

Juneau Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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**JARC MEETING WEDNESDAY JUNE 6TH AT
WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE ON BACK LOOP
ROAD - 7:30 PM**

**NEWSLETTER
of the
Juneau Amateur Radio Club
KL7JRC**

June 2, 2004

JARC 2004 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, June 2, 2004.

In Brief:

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Paid membership as of our May meeting was 58, which is still below the number last year at this time. This is a great time to send in your dues so we can determine our

level of funding available for our repeater system.

- ARRL Field Day will occur from 1800 UTC June 26 to 2100 UTC June 27. That is 10AM Saturday to 1 PM Sunday. Charlie is planning to bring a 500-watt amp for our main position. This should help us blast out of the "black hole" here in Juneau and allow us to have more success on SSB. This should be a great opportunity for new members and those of us with low power rigs to see how it can work. 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 June meeting. We need someone to help with publicity to bring people out that might have an interest in the hobby.
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- The annual picnic will be held on August 7 from 4 to 8 PM at the Sandy Beach Shelter. We need help cooking and organizing for this event. Charlie volunteered to come up with an AM transmitter that we can use for a fox hunt. Should be fun!!
- Fourth of July is coming up soon. We will again be helping the Festival committee at the staging area. See Jack or Sam if you can help out.
- The June meeting will be our last meeting until September. However, your Newsletter editor will send out short monthly Newsletters throughout the summer to keep you in touch with important happenings.

VE Report:

There were no license exams given during May. If anyone contacts you about a schedule, Jerry has indicated that he will work around other folks' schedules. So you should contact him on the air or at his local telephone.

VHF Report:

The signal between Mt Roberts and Lena Point is better, and will improve when the antenna location at Lena is moved to its final location on the main tower. The Alascom folks will move it up when they are doing other projects on the tower, which will occur sometime later this summer. The Petersburg repeater is not yet functional, but there is a high probability that it will happen during June. We'll send out another e-mail when this happens. Jerry is helping with installation of a cross-band repeater for Skagway. This will allow use of 440 MHz transceivers in Skagway through a 2 meter link with Mt Rapinski. This should also happen this summer.

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Haines Repeater

R147.06/T147.66

Skagway Crossband

440 mHz band

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

Date: Sun, 02 May 2004 20:48:42 -0800

To: drpochoa@gci.net

From: "Sam Smith" <ssmith@ptialaska.net>

Subject: JARC NEWSLETTER AND MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENT

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activity and we are looking forward to signal reports.

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Equipment For Sale:

ICOM W21AT dual band HT (2 meter/70 cm), two "AA" battery pacs, manual \$150.

ICOM T21A HT (2 meter TX/RX, 70 cm RX), two "AA" battery pacs, manual \$100

Contact Bob Dewey WL7QC @789-7662 for more info. Both radios will be available for inspection at the May JARC monthly meeting.

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- The high school Science Fair was held on Friday and Saturday, March 5th and 6th at the Marie Drake gym. Exhibits were open to the public on Friday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The Club offered a prize of \$100 plus the ARRL license study book, Now You're Talking for the best project involving radio communications. Mark Miles and Sam Smith were present to judge the entries. Unfortunately, there weren't any projects that qualified for the Club prize. In an effort to increase interest in radio and electronics, Sam Smith has volunteered to meet with the high school physics teacher. He hopes to increase the opportunities for students to pursue projects that emphasize radio communication or related subjects. It's evident that there is little emphasis on these subjects in the present curricula. Let Sam know if you have any ideas.

- Our last VE exam was held on February 28th. Doug Alsip passed his Extra Class license exam and Phil McRee passed his General Class exam. Congratulations!!!!!!

- Rich Lestor donated a very nice Cushcraft R4 HF vertical antenna to the Club for field day and other activities. Thanks a lot Rich. Good luck in Austen!

- Mike Caughran presented a very interesting program on free software available for various types of digital communication

modes and DSP using PC sound cards. A good web site for links to Hellschreiber software is

- Our treasurer advises that the Club bank balance on March 3rd was \$922.13.

Antenna Party: Following the April business meeting, Joel Gilbert will lead a presentation for fabricating a copper J Pole base antenna for use on 2m and 70cm. The web site where information on this design may be found is:

We will discuss the copper J pole concept, cut the copper, and put one or two antennas together. Required soldering will be done outside

Anybody interested in building an antenna needs to bring:

110 foot section of schedule M 1/2" copper tubing
1 1/2" copper elbow
1 1/2" copper Tee fitting
2 1/2" copper end caps
ISO-239 panel mount coaxial fitting (optional)
2 1/2" to 1" stainless steel hose clamps (used to attach coax)
1 roll of coax, length is dependant upon your run (optional)
1 1/2 cu sweat to thread
1 42 length of 3/16 or 1/4 soft copper tubing.
1 1/2 dia. x 9 long wood dowel

Please bring the following tools, if you can:

Tape measurer
Tubing cutter
Propane torch
Solder and flux
Electrical tape
Caulking compound
Screwdriver
Steel wool or Scotch Brite pad to clean all the copper
Spray can of clear exterior lacquer
Wire stripper for coax

Please feel free to bring additional tools or parts if you have other ideas.

We won't be able to do any soldering or cutting inside the NWS Office. However, we will have a box truck available to do any fabrication work.

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In Brief:

- The Annual Meeting and banquet was held at St Brendans Church on January 24th. New Club officers were elected. We had a great gourmet supper prepared by Jerry Prindle. See the following story.

- The very nice Icom IC-T7H FM Transceiver, main door prize, was won by Bob Dewey, WL7QC. Congratulations Bob!!! See the following story for a list of the other great prizes awarded at the banquet.

- Congratulations to the 2003 Officers elected at the meeting. President: Dave Palmer, KL7DP, Vice President: Jack Gregson, KL1AS, Secretary: Sam Smith, KL0KZ, Treasurer: Paulette Sill, WL7WB and VHF Chairman: Howard Shepherd, AL7BP. Many thanks to last years officers.

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Annual Meeting:

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Under the expert direction of Chef Jerry, KL7HFI, 50 members and their guests enjoyed the main course of prime rib and potatoes. Members brought a great selection of desserts, salads and other side dishes.

We had a great slate of door prizes this year. Bob Dewey, WL7QC, won the Grand Prize of an Icom T7H hand-held transceiver. Repeater Directories were won by John Furuness, WL7PW, and Bob Matson, WL7QE. Hints and Kinks won by Howard Reese, KL7WC. Antenna Handbook won by Frank Hall, AL7HF. RSGB Radio and Electronics Cookbook won by Jerry Prindle, KL7HFI. RSGB Technical Compendium won by Steve Byers, KL1MB.

The treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$1,101.57 in our bank account as of the date of the meeting.

Jerry reported that he held about 15 VE exams during the year resulting in three upgrades to general class, one to extra class and many technician class licenses.

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