

NEWSLETTER
of the
Juneau Amateur Radio Club
KL7JRC

2011 JARC Club Officers:

President	AL7L	Pat Moore
V.P.	WL7BKA	Dave Bruce
Secretary	KL0KZ	Sam Smith
Treasurer	Vacant	
VHF Chair	KL7HFI	Jerry Prindle
Past President	KL1AS	Jack Gregson

In Brief:

- The Annual Meeting of the JARC was opened on December 12, 2010 and was continued on January 15, 2011.
- Elections were held on January 15th. The new officers for 2011 are Pat Moore, President; Dave Bruce, Vice President; Sam Smith, Treasurer; James Zuelow, Treasurer; Jerry Prindle, VHF Chairman; and Jack Gregson, Past President. However, James Zuelow indicated that he couldn't serve due to work conflicts. A special election will be held at the February meeting for a replacement.
- The Annual Banquet was held on Saturday, January 15th at 6:00pm at St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. A VE session was held at 3:00pm and a HAM equipment sale was held following the banquet. Door prizes were awarded following the meeting. Jerry prepared an excellent prime rib and Club members brought side dishes and desserts.
- The new Club officers held a planning meeting on January 17th at Pat Moore's home. See the attachment. At the February meeting we will discuss our 2011 budget and activities planned for the year.
- Vice president Dave would like to remind everyone to get their membership dues in as soon as possible. The dues go in part to maintain the repeater system open to all licensed amateurs, the annual meeting, dinner, and awards, Field Day, licensing exams, Post Office Box, Postage, Website, and miscellaneous costs during the year. We have an ambitious program for this year and need the revenue. If you have any ideas for raising money for these and other future projects please pass your ideas on to any Board

member. Encourage any amateurs not now members to consider joining. QRZ indicates there are approximately 140 licensed amateurs in the Juneau area with whom we have no contact. Let's see if we can reach them.

· At a recent Board meeting our President, Pat Moore, indicated he would like to see us "Elmering" young people who obtain their ham license. He wants it to be our goal to get them on the air before they are lost to the hobby. If anyone is interested in participating in this effort contact Pat Moore and find out how you can be part of this effort.

· It appears one of the reasons we lose young hams is because of the high cost of obtaining necessary equipment to get started. If anyone has an unused transceiver capable of 10 meters or higher that still works we'd like to ask you to consider donating it to the club to be passed on to a newly licensed amateur radio enthusiast. If you know of anyone, a lapsed amateur, whose equipment is just collecting dust please talk to them about donating. Any other equipment such as; tuners, coax, antennas and antenna wire would be appreciated. As we are a non-profit organization I believe any contributions would be tax deductible.

· It has been shown that these young people are some of the best coming along these days and we don't want to lose them.

Wednesday Lunchtime Meetings:

We have had 8 to 10 members at our Wednesday lunch meetings. The informal lunch meetings continue to take place at the Safeway Deli at noon every Wednesday. There is a great selection of sandwiches and soups. Come join us!

Membership:

We are now accepting dues for the 2011 term. Membership information is available at monthly meetings and on our web site.

\$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 number; and

\$10 for a youth membership.

Please 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: Participation in the ARES Net has been excellent. Let's keep it up through the winter months. The net meets on the Mt Roberts repeater each Tuesday at 7PM, or on Larry's repeater at 147.30. 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 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! Because of problems with our repeater network, we have been using the universal simplex frequency of 146.52 and the repeater administered by Larry Walter at 147.30.

Tell us your new E-mail Address: Sam Smith, KL0KZ, our Newsletter editor has been sending out our Newsletters electronically to the 95 percent of our membership who use Email. Please contact Sam at ssmith@ptialaska.net or at sam@borealcontrols.com if you obtain a new e-mail address.

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 or at sam@borealcontrols.com. 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: An archive of past Newsletters, Club Minutes and ARES information will be available on the site. It will also provide an excellent opportunity for selling used radio equipment. The URL is <http://www.qsl.net/jarc/>

Repeater Status: Jerry has finished the new repeater guide. We will make them available on line to Club members as soon as I have an electronic copy. There are still some problems with the Mt Roberts repeater and the Lena Point Repeater. The linking systems are not working properly, but the individual repeaters are working. The phone patch works only through the Lena Point repeater.

REPEATER LOCATION	H-T FREQUENCY	CONDITION
Mt. Roberts Tramway	R146.82/T146.22	Operating marginally A new duplexer and antenna needs to be installed.
Lena Point	R147.00/T146.40	Repeater is operating with some problems repeater antenna is in final location. The old linking antenna is still being used. The new equipment has been installed.
Mendenhall Valley Repeater (formerly Heinzelman Ridge)	R146.64/T146.04	System is located at Jerry s home in the Valley. There seems to be some problems.
Hoonah Mountain	R146.70/T146.10	Repeater is now functioning.
Petersburg/Duncan Canal	R147.36?T146.76	Equipment has not yet been installed
Haines Repeater	R147.06/T147.66	Functioning, but with some problems.
Skagway Crossband	440 mHz band	Functioning

Minutes of the 2010 annual Meeting on DECEMBER 1, 2010 AND CONTINUED TO JANUARY 15, 2011:

Call to order: 1930 hours By Jack Gregson

Attendance on 12/1/2010: Jack Gregson KL1AS, David Bruce WL7BKA, Pat Moore AL7L, Jerry Prindle KL7HFI; Sam Smith KL0KZ; Joe Johnson KL2ZS, Estol Belflower KL7IVY, James Zuelow KL2ZZ; Rob Cadnos (Guest) and Kati Glover (Guest).

Attendance on 1/15/2011: 28 members and 12 guests.

Secretary s Report: Minutes for the November 3, 2010 meeting were approved as provided on 12/1/2010.

Election at the 1/15/2011 meeting: The new officers for 2011 are Pat Moore, President; Dave Bruce, Vice President; Sam Smith, Secretary; James Zuelow, Treasurer; Jerry Prindle, VHF Chairman; and Jack Gregson, Past President.

Treasurer s Report: Jack reported that the total amount in the bank account is approximately \$4,700.

Membership Report: Membership will be reported at the February meeting.

VE Report: There was a VE session at the banquet on 1/15/2011. Names and call signs will be reported at the February meeting.

VHF Chair Report: Jerry reported that he had inspected the new mobile tower and generator, and that it is in excellent condition although new batteries are needed for the generator. The vehicle is parked at the Alascom site at 11 mile. Jerry has some experience with mobile tower operation and will be able to conduct training.

The Valley repeater is functioning properly.

Pat reported that he has received the 3-band FTM-350 R/E transceiver for installation at the NWS Station. Total expenditure to-date for the installation is \$609.21.

Old Business:

- Sam and Jack conducted a cursory audit of the Club's books at the Annual Meeting.
- The URL for our website is: <http://www.qsl.net/jarc/>.
- We have received an application from the insurance company for Club liability insurance. Sam will fill it out and request a quote and report back.

New Business:

- It was moved, seconded and passed at the 12/1/2010 meeting to authorize a \$200 gift certificate and \$250 for annual meeting door prizes.

Meeting Adjourned: It was moved, seconded and passed that we continue the Annual Meeting until 1/15/2011.

JARC Board Holds First Regular Meeting of 2011

The JARC board met at Pat Moore's house on Monday, January 17. All members of the board were present (Pat, AL7L, President; Jack Gregson, KL1AS, Past President; David Bruce, WL7BKA, Vice President; Sam Smith, KL0KZ, Secretary; Larry Walter, KL7IWC, Acting Treasurer; and Jerry Prindle, KL7HFI, Repeater Chairman). Robert Simpson, NL7XZ, was invited in his role as membership chairman.

Pat announced his intention to hold periodic meetings of the JARC board throughout the year to advise him in leading the club.

The informal agenda ranged from membership, club activities, the 2011 budget, collecting projected absences for the board members, Pat's intention to appoint chairs for each of the major events and operations in which the club participates, and his request that those chairs involve new members of the club in their committees.

Bob Simpson reported on the 2011 membership. Following the annual meeting, JARC had 35 paid members, 25 of whom were members of the American Radio Relay League. JARC must maintain 50% ARRL membership to remain an ARRL-affiliated club.

A calendar of club activities was discussed. The board indentified:

- Technician, General, and Extra classes, February 7-April 23, Jerry Prindle, KL7HFI, chair
- Repairs and upgrades to linked repeaters, April-May, Jerry Prindle, chair
- Field Day, June 24, Glenn Sicks, KL0QZ, chair
- Parade support, July 4, Jack Gregson, KL1AS, chair
- Skywarn Recognition Day, probably December 2-3, needs chair
- Annual meeting and banquet, probably January 14, 2012, Sam Smith, KL0KZ, chair

The Board discussed the club's financial position. Participation in these events and some minor operating expenses like postage add up to a little over \$1,100 yearly. This is within the club's means, but Jerry anticipates that this spring's repairs to the club's linked repeater system will cost approximately \$1,600 and a set of replacement batteries for the club's newly acquired tower trailer will add another \$600 or so. Funding these expenditures from the club treasury would be prohibitive.

However, the board members pointed out that the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club has granted JARC money in the past, and it was agreed that all would send names of the Anchorage club members who were involved to Pat so he could open that channel for discussion.

The board met for approximately two hours. No motions were put forward, and no formal actions were taken.

Pat Moore

President

JARC Offers Licensing Classes

The Juneau Amateur Radio Club will be offering a series of three licensing classes this spring. Beginning Monday evening, February 7, Jerry Prindle, KL7HFI, will offer a series of six classes that will lead up to the examination for the Technician class license. The classes will meet from 7-9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. A VEC testing session will be held Saturday afternoon, February 19, following the last class in the series.

Jerry and Pat Moore, AL7L, are currently seeking a meeting place for the classes. They hope to get permission to hold the sessions at the NOAA Weather Station, since it allows easy access to WL7NWS, the club's operational ham station, and its antenna farm for demonstrations.

Following the Technician class, Jerry and Pat Moore, AL7L, plan to co-teach a class leading to the General class license exam beginning Monday, February 28. The series will follow the same pattern as the Technician classes, meeting Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. A VEC testing session will be held following the last class on March 12.

On March 28, Pat and Jerry will begin teaching a course designed to lead to the Extra Class license. The class will meet 12 times on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. A VEC testing session will be held April 23, following the last Saturday morning meeting of the Extra series.

There will be a small fee to cover the cost of course materials. The club plans to place a bulk order for the books to be used for each series of classes. Jerry and Pat ask that everyone interested contact Pat at 523-9317 or AL7L@ARRL.net as soon as possible, so they can order copies of *The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, 2nd Edition* which will be used as a text for the first series of classes.

The ARRL General Class License Manual and *The ARRL Extra Class License Manual* will be the texts for the other two class series. JARC will be placing a bulk order for each text prior to the start of each series of classes, so letting Pat know you're interested would help build that list.

Pat Moore

President