



'The Rag'

COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – January 2026

President's Message

Happy New Year, COARECT. Now is the time to look back at COARECT's successes in 2025 and look forward to the challenges in 2026. Everyone on the Team should pat themselves on their back for a job well done in 2025. COARECT is a team effort supporting our community with a unique blend of amateur radio enjoyment and emergency preparation. The COARECT Board is committed to similar successes in 2026 because we are a Great Team!



GENERAL MEETING – The next COARECT General Meeting is Saturday, January 3rd at 9:30am. Doors open before 9am for coffee and in-person 'rag chewing'. Zoom will be available for those who can't make the meeting in person. There will also be a great Show and Tell. Nolan Reisbeck, HiDARG, will give a presentation on DMR (Digital Mobile Radio). Don't miss the meeting.

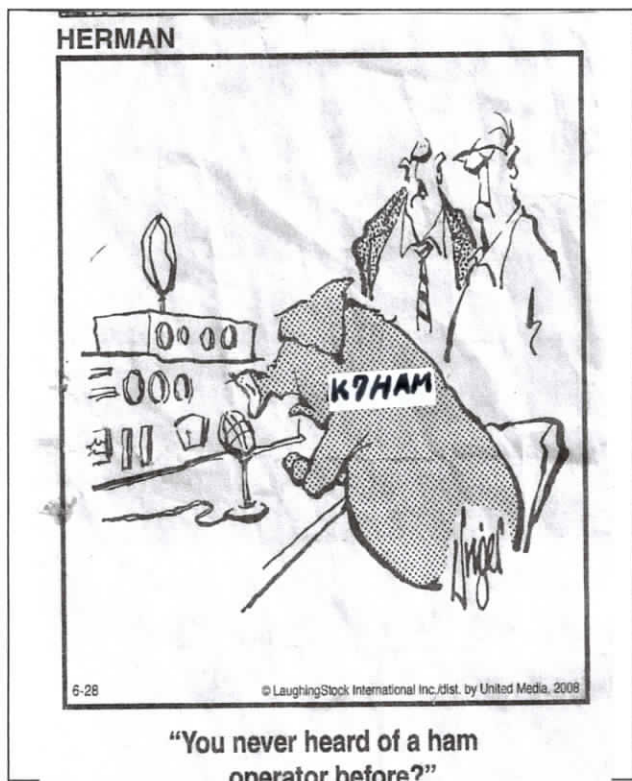


2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – began at the November general meeting. COARECT has developed a new spreadsheet of members' information, which requires an updated membership renewal form this year. This information is used by COARECT to help meet members' needs and provide a list of members' interests. We hope to eliminate filing a new membership form next year and just collect member

updates. The renewal rate is still \$15.00 per person. These funds cover our insurance costs. Please help us complete all member renewals for 2026 in January. The Board has established a policy that member benefits will not continue after March 1st for members who do not renew. The new COARECT Membership form is available at the general meeting and on the COARECT website. The COARECT Board will assist members who need GPS, fire zone, Pushover or any other information for their renewal. Please notify the COARECT Secretary during the year if any of your information changes. The secretary is responsible for maintaining membership records. **Currently, about 80% of COARECT members have renewed for 2026. Great job Team!**

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HAM RADIO SWAP MEET – Saturday, January 24th, 2026,
 10am to 4pm at The Door Church in La Pine. FREE admission and
 for those folks wishing to have a table at the swap meet, the first
 table is free. Ham radio and electronic items only! Bigger items,
 like antennas, can be outside the building at no charge. The goal
 is to continue a small Central Oregon Ham Radio Swap Meet that
 brings amateur radio operators together to sell or swap radio
 equipment. This swap meet is sponsored by COARECT. Contact
 Cliff Hill NC7CH, kb7qiu@yahoo.com, for questions or table
 reservations. The Door Church is located just behind Ray's
 Market, Hwy. 97 in La Pine at 16430 3rd Street. Doors open at 8am
 to 10am for setup and to the public at 10am. We will conduct
 Winter Field Day from the church parking lot in the MICU.



ASK AN ELMER – Sometimes a question about
 amateur radio operation comes up and you can't find
 the answer. Well, now we have a way to get you
 answers to your questions. The 'ASK AN ELMER'
 question / answer service has been launched on the
 COARECT website. Simply go to the COARECT
 website, click on 'Resources', click on 'Ask an Elmer'
 on the left side of the website and ask your question.
 The odds are very good that someone else has the
 same question as you but is hesitant to ask it. All
 questions are sent out to a large group of COARECT
 elmers for answers.
 The goal of 'ASK AN ELMER' is to help educate
 amateur radio operators. Thank you, Beverly, N6DFW
 for the attached cartoon.

How long has it been since you looked at the COARECT website? The amount of COARECT information located on this website is impressive. Thank you, Paul, K7PIL and other information contributors for making the website a valuable tool for every Team member. Mark your calendar and check it out every week.

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ANSWERS – AMATEUR RADIO CROSSWORD PUZZLE #1



- Across
- 1 Takes a small signal and increases it's level
 - 4 Parallel feed wires
 - 7 "A" to a ham
 - 8 Focused antenna
 - 10 This component holds a temporary charge and large values are polarity sensitive
 - 14 Hams often spend weekends away from their wives in pursuit of this
 - 16 When wire is wound this way, it's referred to as such
 - 17 A popular, easy to build antenna and may be horizontal or in a V-shape
 - 19 Removes an undesired frequency or level from a signal

- Down
- 2 Polarized capacitor
 - 3 A Ham Rock
 - 5 Current that flows in two direction
 - 6 A form of communication using the moon as a satellite
 - 8 Current that only flows in one direction
 - 9 This form of communications consisting of 1's and 0's
 - 11 Ham radio operator, e.g.
 - 12 Represents the interests of Amateur Radio Operators
 - 13 Ham radio oversight group
 - 15 May be electromagnetic or magnetic In magnets, it may be North or South in polarity In radio, it may change
 - 17 Represents long distance communication
 - 18 Ham mentor person
 - 20 Shape of oval insulator