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Subject: JARC NEWSLETTER AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**DON'T MISS THE JARC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 6TH**

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

**October 6, 2004**

**JARC 2004 Club Officers:**

President      KL7DP    Dave Palmer  
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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, October 6, 2004.**

**In Brief:**

- Major Joel Gilbert , KL1EF, and his National Guard unit is being activated and will be leaving for Iraq following a period of intensive training. We wish Joel all the best and look forward to his safe return. See story.

- This letter is being sent a little early, as our editor, KL0KZ, will be out of town until October 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any important news please pass it on during announcements during the ARES net.
- The Club has ordered 10 digital interface kits from BUXcomm. This will be a great Club project. See story

**Club Project:** At the suggestion of Mike Caughran, 10 members of the Club have placed a group order for digital interface kits from BUXcommco. The Rascal Interface will allow you to access almost any type of digital communication requiring a sound card. We will have a soldering party at the October meeting if the kits arrive in time. Keep in touch on the air, especially Tuesday night. For additional information several great web sites are available.

For RASCAL Mark V, wired & tested PSK & SSTV Interfaces, go to:  
[www.Packetradio.com/rascalmkv.htm](http://www.Packetradio.com/rascalmkv.htm)

For RASCAL Sound card to transceiver interface "kits", Go To:  
[www.PacketRadio.com/PSK.htm](http://www.PacketRadio.com/PSK.htm)

For TNC to Radio wiring diagrams, Go To:  
[www.PacketRadio.com/wiring.htm](http://www.PacketRadio.com/wiring.htm)

For Antennas, Accessories, Adapters, Connectors, & Components, Go To:  
[www.BUXcommco.com](http://www.BUXcommco.com)

**Major Joel Gilbert:** Joel has been an important part of our Club, as a Club officer, leader on the J-Pole antenna project, frequent Net Control on the ARES Net and supporter of all of our activities. We'll surely miss him here in Juneau, but he is a fine person and will be a fine representative of our Country as a National Guard soldier. We wish

him all the best and look forward to his safe return. We hope that he'll have an opportunity to communicate with us on the air or by e-mail. We'll all be interested in hearing about his activities.

**VE Report:** If anyone contacts you about a VE exam schedule, Jerry has indicated that he will work around other folk's schedules. So you should contact him on the air or at his local telephone.

**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. This is a great way to keep in touch.

**Membership:** Applications are available at monthly meetings and on-line at [www.qsl.net/jarc](http://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.

**ARES Activities:** We are in need of volunteers for net control for the winter months. With the departure of our snowbirds and Joel to Iraq, we will be short of operators beginning immediately. **Tune in on Tuesday and volunteer!!!** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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. With the change in weather conditions, the Mt Roberts repeater is now linking to Lena Point. The link is not perfect now, but should improve considerably when the antenna at Lena is moved up on the tower.

<b>REPEATER LOCATION</b>	<b>H-T FREQUENCY</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>
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Mt. Roberts Tramway	R146.82/T146.22	Operating normally
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	Functioning but path to Lena Point not established.
Haines Repeater	R147.06/T147.66	Functioningbut link to Juneau has poor signal. 6m link to Canada yet to be established
Skagway Crossband	R444.600/ T449.600	Functioning and Linked to Haines Repeater

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