to pass the 13-word per minute code test and Harold Hogberg loaned me several practice tapes.*

*Usually our fellow hams are a bit sympathetic when someone studies hard and fails a test. When I failed the code test for the second time, Tad and Harold got on the air and talked about my problem so that all could hear. Harold would say, "**Too bad Bob Simpson failed his code test again**" and Tad would respond with, "**I don't know what is wrong with the guy he had all of the tools available to him**". They went on like this and had a pretty good idea that I was listening but I wouldn't give those guys the pleasure by responding to them*

on the radio. I talked to Tad later about these digs and the lack of sympathy that he and Harold had for me and he laughed and said that he was sure that I was listening.

Tad was a very social person and he enriched the lives of our radio group and of all who knew him.

(By Bob Simpson, NL7XZ)

Wednesday Lunchtime Meetings: We've been having about 15 members at our Wednesday lunch meetings. The informal lunch meetings continue to take place at the Atrium Café in the Jordan Creek Mall at noon every Wednesday.

Membership:

Current membership is 55. 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, KL0KZ, 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)