

MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD, AT THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE ON BACK LOOP ROAD -- 7:30 PM

NEWSLETTER of the Juneau Amateur Radio Club KL7JRC

May 3, 2006

JARC 2006 Club Officers:

President KL7MK Mark Miles
Vice President KL1AS Jack Gregson
Secretary KL0KZ Sam Smith
Treasurer WL7WB Paulette Sill
VHF Chair KL7HFI Jerry Prindle

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, May 3, 2006. Joel Gilbert will present a program on his experiences in Iraq and amateur radio.

In Brief:

- Club ambulance running and available for sale. See story
- Planning for Field Day at May meeting.
- It is good to have Glen Sicks and Dave Palmer back here for the spring and summer and we look forward to seeing Bob Dewey soon.
- It was nice to see Herb and Cindy Holeman at a Wednesday noon meeting. They were here for the folk festival. Herb promised to send something for inclusion in an upcoming Newsletter.

April Meeting Highlights:

- Sam gave a report on the Club's participation in the SEA Regional Science Fair. We were pleased to award the \$100 prize to Peter Erickson, a freshman at JDHS, for his project "The Effect of Line of Sight and Distance on Power of Propagation of Ham Radios."
- We discussed the sale of the Club's communication vehicle, otherwise known as "The Ambulance."
- 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.
- Wayne Longacre gave us a brief report on the status of the IRS 501C paperwork, which will eventually give us official non-profit status. He will have the new forms ready to sign at the meeting in May.
- For our program Jerry Prindle gave us a short course on antennas and transmission lines. It was an excellent program.

Status of the Ambulance:

Sam was authorized to sell the ambulance for a modest sum, but not less than \$4000.00. Sam indicated that he had found some information on e-bay that provided pricing for similar vehicles that ranged from \$2000 to \$8000. Since the last meeting, Dave Palmer and Sam got the vehicle running using one of the older batteries. It started right up after not running for a year. We showed it to an interested party and he is considering how he can modify it to meet his business requirements. Sam has spoken to several other companies and individuals, and one is very interested and is likely to buy it for use as an ambulance at a local mine.

For any Club member that is interested in it, it is a 96 Chevy 1-ton truck with a large ambulance box and dual rear wheels. It has a GMC diesel engine, automatic transmission and 4-wheel drive. The electrical system is in good condition and it has a very large alternator to power the extra equipment. It has a large heater that exhausts into the ambulance box area, excellent lighting, doors, etc. It would make a great RV for someone that wants to work on it to add the additional amenities. It is sporting Club license plates, KL7JRC, but the tag expired in August. Let Sam know if you are interested in purchasing this fine truck.

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. We currently have 38 paid members for 2006, Bob Simpson has sent out a letter encouraging unpaid hams to join. 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!

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

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
	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)