

MEETING WED, DECEMBER 1ST

NEWSLETTER of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club KL7JRC

December 1, 2004

JARC 2004 Club Officers:

President KL7DP Dave Palmer
Vice President KL1AS Jack Gregson
Secretary KL0KZ Sam Smith
Treasurer WL7WB Paulette Sill
VHF Chair AL7BP Howard Shepherd
Past President KL1AS Jack Gregson

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, December 1, 2004. Program will be the display of several QRP and other mini transmitter kits.

In Brief:

- Equipment has been purchased for the Bartlett Regional Hospital amateur installation. See story.
- We are seeking nominations for 2005 Club officers. We need help in this important service to the Club.
- We will complete planning for the banquet on January 15th.
- We need volunteers for the ARES net. See story.
- Our treasurer reports that we have a total of \$4,722 in our account as of November 3rd, which includes the grant of \$3,500 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. Our business on December 1st will be used to complete planning for the annual meeting and to accept nominations for 2005 Club officers. We encourage everyone to look hard at the possibility of volunteering for this important work. Several of the current officers will be glad to continue on next year, but we need some new blood to keep the organization moving ahead and to provide new ideas. Think about it and let one of your current officers know if you will be available to help out next year.

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. There will be great door prizes for attendees and

members. Be sure to get your dues in.

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 December 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. So far we haven't been able to come up with grant money or other means to complete the conversion to a communications vehicle. The main problem is the annual operating cost, which would include about \$800 for insurance. We think that there is a possibility of obtaining a grant for the conversion, but the on-going costs would be a problem. Larry told us that a commercial radio station has indicated an interest in using the vehicle and would pay the insurance cost. There may be other ideas floating around. Give us your thoughts. The subject will probably be brought up at the annual banquet in January.

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

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. 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, KLOKZ, 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. 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. Jerry will report on this at the December 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)