

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JARC WILL BE HELD BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 7:30PM

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	KL2QZ	Rich Anderson
VHF Chair	KL7HFI	Jerry Prindle
	AL7BP	Howard Sheperd (alternate)
Past President	KL1AS	Jack Gregson
Bd. Member at Large	KL7IG	Charley Gray

IN BRIEF:

- **2011 ANNUAL MEETING:** The annual meeting of the JARC will be held beginning on Wednesday, December 7th. It is normal practice that the members present continue the meeting until the time of our annual banquet, which is currently scheduled for Saturday January 14th. At the meeting this Wednesday, we will plan all the banquet events including the meal, election of officers, door prizes and the possibility of a flea market. Nominations for Club officers will be open. There are many opportunities for you to become an officer, and help your Club continue to accomplish great things. This last year has been great, and we want to continue the trend!
- **SWEEPSTAKES PHONE EVENT:** The Sweepstakes contest was held on November 18 thru November 20 at the Fire Training Center. We used the mobile tower erected to full height plus a dipole for 40 and 80 meters. We had a great turn out of Club members. We took the tower down and cleaned up the site by about 3 pm on Sunday so we could return the tower to its tent before dark. At the time we shut down we had accumulated 60,000 points. Pat was going to continue operating from his home until the shut off time. A complete summary will be reported at the annual meeting on Wednesday. Thanks to everyone who helped setup, operate, shutdown and provide moral support.
- **SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY:** Skywarn Recognition Day was held December 2 and 3, from the NWS/Club station, WL7NWS, at the NWS Forecast Office. We operated using our Triband beam antenna, so we were limited to 20 thru 10 meters. We did well until the band died at about 5 pm on Friday. We then had good luck on Saturday until the closing time of 3pm. We made 13 contacts including 7 NWS registered stations. It was great fun and wish that we had a few more operators. The ICOM rig worked flawlessly. We used the linear and were able to breakthrough pile ups. States included

NE U.S., Florida, SW U.S., California and the N.W. Operators included Sam B., David B., Jim C. and Sam S. You should give it a try!

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Lunch every Wednesday at Safeway
- WL7NWS station at Forecast Office open to members 24/7 365; arrange to be checked out on operation by KL7HFI or AL7L
- Annual Meeting December 7th

MEMBERSHIP:

Bob Simpson reports that we have 74 paid members. We continue to accept 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;
\$5.00 for each additional autodial numbers; and
\$10 for a youth membership.

Please bring your dues to the Annual 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.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH 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!

ARES ACTIVITIES:

Participation in the ARES Net has been excellent. Although summer is over, let's make a commitment to being on the air this fall. The net meets on the Mt Roberts repeater each Tuesday at 7PM. Now that all of the Club repeaters are linked, you can join the Net on any of our repeaters. 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!

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: The Club is looking for help keeping our web site working. If you have the skills or interest in taking over as our web master give Pat or one of our other officers a call. 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: The club's linked repeater system is operational! Jerry will adjust the over-modulation of the Mt Roberts 220 link and will replace the triband antenna.

See the meeting minutes for the 11/2/2011 meeting.

REPEATER LOCATION	H-T FREQUENCY	CONDITION
Mt. Roberts Tramway	R146.82/T146.22	A new tower and antenna has been installed at the radio shack. The repeater and link are both working with some over-modulation problems.
Lena Point	R147.00/T146.40	Repeater is operating well since the new controller was installed. New antennas need to be installed.
Mendenhall Valley Repeater (formerly Heinzelman Ridge)	R146.64/T146.04	System is located at Jerry's home in the Valley. It needs some adjustment.
Hoonah Mountain	R146.70/T146.10	Repeater is now functioning, although the signal is a little weak.
Petersburg/Duncan Canal	R147.36/T146.76	Equipment has not yet been installed, but will soon be checked by the new ATT technician, when he has an opportunity
Haines Repeater	R147.06/T147.66	Equipment will be brought back to Juneau for repair
Skagway Crossband	440 mHz band	Functioning
State Repeater	R147.30	Not functioning

JUNEAU AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2011

Meeting called to order by the Vice-President at 1935 hrs.

Attendance: Pat Moore AL7L; David Bruce WL7BKA; Sam Smith KL0KZ; Rich Anderson KL2QZ; Bob Simpson NL7XZ (by phone); Jerry Prindle KL7HFI ; Larry Walter KL7IWC; Howard Shepherd AL7BP; Charlie Gray KL7IG; Steve Byers KL1MB; James Zuelow KL2ZZ; Ernie Mueller KL2UH; Ayaire Cantil-Voorhees

Minutes of the October 5, 2011 Meeting:

The Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Report:

Rich reported that the balance in the bank is \$2,334.95. Rich reviewed the bills paid during the month.

VE Report:

Jerry reported that six students passed the Technician exam on October 15th and introduced one of the new hams, Ayaire Cantil-Voorhees. Congratulations!

VHF Report:

- Mt Roberts repeater is working well, but the link is over-modulating and requires adjustment. The triband antenna needs to be replaced.
- Jerry has purchased a pair of 220 MHz linking antennas, which will be installed at Lena. One will be pointed North and the other towards Mt Roberts.
- Charley has built a 220 MHz yagi antenna for use at Lena Pt.
- The Valley repeater requires adjustment
- The Hoonah repeater seems to be working
- The Duncan Canal repeater will be checked over by a new ATT technician, when he has an opportunity.
- The Haines repeater equipment will be returned to Juneau for repairs.

Membership:

Bob Simpson reported by telephone that we currently have 74 paid up members.

Old Business:

- Larry reported on the Emergency Management Group.
 - There will be a table top drill at the police dept. building on February 10th.
 - The Club has been asked to participate – sort of. The transmitter will have to be remote from the police station. We are looking at options.
 - Pat asked for a volunteer to head up or involvement.

- Dave reported that we are very close to having all of the remaining documentation on our ownership of the mobile tower so that it can be properly licensed.
- Dave will send a letter out requesting our existing members to pay their 2012 dues.
- We were 3rd in class 1A in the ARRL NW Division for Field Day with 2571 points. Good Job!
- The rotator cable and controller for our mobile tower was donated – Thanks! It was moved, seconded and passed that we divert the unused \$200 and purchase 500 feet of RG8X coax.

New Business:

- Steve Byers requested that we create a schedule box format in the Newsletter that provides times and dates for upcoming classes and VE testing. We will do that.
- The Annual Banquet will be held on January 14th at the St Brendan's Church hall. Sam will reserve the date.
- Pat has four 440Hz beam antennas to give away. The Club will give "Doc" a membership for 2012 for the donation.
- The 48-hour ARRL Sweepstakes contest will be held November 18 and 19 at the Fire Training Center. Pat will be the coordinator. We will set up at noon on Friday.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 21:08 hours.