

# Juneau Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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Juneau Amateur Radio Club  
May 3, 2000

### JARC 2000 Club Officers:

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### New Hams, New Callsigns, and Upgrades:

License exams on April 1 and 15 produced a deluge of activity for local hams and especially for the VE's. Thanks to VE's Jerry Prindle KL7HFI, Tad Fujioka NL7KL, Anne Fuller KL7KD, Frank Hall AL7HF, Michael Sakarias, Norm Snyder KL7RS, Bob Simpson NL7XZ, and Frederick Hoskinson WA6AXO for hosting the exams. A big congratulations to the following 21 people as well as to our club for helping make it happen:

New Technicians (3): Paul Hamby KL0XE, Susan Pollard KL0XF, and Laura Furgione KL0XG received their Tech Licenses in April. We look forward to hearing these folks on the air and welcome them to our repeater system and we welcome Laura to Juneau, as well, in her transfer here with the National Weather Service. Tom Rozek KL0WE passed his 5 wpm code test.

Upgrading to General Class (10): Dave Bruce WL7BKA, Don Gotschall NL7KT, Mary Claire Harris KL7JBC, Dave S. Miller WL7BOU, Rick Pearson N7PHB, Howard Reese KL7WC, Glenn Sicks KL0QZ, Chris Snyder NL7UE, Andy Spear WL7ZD, and Red Tomlinson WL7UX. Jon Newstrom KL7GT, JARC's web page master, soon will "grandfather" into General Class when he gets his paper work in from Croatia.

Upgrading to Extra Class (7): Dave Walton AL7DJ (passing 20 wpm code) and Dave Lewis KL7DL- both of Sitka, Ron Hagerup WL7ZN, Terry Hoskinson AL7AE, Don Richter KL7IXO, Howard Shepherd AL7BP, and Bob Simpson NL7XZ. All new

Extra Class licensees are requested to give a copy of their new license to Jerry Prindle along with new W5YI Volunteer Examiner Applications.

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: Our best wishes go with Greg Griffith (JARC President) and Fritz Hunter who departed Juneau on the April 25th ferry. Greg and his family are transferring to Albuquerque, New Mexico and Fritz is moving to Springfield, Oregon. These strong supporters of amateur radio in Juneau will be missed. Upgrade your licenses soon fellows, so we can stay in touch with you on the HF bands.

## Juneau Amateur Radio Club Information

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Lena Point 147.00 MHz (-600 KHz offset). To use autopatch: \* plus number. # to hang up.

Mt. Roberts 146.82 MHz (-600 KHz offset) linked to Lena Point. Same key sequence as Lena Point for autopatch.

The ARES repeater on the Mendenhall Peninsula operates on 147.30 MHz (+600 KHZ offset). It does not have a phone patch.

Additional repeaters necessary to provide expanded dependable coverage are being considered. A linked system with Whitehorse, YT is in the initial stage of construction.

The repeater trustee is Tim Moore, KL7PF. Control operators are: KB7UBH and WA6AXO. If you are having a problem accessing a repeater function, ask for assistance. There is usually someone monitoring the repeater frequencies who will give assistance.

#### License Exam Training Materials

JARC has license study materials for: Technician and General classes including texts, videos, computer programs (question pool review and testing), and a computer based Morse code training program (IBM compatible software only). JARC charges \$25 for a study kit. There is a \$5 cash rebate upon return of video and computer diskettes. These study kits will be updated as new materials become available.

Snowfree Video, 315 Seward Street, kindly provides an alternate pick up location for JARC training materials for Technician Class only.

#### Membership

JARC membership is available to all interested radio amateurs. The cost is \$36 per year for basic membership. Family memberships are available at \$12 per immediate family member. JARC meets monthly, first Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., KTOO Radio Station. A monthly newsletter is mailed to the membership (one per family). Membership applications are available from the web site or by return mail. Send request to: JARC, P.O. Box 35484, Juneau, AK 99803.

### **Juneau Amateur Radio Club Newsletter**

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We have scheduled exams for 10:00 AM Saturday, April 11 and 10:00 AM Saturday, April 15. The VEs will process and forward to W5YI all information for upgrades during the April 15 testing session. Be sure to bring copies of your existing license to the April 15 sessions. Jerry Prindle is asking that all available VEs show up to help process the large amount of paperwork that is expected. Hopefully, these actions will increase JARC's ranks with new Extra and General Class members. Good-byes and Farewells: Our best wishes go with Greg Griffith and Fritz Hunter will be departing Juneau on the April 25th ferry. Greg is moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico and Fritz is going to Springfield, Oregon. These strong supporters of amateur radio in Juneau will be missed and we hope to stay in touch with them on the HF bands.

## New Hams and Upgrades:

License exams were conducted on Wednesday March 1. Congratulations to Red Tomlinson WL7UX for passing his requirements for his General Class license, and to Nathaniel Abbott KL0WD and Tom Rozek KL0WE for achieving their Tech Class licenses. We welcome these new hams into the hobby and look forward to hearing them on the air. Thanks to VEs Jerry Prindle KL7HFI, Tad Fujioka NL7KL and Frank Hall AL7HF for hosting the exam.

License Exams after 15 April 2000: Technician Exams will have 35 Questions. The new Technician Class Question Pool is a blend of the prior novice and technician pools. Numbering of the questions has changed and the wording of a few questions has been modified to eliminate references to novice licensees. Our ARRL video courses will still work OK but the numbering of questions in the text "Now You're Talking" will not be consistent with the new question pool. JARC has on hand one full carton of 20 books. There are 394 questions in the Technician Question Pool.

The General Class Exam increases to 35 questions from the previous 30. The new question pool has several new questions pertaining to rules, privileges, third party traffic, and operating procedures. Most of the questions pertaining to more technical aspects such as antennas, electrical principles, circuits, and safety are almost identical in numbering and content to the previous General Class pool. A few questions were drawn from the prior novice and technician pools but none were drawn from the advance class pool. The existing training video and computer disks will continue to provide good training tools for learning answers to technical questions as long as the trainees use other resources to study the new questions on rules. The new General Class Question Pool has 385 questions.

Extra Class Exams are increasing to 50 questions from the previous 40 and the Question Pool is an amalgamation of the former Extra and Advance Class pools. The new Extra Class Question Pool has 698 questions. JARC does not now stock any extra class training supplies.

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## Hams Provide Communications following Avalanche's wipe out of Phones

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Fortunately, we had ham operator Jim Dillon WL7CMQ on the Thane side of the March 27 avalanche that blocked both road and telephone access to that community. We informed local radio stations and the police department that we had set up a process for relaying health and welfare traffic to and from folks isolated by the slide. At the request of concerned relatives, Jim checked on house bound family members along the Thane road ham and relayed information of their well being back via hams who were standing by to assist with communications.

## Year 2000 JARC Membership Renewal:

Be Y2K compliant. We are still looking for about 30 renewals for our year 2000 membership roster. Additional forms are always available at the monthly meetings and on the Juneau ARC Web Site or just send in your check and we will complete your paper work for you. Please renew your membership now.

As of the time that the Newsletter was prepared, the Club has 77 paid members. Following is a listing of the current membership. Please check your status, and advise Sam Smith or Bob Simpson if this listing is in error.

Jeff Anderson, Tim Banaszak, Don Bullock, Dan Branch, David Bruce, Carol Bruce, Jerry Buckley, Ed Burch, Jimmie G. Clemmons, Jim Cummins, Scott M. Fairchild, John Furuness, Tad Fujioka, Anne Fuller, Donald Gotschall, Sara Gotschall, Larry Gotschall, Charles Gray, Jr., Roy R. Greening, Barbara Greening, Doug Gregg, Greg Griffith, Mark Griffith, Ron Hagerup, Frank Hall, Mary Claire Harris, Alexander Hazelton, Harold Hogberg, Terence O. Hoskinson, Frederick Hoskinson, Fritz Hunter, Tim Jellison, Frank Jessup, Peter Klein, Judy Klein, Jack Kreinheder, Steve Kunz, John Leque, Greg Lessmeier, Deb Lessmeier, Leif Lie, Robert Martin, Jerry Mastin, Bob Mattson, Maria Mattson, Leimomi Matunding, Mark Miles, David S. Miller, Sarah Moore, Tim Moore, John Orbistando, Gary Parker, Rick Pearson, Erik Pederson, Lisa Phillips, Jon Pollard, Jerry Prindle, Barbara Prindle, Rex Richardson, Don Richter, Joanne Richter, Tom Rozek, Michael Sakarias, Rebecca Sakarias, Charles Schroth, Howard Shepherd, Glenn Sicks, Paulette Sill, Robert Simpson, Marion Simpson, Sam Smith, Norman Snyder, Dan Squires, David Tobias, Red Tomlinson, Bryan Turner, Larry Walter, Teresa Walter.

## W5YI Study Guides with new Question Pools Available:

Jerry Prindle purchased five study guides from W5YI. These books contain the question pools and answers for all of the three new license classes -- Technician, General, and Extra. Jerry will make these available at his cost of \$8.00 each.

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1. 6:00 PM Wednesday, March 1, prior to the monthly meeting;
2. 10:00 AM Saturday, April 1; and 10:00 AM Saturday, April 15.

The VEs will process and submit Certificates of Successful Completion of Examinations (CSCE) during the April 15 testing session. Be sure to bring copies of your existing license to the testing sessions. Hopefully, these actions will increase JARC's ranks with new Extra and General Class members.

## New Hams and Upgrades:

License exams were conducted on Saturday January 22 Congratulations to Ron Hagerup for passing his written Extra Class test, Jim Cummins for passing his 20 WPM code test, and to Costansio Bolima KL0VV for passing his Technician license requirements. Thanks to VEs Jerry Prindle KL7HFI, Steve Hildebrand KL7WF, and Frederick Hoskinson WA6AXO for hosting the exam.

While on vacation Jerry Prindle KL7HFI passed his written Extra exam and the 20 WPM code (the hard way) and Bob Simpson NL7XZ passed his written requirements for Extra in Kent Washington where nearly 30 other Advance class hams were similarly testing for the same upgrade under the new rules.

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## KL7AK Nunivak Island IOTA DXpedition

: Richard Kaplan KL7AK and Bob Dewey WL7QC gave a presentation during our December meeting on their Islands-On-The-Air DXpedition to Nunivak Island which is located in the Bering Sea approximately 30 miles off the mainland coast in western Alaska. They used video and slides to augment their informative discussion. This was a great program! There is still a great opportunity for adventure in amateur radio -- Take a look at the November QST. Also, see the IOTA Web site at:

## New Hams and Upgrades

: License exams were conducted on Saturday November 20 mainly for members of Jerry Prindle's Technician Course. Congratulations to Mark Miles for passing requirements for Technician Plus, Dean Davis for passing Technician license requirements, and Tom Rozek who passed the written Novice exam. More of Jerry's students are expected to take exams in January. Thanks to VEs Jerry Prindle KL7HFI, Frank Hall KL7HF, and Bob Simpson for hosting the exam on November 20. This was the first exam given by JARC under the W5YI-VEC Program.

## New Ham Class

: The technician class is now completed and will be offered again next fall or sooner if there is sufficient demand. A class for the General Class license is tentatively planned for the Spring if there is enough interest.

## Testing For New Hams and Upgrades

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## Annual Dinner and Swap Meet

: We have a number of important decisions to make at our December meeting regarding the January dinner.

Question #1: Pot luck dinner or restaurant?

Question #2: If potluck dinner is selected -- Hold it in the valley or downtown?

Question #3: If potluck dinner is selected -- Hold the swap meet before the dinner or on another occasion?

Question #4: The date for the dinner will be Saturday night January 8, 15, or 22?

Question #5: It is proposed to have door prizes using Club funds. The amount proposed by your Officers is \$400 for five prizes with one at \$200 and the other four at \$50 each. Alternates to this proposal are welcome.

## Election of Officers:

We need nominations for officers and/or volunteers

for the election to be held at the annual dinner. If you plan to nominate someone please obtain his or her permission first especially if the nominee isn't present. Nominations will start at the December meeting, but will be continued at the annual dinner. Your club needs your active participation

## Notes from an Alaskan ex-patriot

: Here's what I've learned much about ham clubs around Seattle. The two I participate in are the Western Washington DX Club and a contest oriented CW and digital modes group called Redmond Top Key Club, which meets not far from where we live in Bellevue. The Redmond group contains a lot of techie types, so I seem to fit in pretty well! They're gearing up for the upcoming Ten Meter Contest in early December. It's a friendly group of about 20 hams who meet monthly at a local restaurant for breakfast. There's no business meeting, and any written communication takes place via e-mail. Another nice aspect of this group is that its membership consists of all ages of hams, not just old guys like me! There are some active QRP CW operators and builders among the younger folks.

PSK31 is a new keyboard mode that attracts interest and discussion among this group. I've been on PSK for awhile now, and it's really quite astounding how well it works--noticeable more effective than RTTY or packet when used on HF. I like PSK because you don't need to spend any money on a modem. All that's needed is a relatively modern radio and a personal computer, and some free software which can be downloaded from the internet. Also needed are appropriate audio cables to connect audio from the transceiver to the computer sound card. All the modem functions and signal processing take place in the computer's sound card and are software driven. PSK works so well because of its extremely narrow bandwidth--only 31 Hertz for a keying rate of about 50 words per minute. It's truly a high tech mode and can probably outperform a human copying CW. I'm impressed by the new mode because it finally utilizes some of the power of our personal computers, instead of just using the PC as a dumb terminal like most other digital modes.

The Western Washington DX Club is a much larger club than I'm accustomed to. They hold dinner meetings monthly at various locations around the Seattle metropolitan area. I like the club bulletins--they're very well written and always interesting. The meetings are fun too, and usually consist of a slide show or video of various DX activities and locations. I particularly enjoyed slides which showed Ascension Island, ZD8, a

small rock in the middle of the Atlantic. The autumn picnic was held at a member's home in Edmonds. What a QTH! he's about 75 feet up a shallow bluff overlooking the waterfront with a clear shot in nearly all directions. Then there's the Mike & Key club, which meets in Renton. I don't know much about them, but Bob Simpson, NL7XZ has been to some of their meetings, so ask him! They do a lot of public service work and are involved with the Red Cross.

Other interesting activities: We still take an occasional motor home trip and have both HF and two meter radios on board. HF mobiling is great fun, and would be even more enjoyable if I could get rid of the confounded noise, which might be coming from the vehicle computer. Some of our best HF mobile activities were with WA6AXO when we were caravanning across the desert in Southern California last winter. Frederick actually loaded up a vertical wire which was suspended between two kites! He then proceeded to make contacts on 160 meters. VHF repeater activity here seems down from years past, perhaps because almost everyone carries a cellular telephone. Cindy and I really miss all of our friends in Juneau, so if you're passing through the Seattle area, give a call on 147.34 + .

.....de Herb, W7ZF

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: A great start with very good attendance and participation. Instructor Jerry Prindle, KL7HFI, is providing a very interesting and informative program for the 12 students enrolled in this year's class. The classes will continue through November 13. Testing for new licenses will be given November 20 according to the current

schedule. The classes are held in American Red Cross offices on Hospital Drive. Classes begin at 9:00 a.m. JARC Hams are encouraged to visit the class and meet the students. A good way to share your experience and encourage prospective Hams to "stay with it."

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#### Jamboree-On-The-Air

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### Bon Voyage

#### N7JYS and KLOBS

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Sam Smith KL0KZ our club Secretary 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.

Calendar of Events:

1. Annual Picnic -- Saturday, August 28

Mark your calendar for Saturday August 28, 4:00 - 8:00 PM for the annual picnic. The location is Savikko Park (Sandy Beach) in Douglas, Shelter 1 (Log Cabin). JARC will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, condiments, and fire for the grills. Members bring your own favorite picnic casserole, salad, or dessert, and a couple of sticks of firewood if you have it. Everyone is responsible for their own tableware and beverages. The club will provide hot water and coffee. Come and meet old friends, new hams and their families, and

visitors. We expect to have a transmitter hunt so bring your portable am radio to search for the hidden transmitter. Expect to get a phone call for a head count on the number of people we can expect to attend.

## 2. Monthly Membership Meeting -- Wednesday, September 1-- New Location

Our monthly meetings will resume following the summer recess at 7:30 PM on the first Wednesday of the month -- on September 1 at the Douglas Fire Station Meeting Room. We are meeting in this new location because rental costs are being imposed at the Juneau Fire Station. We will be planning the winter schedule of activities along with actions that will be needed to maintain the repeaters with Eric N7JYS relocating to Kansas in October.

## 3. Wednesday Lunchtime Meetings

These informal meetings occur every Wednesday noon at Jordan Creek Mall Atrium Cafe. It is a good place to ask questions, exchange information, and have some good conversation and fellowship.

## 4. VE Testing -- September 15, 7:30 PM

Testing for new hams and upgrades will be on the third Wednesday of the month 7:30 p.m. at the Douglas Fire Station Training Room. Volunteer Examination Coordinator AL7IQ Robert Martin, requests pre-registration testing by the September 1 monthly meeting, if you plan to take an exam during the testing sessions on September 15. If there is no pre-registration, the VE Coordinator will cancel testing for that month. Please call Robert AL7IQ at 364-2703 (H) or 465-4791 to pre-register.

## New Hams and Upgrades

This summer several new hams received their amateur radio licenses and some received upgraded licenses. Congratulations to the following hams who received their new licenses: Chuck Schroth WL7CSJ for passing Extra Class requirements, Jimmie Clemmons KL0SI for passing the written portion for his General Class license, Larry Villemesen WL7BOS, who upgraded to Tech. Plus from Novice; Shane Wirtz KL0TJ, John Orbistando KL0TK, Ted Deets KL0TI, Jon Pollard KL0TN, Bill Childers KL0TL, and Lynne Stevens who received Technician class licenses.

## Field Day

JARC's participation in National Field Day on June 26 and 27 was a good show thanks to the hard work of many of our members. Charley Gray KL7IG, Frederick Hoskinson WA6AXO, and Ron Hagerup served as the committee to set up the field day station at the Zack Gordon Teen Center and Leimomi Matunding WL7CSM obtained the food and refreshments. Propagation was not very good but during the 24 hour operating period we logged 51 cw QSOs, and 55 phone QSOs for a claimed score of 514 points (including 200 bonus points). About 20 hams participated in our field day and many operated the first time on DX HF frequencies.

## Fourth of July Parade

Once again JARC volunteers under the masterful leadership of Richard Kaplan KL7AK received accolades from the Juneau 4th of July Parade organizers for providing effective communications in the staging area and along the parade route. A control point and control operator (KL7AK) was established in the staging area to marshal the various marching units and floats and launch them at the proper time and spacing. JARC spotters along the parade route reported progress and problems to the control point for overall coordination. Big thanks to the following hams: Rick KL7AK, Sam KL0KZ, Don WL7ME, Sarah KL0EK, Greg KL7MW, Mark KL0MO, Rex WL7CKM, Anissa KL0BS and Leimomi WL7CSM.

## Juneau Amateur Radio Club

June 1999

JARC Monthly Meeting, June 2, 7:30 P.M.

Downtown Fire Station Training Room

JARC 1999 Club Officers

President KL0MW Greg Griffin; Vice Pres. WL7ZN Ron Hagerup; Secretary KL0KZ Sam Smith; Treasurer WL7CSM Leimomi Matunding; VHF Chair AL7BP Howard Shepherd; Past President KL7GT Jon Newstrom

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JARC Calendar of Events

1. Field Day -- June 26 and 27

National Field Day is scheduled for the weekend on June 26 and 27. Frederick Hoskinson WA6AXO, Charley Gray KL7IG, and Ron Hagerup WL7ZN are planning this event. The biggest problem being to find a suitable site and a dry place to operate. Operations will begin at 10:00 am Saturday and operate continuously for 24 hours. Field Day location will be announced at the June membership meeting. All hams are welcome and operators will be needed.

2. Wednesday Lunchtime Meetings

These informal meetings occur every Wednesday noon at Jordan Creek Mall Atrium Cafe. It is a good place to ask questions, exchange information, and have some good conversation and fellowship.

3. 3. Fourth of July Parade

Once again JARC volunteers will provide communications support for the Juneau Fourth of July Parade. Rick Kaplan AL7AK, is the club's coordinator for this event and he is looking for helpers. Contact Rick if you would like to serve as a volunteer for this fun event. The hams will be operating on 146.52 MHz simplex during the parade.

4. JARC Summer Recess

JARC will suspend its monthly meetings, newsletter, and likely its 'regular' monthly VE Exams during July and August. The next newsletter will be sent prior to the JARC Picnic in late August. The informal Wednesday luncheons will continue throughout this period and E-mail will be used for any special announcements.

#### 5. June VE Testing

Testing for new hams and upgrades will be on the third Wednesday of the month 7:30 p.m. at the downtown Juneau Fire Station Training Room. Volunteer Examination Coordinator AL7IQ Robert Martin, requests pre-registration by June 2 if you plan to take an exam on June 16. If there is no pre-registration, the VE Coordinator will cancel testing for that month. Please call Robert AL7IQ at 364-2703 (H) or 465-4791 to pre-register.

#### 6. JARC Annual Picnic in late August

Leimomi Matunding WL7CSM, has made arrangements for the JARC picnic on Saturday, August 28 from 4 PM to 8 PM at Sandy Beach. Please mark your calendar. A reminder may be mailed in late August.

#### Welcome Visitors

Please show our good Alaskan hospitality to visitors from other places who attempt to make brief contacts with Juneau hams on our repeaters. We usually get two or three visiting hams a day during the busiest part of the cruise ship season. They carry their HT's with them and quite often the only Alaskan's they get to have a word with are the hams in Juneau. When you hear them monitoring our repeaters, take a moment to welcome them to

Juneau. Perhaps advise them about the various sites we have here. Find out about the rest of their trip. You might advise them to use out Lena Pt. repeater if they are going on to Haines or Glacier Bay and to use the Tram site repeater if heading south.

#### New Hams and Upgrades

Congratulations to the following five hams are still waiting for their new callsigns and upgrade: Larry Willemsen WL7BOS, who upgraded to Tech. Plus from Novice; Shane Wirtz, John Orbistando, Ted Deets, and Bill Childers who are waiting for Technician class licenses.

Thanks to VE's Robert Martin AL7IQ, Frederick Hoskinson WA6AXO, and Annie Fuller KL7KD for hosting the exam on the evening of May 19. Congratulations to Chuck Schroth WL7CSJ for passing Extra Class, Jimmie Clemmons KL0SI for passing General Class, and Jon Pollard who is now awaiting his Tech. Class License. We look forward to hearing these hams on the air.

#### Advanced Class as VEs

Eight Advance Class members have completed application forms to serve as Volunteer Examiners administering Technician license tests. These are: Bob Dewey WL7QC, Terry Hoskinson AL7AE, Ron Hagerup WL7ZN, Jerry Prindle KL7HFI, Bob Simpson NL7XZ, Howard Shepherd AL7BP, Dan Squires KD7WN, and

Larry Walter KL7IWC. This should help take some pressure off of the Extra Class VEs. Tram Site Repeater Improvements Eric Harrison N7JYS, made some substantial improvements to the 146.82 repeater at the Mt.

Roberts site when the tram resumed operations in early May. Eric installed a new power supply and a different transmitter that increased the output from the previous eight watts to 50 watts. This increase in power will improve communications into the Mendenhall Valley and to the south of Juneau.

#### Jasek Maselko Climbs Mt. Everest

We heard on the morning of May 18 that Jacek Maselko KL0RW, had just stepped on the summit of Mt. Everest and was on his way down off of the mountain. Hopefully, we can get Jacek to put on another program for us at one of our monthly meetings in the fall. Jacek became a new ham and a JARC member last January. Congratulations Jacek and a safe Journey home. For more information see:

#### KL7AK Nunivak Island IOTA DXpedition

Monitor 14.260 MHz SSB on June 4-6 for this Islands-On-The-Air DXpedition . Nunivak Island is located in the Bering Sea approximately 30 miles off the mainland coast in western Alaska. The DXpedition will operate under the call sign KL7AK, Richard Kaplan's very well known amateur radio call. Other operators will be KL7JR, John Reisenauer, and WL7QC, Bob Dewey. There is a lot of interest by island chasers all over the world. Propagation permitting, it will be very busy! There may be limited CW and RTTY too. Look for a follow-up story next fall.

#### ARES Meeting

The Juneau/Douglas Borough Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) held a training session Saturday, May 22, at the Jordan Creek Atrium Café. The following ARES members were in attendance: KL0MO, KL0MW, WL7CQA, WL7ZN, WL7QN, WL7QC, NL7XZ, KL7IWC, KL7IYD, KL0BS, WL7CSM, AL7IQ, and KL7JAW. The American Red Cross was represented by Debbie Douglas, Emergency Coordinator. Larry Walter, KL7IWC, organized the training and presented an overview of ARES emergency communications procedures. Debbie Douglas gave a similar overview of the Red Cross emergency preparedness efforts. The Juneau/Douglas Borough ARES and Red Cross have implemented a local cooperative agreement tiered under the national agreement between ARRL and the American Red Cross. The ARES members in attendance approved holding quarterly training meetings and the development of an emergency communications resource packet to be distributed to members. Additionally, the Red Cross has several related emergency preparedness videos and other aids that are available to the group or individuals on request. The ARES weekly net continues to operate with very good participation from Haines, Gustavus, and Juneau. The net (every Tuesday at 7:00 pm) will continue through the summer.

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