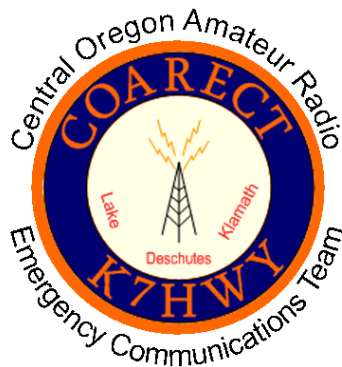




'The Rag'

COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter
October 2026

Emailed to all COARECT members monthly and available on the COARECT.com website.

CHANGES TO 'THE RAG' NEWSLETTER



Future RAG Newsletters will be published after that month's COARECT General Meeting. This gives us the opportunity to re-cap recent topics covered at the General Meeting for those who couldn't make the meeting.

Items of Interest in the October General Meeting

- A moment of silence was held for one of our COARECT members who is now a silent key, Steve Schroll, N7FJD. Steve passed away Saturday night or early Sunday morning at his home September 26th unexpectedly. Notebooks were handed out and Cindy Davidson asked members to write down good memories about Steve or messages to Steve's wife Genny, who attended the meeting. Steve and Genny's granddaughter, Montana, was also at the meeting along with

her husband. Both of them are planning to become ham radio operators and one of them will try to acquire Steve's call sign when it is available.

- Paul Lamb, K7PIL, explained the problems he is having with the 'members' area of the COARECT website. Evidently the membership list disappeared, and all COARECT members need to register again. Paul has also established a duplicate backup system to prevent this from happening again.
- Robert Virden, KJ7ZMT, said the Tech Team is focusing on helping COARECT team members who need help with a new or better radio antenna. Please contact Robert if you need help in this area or other problems with your radios.
- A date should be set by next month's General Meeting for the COARECT Thanksgiving / Christmas Potluck. Stay tuned and mark your calendar with the date when it gets set.
- October Ham license testing will take place at The Door Church, right behind Ray's grocery. The La Pine library room was not available for this month, but December's Ham License testing is scheduled for December 12th at the library in La Pine. VE's need to report by 14:45 hours (2:45pm) and testing begins at 15:00 hours (3pm)

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

As we approach the end of 2026 and the beginning of 2027, it is time to nominate COARECT members to fill the positions of 1st Vice President and Treasurer. We want to thank Cliff Vaniman, 1st Vice President, and Evie Hill, Treasurer, for their time and efforts on the COARECT Board. Each calendar year

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approximately ½ of the Board is up for election. Nominations take place in November followed by elections in December.

Please contact any member of the current COARECT Board if you are interested in either of these positions or know someone who would like to be nominated for one of them. All Board members are elected to a two-year term. The President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary elections will take place in December of 2027.

DISASTER DAMAGE ASSESSMENT EXERCISE OCTOBER 10th



COARECT will be part of the Oregon Statewide disaster exercise for Deschutes County on October 10th. Deschutes County has asked our team to collect fictitious damage figures on a simulated disaster created by severe flooding in the La Pine area. Phone and internet lines are down and it is necessary to get this information to Bend and on to Salem for allocation of resources. COARECT will

have team members throughout South Deschutes and North Klamath counties collecting **fictitious** damage information on housing, businesses, schools and utilities Saturday morning. This information will be routed via ham radio to our emergency radio disaster center and then onto the Bend emergency center via digital radio.

THIS IS ONLY AN EXERCISE!!!

This exercise will begin at 11:00 hours, Saturday, October 10th and utilize the Walker Mtn repeater (145.470), Spring River Butte repeater (146.640) and Simplex (146.420) radio frequencies. COARECT members who volunteered at the general meeting to participate in the exercise will receive individual instructions prior to the event. Exercises like this will show us where we can improve and be better prepared for an actual emergency event.

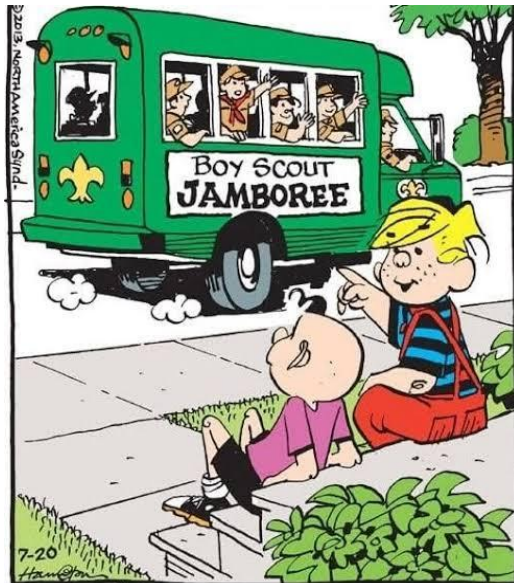
2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The COARECT Board has been working on the membership renewal process that eliminates filling out a new application for 2027. We hope to have a single sheet that states your name and call sign for renewal. Membership renewal begins in November, and this system should be in place by the November 7th General Meeting. What a deal, it is still only \$15 for the year!



JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

Jamboree on the Air is the world's largest radio Scout event, connecting millions of



"THOSE SCOUTS ARE LUCKY! THEY GET TO SLEEP IN THE WOODS AN' THEY DON'T HAFTA TAKE A BATH EVERY DAY!"

Scouts globally via amateur ham radio. The date for Central Oregon's Jamboree on the Air is Saturday, October 17th in the Crooked River Ranch area. This is a great opportunity to share ham radio fun with young people. The HiDarg team will be putting up the radio station on Friday, October 16th and operating it on Saturday. HiDarg is asking if we can help either with setup or an hour or two running a radio station. More information will be coming about location and times. We will announce it on the radio as it becomes available. Stay tuned!

ACES TRAINING COURSE

ACES stands for Auxiliary Communications Emergency Solutions. Communication is a critical resource during an emergency. Having the necessary skills before an emergency greatly improves the effectiveness of the responding team and the served agency. This course teaches many skills that are universal regardless of the served agency or organization involved.

The basic course:

- Provides the necessary skills to support a served agency.
- Provides structured training specifically for emergency communicators to provide better operators.
- Is consistent with national guidelines.
- Reduces liability for individuals and agency.
- Provides hands-on application of skills learned.



This course takes place in the Bend / Redmond area on November 7th and 8th from 0800 hours to 1700 hours both days. Please contact Mike, KK7NBQ, if you are interested in taking this course and a flier with all the information will be emailed to you.

COARECT TEAM ACTIVATION DRILL



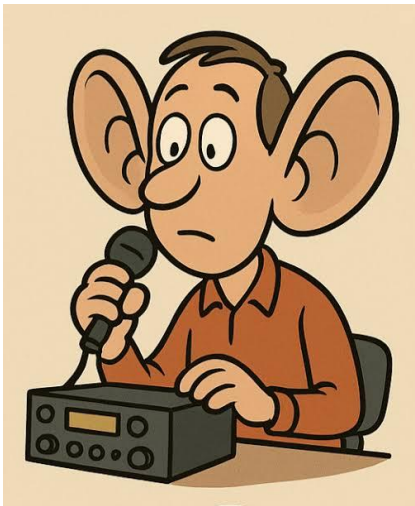
"My team likes to see me spring into action."

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is going to happen. This drill is to evaluate our ability to bring the team together should an emergency happen. Stay tuned!

KEEP YOUR EARS TUNED TO THE RADIO

Keep your ears tuned to your radios when storms or potential hazardous situations



are predicted in our part of Central Oregon. It is a good idea to disconnect your antennas and radios when severe lightning storms are predicted. Reconnect them as soon as the lightning ceases. The COARECT emergency team will always try to make announcements concerning the team on the Walker Mtn. repeater. Remember, the Spring River repeater is the default backup repeater if something happens to the Walker Mtn. repeater. Ask for a radio check if you are not hearing radio communications on the repeater you are using.

Remember, **GO TO YOUR RADIO IF YOU HEAR OF AN EMERGENCY.**

FIRE OR EMERGENCIES MAY CHANGE PLANNED EVENTS

Planned events could be cancelled or postponed due to wildfires or emergencies in our area. The COARECT emergency team will try to get the word out, as soon as possible, concerning changes to scheduled events. Always check the COARECT website, radio, email, text or Pushover notifications for changes to scheduled events.

