



'The Rag'

COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – November 2025



GENERAL MEETING – The next COARECT General Meeting is Saturday, November 1st, 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, I think it is something about antennas, Dave Tucker. Don't miss the meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE COARECT BOARD officers will be accepted at the November General Meeting with elections taking place in December. The following Board positions and terms of office are as follows, according to the COARECT Bylaws:

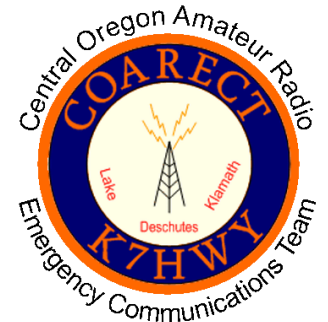
President – 2 year term

1st Vice President (filling a vacancy) – 1 year term.

2nd Vice President – 2 year term.

Secretary – 2 year term.

Please contact Jeff Scott, W7JST, Marc Mirrasoul, KK7KGN, or Mike McCarter, KK7NBQ, if you have questions or are interested in running for one of these positions. A strong leadership team is important to keep COARECT moving forward.



2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – begins 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 November and December. 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

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during the year if any of your information changes. The secretary is responsible for maintaining membership records.



SAVE MONEY ON YOUR POWER - Everyone likes to save money and personally I have taken my electric bill for granted. It is just one of those necessities that all of us must deal with. Midstate Electric does a good job of keeping our electricity rates as low as possible. November 1st home electricity rate increases from \$0.077 to \$0.0899 per kWh, which is a 12.5% increase. Midstate's increase

reflects a power rate increase from the Bonneville Power Administration. The national average according to U.S. Energy Information Administration is \$0.1747 per kWh, which makes our new rate about 50% less than the national rate.

Midstate has also created a TOU (Time of Use) voluntary program to help customers save money on their power bill. All of us pay a higher rate during the weekdays from 7:00am to 10:00am and 5:00pm to 8:00pm. These are peak hours and do not affect your power rates during the weekend. Take a look at the Midstate Ruralite magazine, October 2025 issue, or online at 'midstateelectric.coop' for rates and programs. If you are really concerned about your electrical use, Midstate Electric also has a free program that tracks most of your electricity use / history (kWh, costs, etc). The program is called SmartHub. Let me put a 'carrot' in front of you! If you can save \$20 a month on your power bill and stick it in a jar, at the end of the year that could pay for a new dual band radio.

PUSHOVER - WHAT IS PUSHOVER? Pushover is a simple, cloud-based app that receives real-time notifications on your mobile devices and desktop computers, similar to 'WatchDuty' for fires. It is highly valued for its reliability and easy integration, allowing users to receive alerts that don't go through the text function of your phone. WHY WOULD WE WANT THIS APP? We are not around our radios all the time, but we do have our cell phones with us most of the time. If the COARECT is activated for any emergency, an alert can be sent to all team members who have Pushover, to your phone, with instructions to go to your radio and hear the QST message / instructions. WHAT DOES IT COST? The app costs a one-time cost of \$4.99. WHAT TYPE OF PHONE ACCEPTS PUSHOVER? The service offers dedicated apps for iOS (iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch) and Android (including Wear OS). A desktop client is also available for web browsers. WHO CAN HELP INSTALLING PUSHOVER ON MY PHONE? Contact Paul, K7PIL or Mike, KK7NBQ, or any of the Winlink Elmers if you need help installing the app. Contact Paul when you get Pushover installed and give him your Pushover 'alias'. At that point you will be on the list and notified should any emergency happen with a message **"to go to your radio"**.



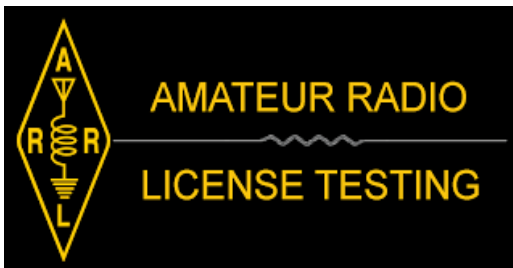


HOLIDAY POTLUCK Friday, November 14th, is the COARECT holiday POTLUCK lunch at The Door Church. This replaces our normal Fishy Friday lunch at Ponderosa Pizza. Bring your favorite dish or dishes. Plates and silverware are provided. There is no charge for the event, and all guests are welcome. What could be better, food and fellowship with friends? So, come and enjoy. Doors open at 10:30am and lunch begins at 11:00am. The Door Church is located behind Rays Grocery Store on Hwy. 97 in La Pine at 16430 3rd Street. For more information, contact Mike, KK7NBQ. PS. Thank you, Paul, K7PIL for your AI created photo and glad it doesn't look like any of us.

COARECT is now officially affiliated with ARRL. ARRL is a national organization that looks out for our radio rights and provides special services for its members, Ham Clubs, Ham Teams and Ham Groups. Providing insurance for equipment and liability insurance for affiliated organizations are two of the affiliation benefits. This will ensure COARECT's insurance needs are met and save the team money. Check out ARRL online for individual and team benefits. We would not have a major voice to the government without ARRL. That is why you can talk on a mic while driving. Remember the law says we can't talk on a cell phone while driving.



COARECT's HAM LICENSE TESTING



is going electronic and online live. ARRL has notified all ham radio volunteer testing groups that they will be going 'paperless' with all ham radio license test sessions as of November 1, 2025. Dave Tucker, COARECT'S ARRL Ham License Testing Liaison has made the decision to switch over to online testing at all future test sessions. Please have patience as we transition to 'paperless' ham radio license testing.



IN&OUT, CLEAR, NO TRAFFIC, MONITORING – When do we use what term to tell other hams whether we are listening on the air or are not currently monitoring your radio. In a recent conversation with Beverly, N6DFW, about radio terminology, Beverly and I discussed when and where to use some radio terms to let others know we are still on the air. Understand these are just general descriptions of some radio terms.

In & Out – I'm checking in and out for a net or chew, will be leaving the air.

No Traffic – I'm checking in and monitoring the net, discussion,

questions or comments.

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Monitoring – I’m on the air and listening.

Clear – I’m leaving the air. Should be done when leaving any net or chew

Roger or Roger, Roger – I agree.

Mobile – Moving around with a mobile radio.

10-4 or other CB terms – not used by hams, 10-4 or other police signals could mean different things with different agencies.

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 also be participating in Winter Field Day from the church parking lot in the MICU.



The **National Amateur Radio Alliance (NARA)** is proud to introduce **Club Week**. Running **November 1–8, 2025**, Club Week is all about making contacts, having great conversations, and helping new operators feel more confident on the air.

Unlike a contest, **Club Week isn’t about points or logs** — it’s about participation, connection, and fun. Clubs can operate from their shack, a member’s home, a park, or any public location. It’s a relaxed, friendly event focused on making contacts, getting to know other clubs and sharing the spirit of amateur radio.

Participants are encouraged to **send and respond to QSL cards**, offering a great way to engage new operators and keep the tradition alive.

The **National Amateur Radio Alliance (NARA)** is a national nonprofit membership association dedicated to empowering hams, supporting clubs, and promoting the growth of amateur radio. Whether you’re just getting licensed or have been active for decades, we’re here to support your journey.

Join Us On The Air

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