



'The Rag'

COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – December 2025



GENERAL MEETING – The next COARECT General Meeting is Saturday, December 6th, 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 sausage, Ed Miller. Don't miss the meeting.

NOTE: January General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 3rd, 2026

COARECT BOARD OFFICER'S ELECTIONS – will take place at the December General Meeting.

The following Board positions and terms of office are as follows, according to the COARECT Bylaws:

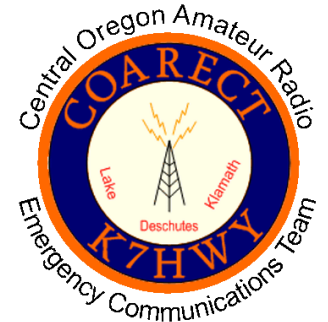
President – 2 year term

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

2nd Vice President – 2 year term.

Secretary – 2 year term.

Only 2025 COARECT members are eligible to vote in this election.



GET TO KNOW THE NOMINATED CANDIDATES:

Secretary – Tamara Parish. Hello, my fellow HAMsters! For those who don't know me, I am Tamara – KJ7HX, your current COARECT secretary. I have happily agreed to accept nomination to continue in that position on the board. I have learned much with this team and continue to do so. My Dad, the original KJ7HX, was an amateur radio operator since his teenage years, operating primarily on CW. He became a silent key in 2017 and was the fuel behind my desire to get licensed and acquire his call sign. In his honor, I have been learning CW – wish me luck! I look forward to serving you as secretary for another term. ~73 – Tamara / KJ7HX

2nd Vice President – Cyndi Davidson. "Prior to moving here, I spent time in emergency preparedness activities in the Salem area. I wasn't using my ham license at the time, but ham radio was always part of the activities. With wilderness all around us, our COARECT team could become a vital lifeline for help in an emergency. I want to see ham radio grow and thrive in our area so we can be there to meet those needs." Cyndi / KJ7CPP

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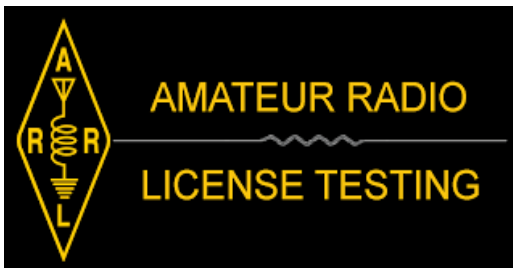
1st Vice President – Cliff Vaniman. “I have lived and worked in Central Oregon since 2003. The reason I have volunteered for the position of 1st Vice President with COARECT is to be able to share my past experiences with others to improve the safety and overall wellbeing of our community. I have always strived to search out groups and individuals who are of the mind set of ensuring the community’s quality of life, wellbeing, and safety. I feel COARECT and its members meet that commitment and I am honored to participate and assist in any way I can to help the group meet its goals.

As for background, I have been involved in emergency services for over 50 years in Oregon, Washington, and California. A brief summary of my jobs are as follows: Senior Fire Investigator, Flowerdew Fire Cause Analysis; Special Investigator, Unified Investigations & Science; Fire Chief - Sunriver, OR; Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal - City of Santa Rosa, CA; Fire Chief - City of Coos Bay, OR; Deputy Chief of Operations/Training - City of Bothell, Washington; Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal - City of Bothell, Washington; Firefighter/Engineer, Fire Inspector/Investigator, Administrative Captain/Training Officer, and Battalion Chief - City of Lake Oswego, OR; US Army Crash/Rescue, Crew Chief - Republic of Vietnam. I feel this background creates a unique opportunity for me to learn from our group and to apply my knowledge and background in assisting COARECT meet its goals.”

President – Mike McCarter. “I’m a born and raised Oregonian who has always wanted to be a licensed ham radio operator since the age of 16, but life got in the way. Married to Pat, 9 children, 27 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. I’m running for COARECT’s President position because this team is a fantastic, important team of great ham radio operators. Plus, I believe in our website Mission Statement: “Promoting amateur radio use and Providing emergency communications when disasters occur in South Deschutes, North Klamath and North Lake Counties”. This includes helping COARECT grow and be better prepared for any potential community disaster or emergency.

My background includes 7 years in the Air Force, Military Civil Engineering Instructor, Retail Management, Nursery Manager, Gun Club Executive Director, and currently, firearm license and live fire instructor. Past organizational positions include past president of Oregon Association Nurserymen, past president of Agri-Business Council of Oregon, Current President of Move Oregon’s Border and Citizens for Greater Idaho. My desire is to apply these job experiences to COARECT.”

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 1st, 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. Next testing

session is Saturday, December 13th at 3:00pm, La Pine Library. Contact Beverly, N6DFW, 541-419-5101, for reservations or questions.

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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 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 during the year if any of your information changes. The secretary is responsible for maintaining membership records. **Currently, about 50% of COARECT members have renewed for 2026. Great job Team!**

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.

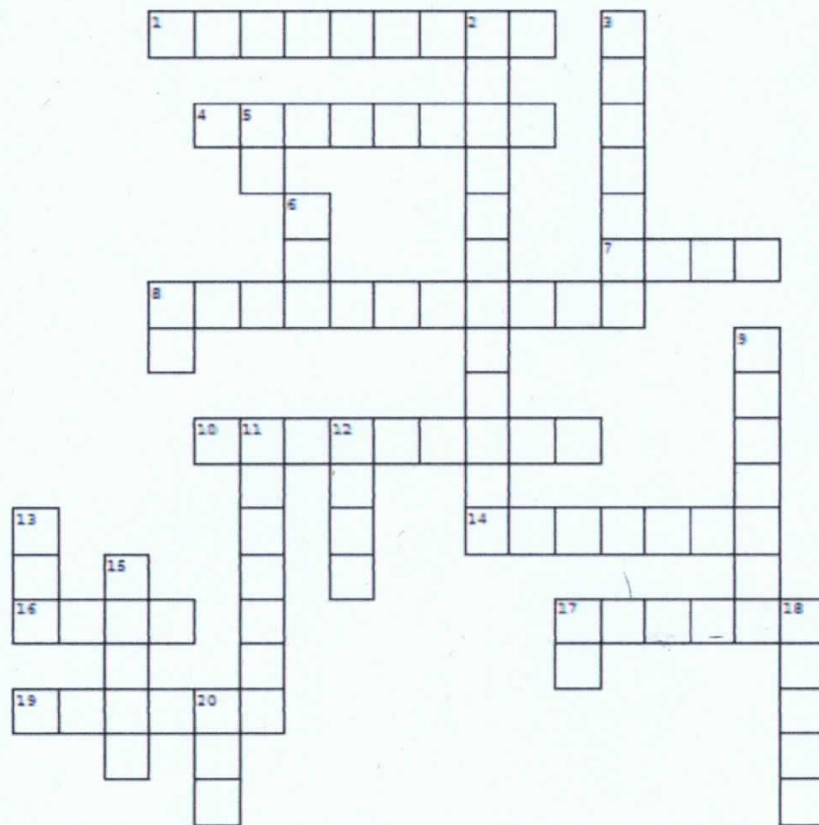


PARTY TIME – Walker Range Fire Patrol Services has invited all COARECT members and spouses to their Christmas Party taking place on December 18th at 1:00pm or 13:00hrs at the Crescent Community Club building, 420 Crescent Cutoff Rd, Crescent, Oregon. There is no charge for attending, but please bring a dessert, if possible. You will also need to contact Creagh Williams, KA7QAV, 541-771-1836 for reservations **by December 6th**.

NOW, to test your ham knowledge; fill out the attached Ham Crossword Puzzle, attach it to a Winlink message and send it to Mike, KK7NBQ. The first message I receive with the correct answers to the crossword puzzle will be recognized and win the PRIZE, 6-50/50 drawing tickets taking place at the January 2026 General Meeting. STOP: Don't think someone has submitted their answers before you, they may not be the COARECT (correct) answers, SEND IT VIA WINLINK ANYWAY. Answers will be posted in January's Rag Newsletter. Only Winlink attached answers will be accepted.

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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