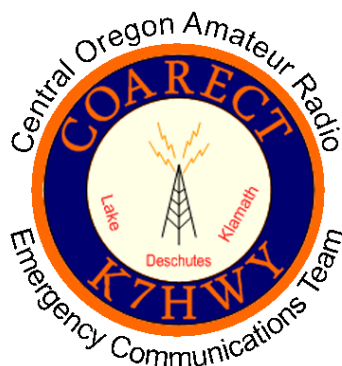




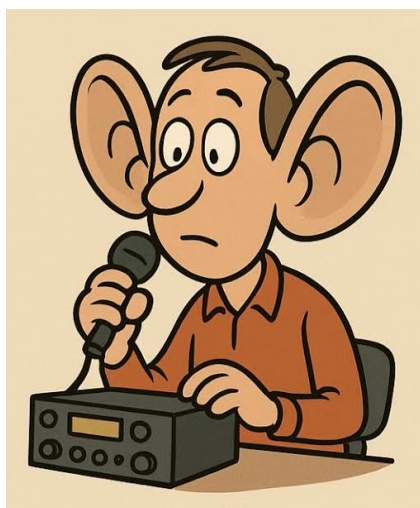
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**COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – August
2026**

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

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.

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



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check the COARECT website, radio, email, text or Pushover notifications for changes to scheduled events.

JULY 30th INTER-AGENCY BBQ



Walker Range has invited all COARECT Team members to an interagency BBQ at the Shevlin Wells pump site. The BBQ is scheduled for 1pm or 1300hrs. and will include Walker Range, COARECT, and a variety of other forest agencies. It would be a good idea to bring lawn chairs and silverware to the event. Everything else is supposed to be supplied. Again, be prepared for possible

changes to the date of the event due to wildfires. Pay attention to vehicle traffic and parking due to the number of fire fighting vehicles.

Shevlin Wells is located off HWY 31, approximately 18 miles east of the HWY 97 / HWY 31 intersection. COARECT signs will be posted along the highway at the places to turn.

GROUP PHOTO AT THE AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

The next COARECT General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 1st. Doors open before the meeting at 9am for coffee and in-person ‘meet and greet’. The meeting will be on Zoom for those who cannot make the meeting in person.

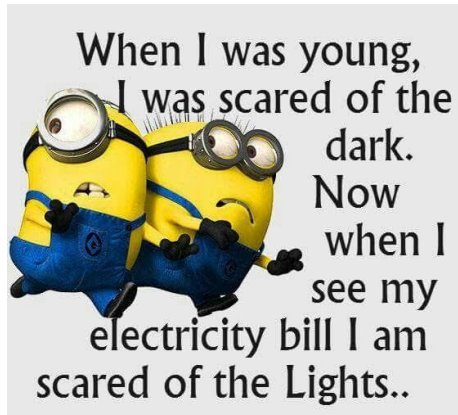
Please come to this meeting and take part in a COARECT Team photo around the MICU. This

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photo will be included in our publications and grant applications.

UTILITY SAVINGS



Pat and I have saved \$399 in the first 6 months of the year on our electrical bill by using the Mid State TOU electrical program. This is month to month savings verses 2025 electrical bills. It does require some changes in electrical use but nothing too drastic. There will be a new radio under our Christmas Tree if the savings continues at the same rate.

Now, we have a new blue recycling bin and I have been told they are mandatory in Deschutes County. Wow! Another opportunity for utility savings. I'm going to downsize my garbage can to the smaller garbage bin and use the recycle bin more. Maybe that will save some more on our utilities or at least offset the \$6 increase coming in garbage pickup bill. Mike, KK7NBQ

FREE OREGON CONCEALED HANDGUN CLASS



An Oregon Concealed Handgun Class is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th, 9am to 11am at The Door Church in La Pine. The Door Church address is 16430 3rd St. in La Pine and is located behind Rays Grocery store. The CLASS is FREE, open to all COARECT Team members and the La Pine community. This is

not a live fire class, and attendees do not need to own or bring a handgun to the

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class. The class will focus on handgun safety and Oregon Concealed firearm laws. A training certificate will be given to everyone at the end of the class. Anyone, 21 years of age or older, from any county in Oregon may take the class, however attendees must apply for their Oregon Concealed license in their county of residence. This class does not waive the Oregon Concealed License fees. People who currently have an Oregon concealed license may attend to hear about current laws. For further information or questions, contact Mike McCarter, 503-339-5654.

ARE YOU REALLY READY FOR AN EMERGENCY?

We continue to beat the drum about being prepared. This summer may be the test that shows you if you are ready. Mid-State Electric may need to shut down the main power lines coming into La Pine. Customers have been notified that the power supply could be shut down to prevent forest fires during extreme fire danger situations.

ARE YOU READY? Our concern is NOT how the Team is going to respond to an emergency; it is how are you going to respond personally.

First step, forget about COARECT and Walker Range preparation. Just make sure you are ready at home. There is no way you

can help COARECT or Walker Range if you aren't prepared at home.

If the power goes out, will you be able to get gas for your vehicles? Will you be able to get money out of the ATM machine or buy groceries? Think about what conditions will be like if the power goes out and be prepared.

