

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL MEETING ON SATURDAY JANUARY 15TH!!!!!!!

NEWSLETTER of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club KL7JRC

January 15, 2005

JARC 2004 Club Officers:

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The Annual Meeting of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club will resume on Saturday at 6:30 PM, January 15, 2005 at St Brendan's Church, 4207 Mendenhall Loop Rd.

In Brief:

- We are still entertaining nominations for 2005 Club officers. We need help in this important service to the Club.
- The annual meeting will feature a VE exam, Swap meet, good fellowship and great food. A great chance to catch up with other members. See Story.
- We continue to need volunteers for the ARES net. See story.
- Our treasurer reports that we have a total of \$4,758 in our account as of December 1st. We will be paying \$3,404.10 for the equipment ordered for the emergency communications station at the hospital.

Annual Meeting: By custom the JARC begins its annual meeting at the regular monthly meeting in December to be continued in January at the annual Club banquet.

The annual meeting will be held on January 15th at St. Brendan's Church on the Glacier Loop Road. We will again have prime rib prepared by our expert chef, KL7HFI. Door prizes include a selection of ARRL books and the grand prize is a \$150 gift certificate to AES. You must be a paid up 2005 member to qualify for the grand prize and you must be both in attendance and a member to qualify for the door prizes. You don't need to be in attendance to qualify for the grand prize. You can pay you dues when you get to the hall.

Members may bring family members or a guest. There is no charge for this event. The Club will provide the prime rib, condiments and drinks. Members are asked to bring a side dish such as salads, bread, desserts, vegetables, etc. Jerry and the Club officers will appreciate any help that you can provide with set up and cleanup. Jerry will be at the church at 3 PM.

A VE session will be available at 4PM. If you would like to take any test contact Jerry Prindle or Bob Simpson prior to Saturday. We will provide space in the hall for a swap meet. So if you would like to sell any of your extra equipment, this is your opportunity. This is very helpful to new members, so dig into your junk boxes and bring some things to the meeting. This will be available after 5PM.

Hospitality time is 6 PM, and dinner will be served at 6:30. See you there!

Member Notes:

Jon Newstrom, currently a club member of JARC with callsign KL7GT, is now working in Afghanistan to set up independent radio stations. The December 27, 2004 edition of the Juneau Empire featured Jon's efforts in this endeavor. Jon is the Afghanistan director for Internews, a nonprofit organization that supports open media worldwide. Internews trains journalists and station managers from scratch and produces radio programming and internet content. He has many challenges in this job. "The first problem is finding partners and selecting who we want to work with in the community", Newstrom said. Internews wants to be sure it isn't working with people connected to warlords, opium producers or the government he said. In Afghanistan, where only a third of adults can read, the radio is valued.

Major Joel Gilbert, KL1EF, will soon be leaving for Iraq with his National Guard Unit. We wish Joel all the best and look forward to his safe return. His wife Laura and family will remain in Juneau. Joel and his family will receive their 2005 membership with the Club's compliments. Laura has been involved on the ARES net and we look forward to hearing her on the air.

Bartlett Hospital Station: Jerry has ordered most of the equipment needed for the new VHF station at the Hospital. You may recall that this equipment was purchased with grant money received from the Hospital as part of their diversification of emergency communications. The Hospital will own the equipment and we will assist with its operation. Installation of the equipment will not take place for a while as it is involved with the current expansion project. Jerry will bring us some details at the Annual meeting.

HF Nets: In addition to the ARES net on Tuesday nights there are some great opportunities on HF. You should tune in and participate in the following nets.

! Motley Net: 3.933 MHz at 2100 every night. There is a swap on Saturday nights following the regular net check in.

! Alaska Pacific Net: 14.297 MHz at 0830 Monday thru Friday.

! Snipers Net: 3.920 MHz at 1800 every night.

! Bush Net: 7.093 MHz at 2000 hrs every night.

Communications Vehicle: The Club needs to continue our discussion of the long-term disposition of the converted ambulance. Several suggestions have been made. Give us your thoughts at the annual meeting.

VE Report: No exams this past month. Let's start studying and talking up the hobby.

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. 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: 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: No changes since last month. 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. The Mt Roberts to Lena Pt. link is not perfect now, but should improve considerably when the antenna at Lena is moved up on the tower. With the on-set of winter, it is possible that our link between Mt Roberts and Lena Pt will degrade. Jerry will report on this at the Annual meeting.

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)