

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE JARC WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 7TH AT 7:30 PM AT THE WEATHER FORECASTING OFFICE

NEWSLETTER of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club KL7JRC

June 7, 2006

JARC 2006 Club Officers:

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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 on Wednesday at 7:30 PM, June 7, 2006. We will complete our planning for Field Day and other summer events .

In Brief:

- We sold the ambulance!!!! See story
- Final planning for Field Day at June meeting.
- Summer events a chance to support your Club through active participation.

May Meeting Highlights:

- Joel Gilbert gave a presentation on amateur radio activities by our soldiers in Iraq. Very interesting.
- We discussed the terms of sale of the Club's communication vehicle, otherwise known as The Ambulance . Sam was authorized to obtain a duplicate title and to purchase new batteries if required.
- We discussed the Field Day coming up on June 23 and 24. It was decided to have the Club Picnic on Saturday June 23rd during Field Day.
- The Club will again provide assistance to the Fourth of July Committee. This is also a good opportunity to help your community and Club.

Status of the Ambulance:

At the May meeting, Sam was authorized to sell the ambulance for a modest sum. Sam indicated that he had found some information on e-bay that provided pricing for similar vehicles that ranged up to \$8000. We had several groups interested in purchasing the vehicle, but the Kensington Mine (Coeur Alaska) purchased it for use as an ambulance at the Jualin operation. We received \$6000 and the title has been transferred. I believe that we received a fair price and the purchaser is happy with the vehicle. The proceeds have been deposited in

the bank and we have retrieved our Club license plates, KL7JRC. We didn't have to purchase batteries, but I did need to obtain a duplicate title for \$15 and extra keys for \$5, so we netted \$5980.

The Club membership has previously indicated that we didn't want to make any snap decisions on the use of the money, but that we want to be good stewards. There have been several ideas expressed over the last several years concerning quality projects that we could undertake that would complement our Club's ability to communicate with the outside, particularly during an emergency. The CBJ donated the vehicle to us in order for us to improve our ability to provide emergency communications. We should probably further our ability in that area of Club activities.

The Club would also like to offer hardy thanks to Bob Palmer for his efforts in obtaining the donation of the ambulance from the CBJ, and also for storing it for us these last two years! Without his help we wouldn't have had this nice addition to our bank account.

VE Report:

No VE report this month

VHF Report:

No change in repeater status.

Wednesday Lunchtime Meetings: We've been having 8 to 10 members at our Wednesday lunch meetings. The informal lunch meetings continue to take place at the Atrium Café eating area in the Jordan Creek Mall at noon every Wednesday. Bring your lunch.

Membership:

Rob Kindred is taking over membership duties for Bob Simpson. Bob has done a great job for us over the last few years and we certainly owe him a great deal for his persistence in keeping our membership roles up. As of the May meeting we had about 50 paid members for 2006. Memberships 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 any number of additional family members;
\$10.00 for reverse patch and mailbox;
\$5.00 for each additional autodial numbers; and
\$10 for a youth membership.

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

The Club needs your active participation and dues.

ARES Activities: We need more participation in the ARES Net that meets on the Mt Roberts repeater each Tuesday at 7PM. It only takes about 10 minutes and provides good practice for any events that could overwhelm our community. The Northern Southeast Alaska Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) net operates with good participation from Haines, Gustavus, and Juneau. 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!

During one of the Tuesday nets in May, the participants had a good rag chew following check in. This was a good thing and we need to keep up interest in using our fine repeater system. We have also talked to several visitors to our community on the net and they were quite happy to find someone to talk with, so you might consider monitoring the repeaters when you have time.

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 needs a tune up. Lena
Point	R147.00/T146.40	Operating normally antenna not in final location. Heinzelman
Ridge	R146.64/T146.04	System is functioning properly Hoonah Mountain
Petersburg/Duncan Canal	R147.36/T146.76	Operating normally antenna not in final location. 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)